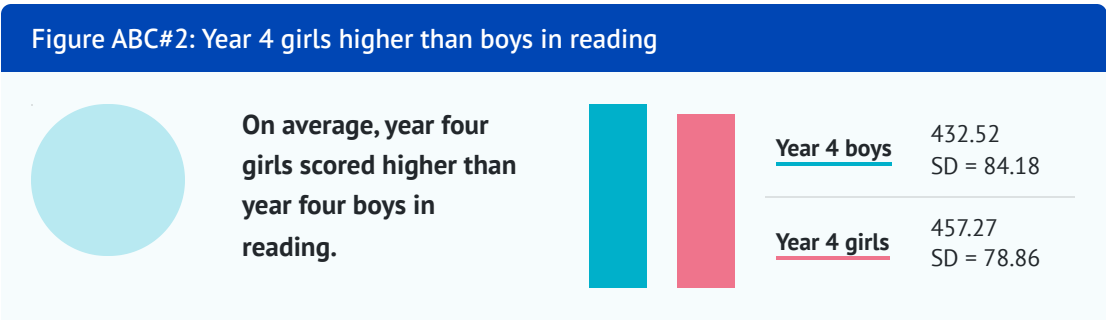


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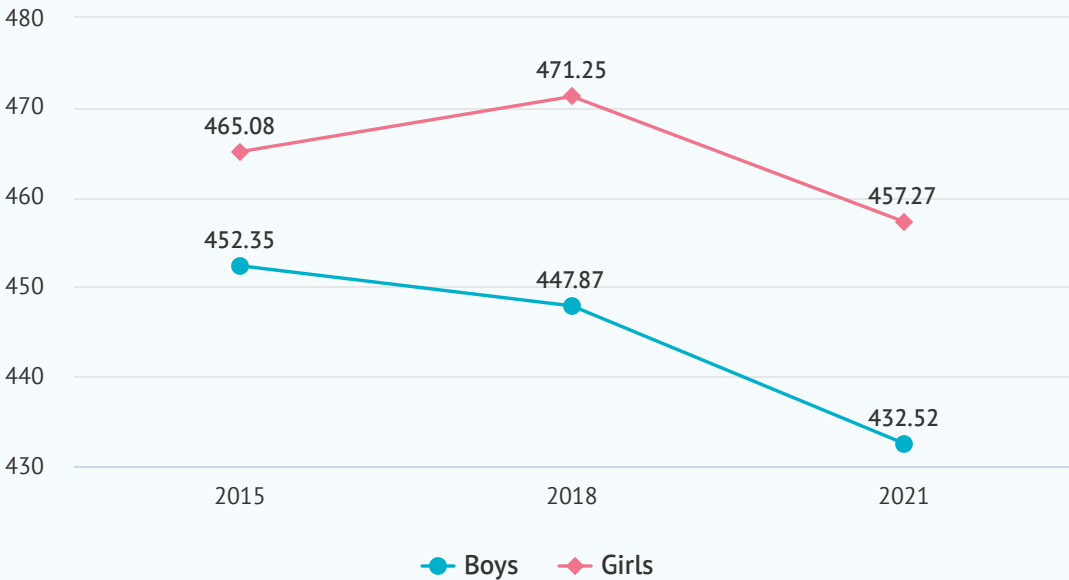
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Figure RRF4.2 shows the average reading performance of year four students by gender. On average, year four girls (457.27, SD = 78.86) scored higher than year four boys (432.52, SD = 84.18) in reading.

This is consistent with the trends shown in the 2015 and 2018 PILNA cycles, when year four girls scored higher than year four boys in reading performance.

Figure RRF4.2

Year 4 Reading mean performance by gender over time



Year	Boys	Girls
2015	452.35	465.08
2018	447.87	471.25
2021	432.52	457.27