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Figure 4.2. Comparison of average merit rating in Year 9 and PISA assessment data, 1997/98 - 2011/12

- Average merit rating in Year 9
- PISA Reading
- PISA Maths
- PISA Science

The graph shows the trend of average merit rating in Year 9 and PISA scores in Reading, Maths, and Science from 1997/98 to 2011/12. Over the years, there is a noticeable decline in both average merit rating and PISA scores, indicating a potential decline in educational performance.
Executive Summary

Sweden’s school system is in need of urgent change
Sweden should implement a comprehensive education reform to bring about **system-wide change** and strengthen the performance of all Swedish schools and students.
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