

Reading the

Signs of the

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Times

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What is a “sign of the times”?

Just stop your crying
It's a sign of the times
We gotta get away from here
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Just stop your crying
It will be alright
They told me that the end is near
We gotta get away from here

Harry Styles, Sign of the Times, Columbia Records, May 2017




What is a “sign of the times”?

sign of the times

something that signifies the situation evident in the current times. *Your neighbor's unmowed grass is just a sign of the times. Nobody really cares any longer.*


See also: [of](#), [sign](#), [times](#)

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a sign of the times


COMMON If you say that something is a **sign of the times**, you mean that it shows what life is like now. *The fact that no aircraft has been built even to match Concorde, is a rather depressing sign of the times. It was a sign of the times that Clare's skinny body was considered the look of the moment.* Note: This expression is often used to suggest that life is becoming worse.

See also: [of](#), [sign](#), [times](#)

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sign of the times something typical of the nature or quality of a particular period, typically something undesirable.

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One day the Pharisees and Sadducees came to test Jesus, demanding that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.

He replied, “You know the saying, ‘Red sky at night means fair weather tomorrow; red sky in the morning means foul weather all day.’ You know how to interpret the weather signs in the sky, but you don’t know how to interpret the **signs of the times!** Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign, but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah.” Then Jesus left them and went away.

Matthew 16:1-3





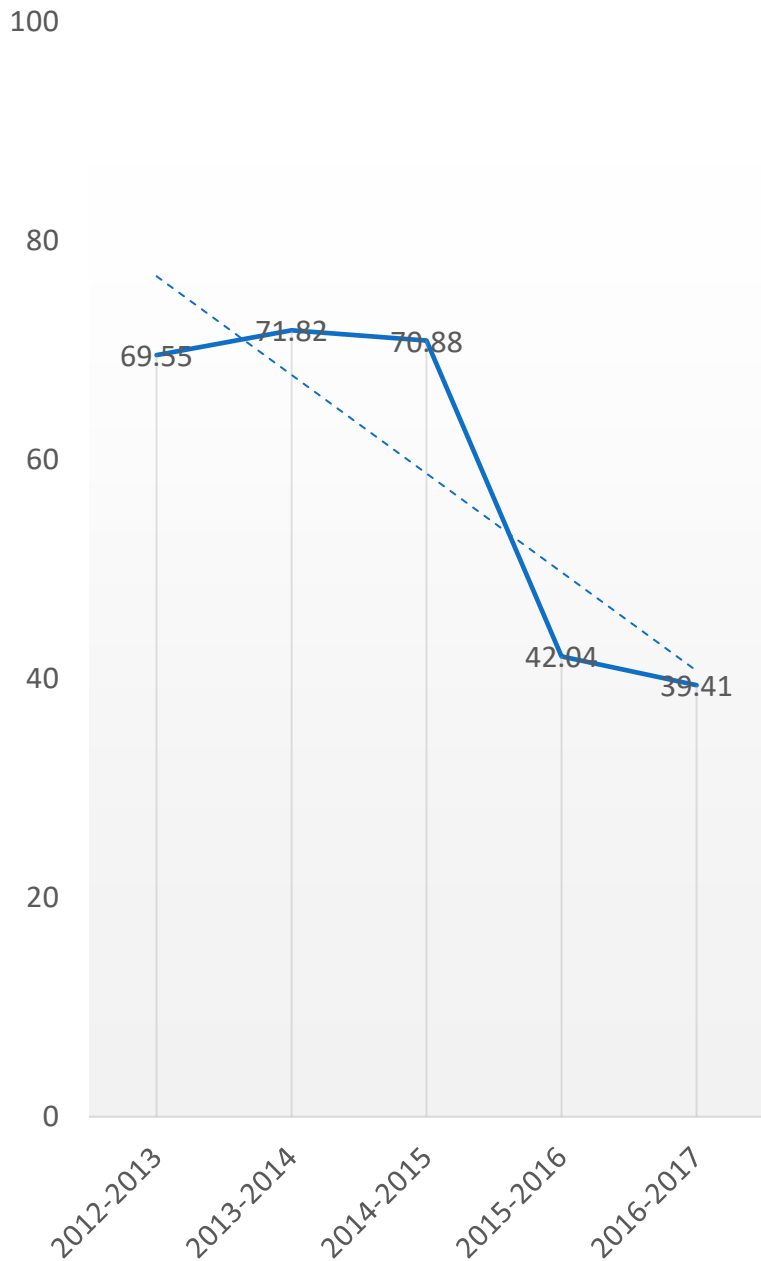
St. John Baptist De la Salle and the signs of his time

Excluded by choice and necessity from both the university and the Little Schools, the children of the poor were relegated to the charity schools sponsored by the parish. There were no special qualifications for the teachers in the charity schools. At best, they might be retired or part-time teachers from the Little Schools, bringing with them all their inefficient methods, even less effective in an uncontrolled environment. At worst, teachers were recruited from among seminary or university dropouts who might not have progressed much beyond the elementary stages of an education. There was little by way of supervision or organization, and sessions were often interrupted for any excuse. Discipline was notoriously bad, and truancy was more the rule than the exception.

Luke Salm, The Work is Yours 2nd Ed., 1996, p48



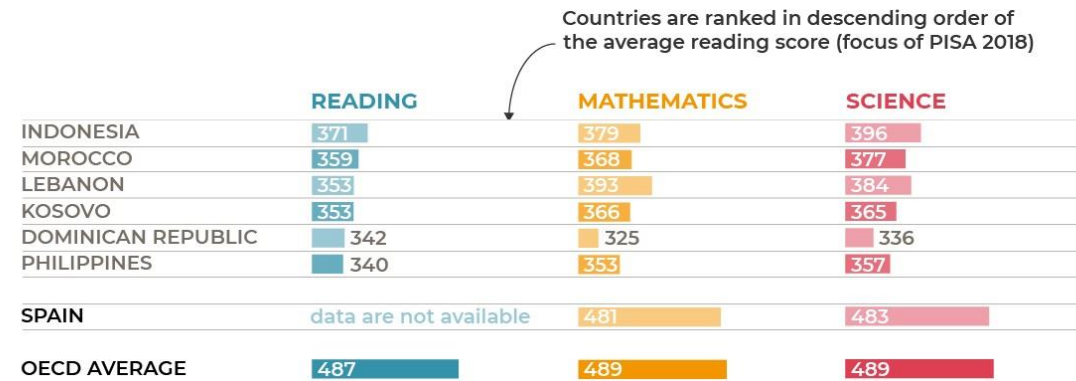
NAT MPS - Grade 6
(Average MPS of 16 Regions)



What is a sign of *our* time that we in BAGCED might want to respond to?

PISA 2018 results

Snapshot of students' performance in reading, mathematics and science





QuESP*: A Response to a Sign of our Times

Quality Education in Schools for the Poor (QuESP) has four components:

1. Capacity building in English, mathematics, and science education

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QuESP*: A Response to a Sign of our Times

Quality Education in Schools for the Poor (QuESP) has four components:

2. One-on-one tutoring of (Grade-3) students who are at greatest risk of not achieving the prescribed competencies in English, mathematics, and science by the end of the academic year

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QuESP*: A Response to a Sign of our Times

Quality Education in Schools for the Poor (QuESP) has four components:

3. Design of digital games to support (Grade-3) mathematics and reading comprehension learning; and

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4. Parental engagement, especially of the parents of the at-risk students identified in component 2.

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