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As described in the **Sample Design in TIMSS and PIRLS**, the *international target populations* for the TIMSS 2011 fourth and eighth grade assessments were de ned as the grades that represented 4 and 8 years of formal schooling, respectively, counting from the rst year of primary or elementary schooling.<sup>1</sup>




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Country	Country's Name for Grade Tested	Years of Formal Schooling	Average Age at Time of Testing
H , K , A	, , <sub>e</sub> 2	8	14.2
H , ,	G, , • 8	8	14.7
1, •	G <sub>• ,</sub> • 8	8	14.3
ļ,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	G <sub>• ,</sub> • 8	8	14.3
I, •	G , • 8	8	14.0
J .	G , • 8	8	13.8
J	G, , • 8	8	14.5
J *	G , • 8	8	13.9
K	G , • 8	8	14.6
K , , , , , , ,	G, , • 8	8	14.3
la .	G , • 8	8	14.3
L, • ì	G, , • 8	8	14.7
M., , , , , , ,	G, , • 8	8	14.7
M .	F 2	8	14.4
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