



School Board Report



Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013

Board: Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB (67091)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2012–2013 Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics.

This report provides the 2013 school and board results as well as results for previous years, so you can track progress over time. You'll also find demographic and attitudinal information about schools, which provides context for a deeper analysis of the achievement results.

By assessing all students in our education system at key stages in their schooling, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels. EQAO data continue to inform board improvement planning strategies and provide important evidence of learning at the local school level. This evidence helps educators and parents engage in meaningful conversations about student achievement. The data also allow school communities to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement so they can continue to make evidence-based decisions in their planning.

We continue to advocate the use of EQAO data in combination with classroom-generated results and other information sources to develop strategies and action plans that will make a measurable difference in learning outcomes.

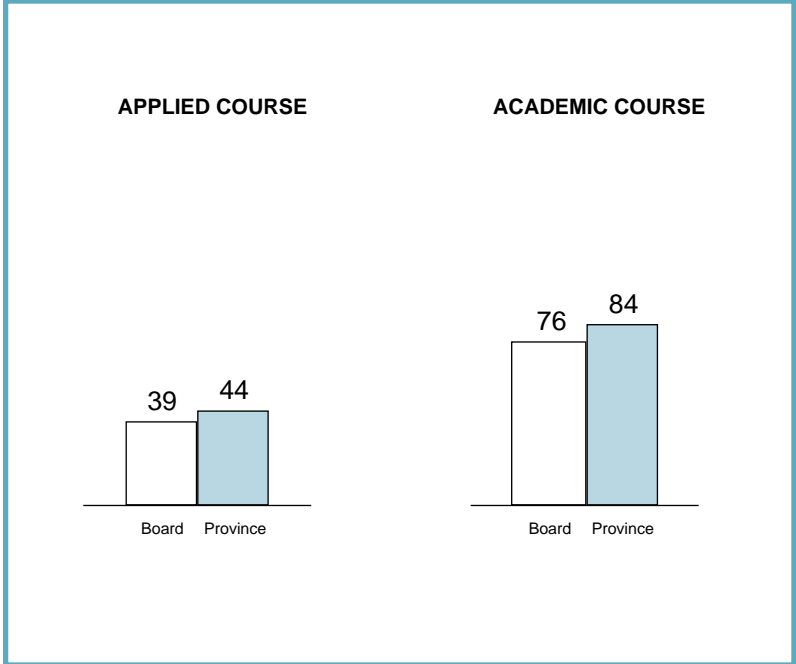
At EQAO, we are pleased to continue our partnership with you as you help students reach their full potential. I trust you will continue to find our reports to be a rich source of information as you turn knowledge into action for the benefit of your students and community.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rodrigues
 Chief Executive Officer
 Education Quality and Accountability Office

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PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2012–2013



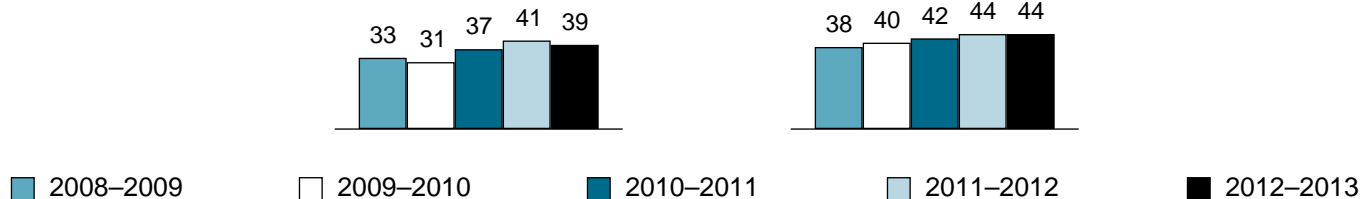
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PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Board

Province

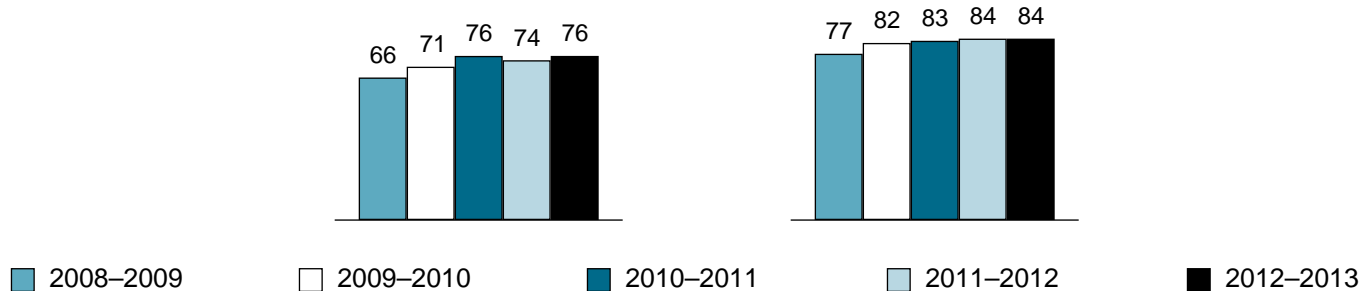


	Total Number of Students				
	<u>2008–2009</u>	<u>2009–2010</u>	<u>2010–2011</u>	<u>2011–2012</u>	<u>2012–2013</u>
Board	558	563	616	552	523
Province	48 482	47 566	44 095	41 799	39 881

ACADEMIC MATHEMATICS

Board

Province



	Total Number of Students				
	<u>2008–2009</u>	<u>2009–2010</u>	<u>2010–2011</u>	<u>2011–2012</u>	<u>2012–2013</u>
Board	1 196	1 312	1 277	1 132	1 133
Province	100 992	101 268	99 278	97 741	97 158

TIPS

The applied and academic mathematics courses are different and should be considered separately.

Note: Students in locally developed courses do not participate in these assessments.



Each school or board is unique. To appreciate the distinctive character of a school or board, look at the contextual information to understand the features and characteristics of the community it serves.



This assessment captures the performance of students at one point in time each year. Consider the results along with other information about students' achievement in mathematics.



Exercise caution when interpreting results for small schools or boards. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a school of 30 students, a difference of 10% represents only three students.



Trends may be difficult to identify or to interpret. This is especially true when groups are small or in schools where there is a high turnover in the student population.



EQAO values students' privacy. Results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 10 students fully participated in 2012-2013, or fewer than 15 students fully participated prior to 2012-2013 because it might be possible to identify individual students.

ABOUT THIS SCHOOL OR BOARD REPORT

This report shows how well students have met curriculum expectations for either the applied or academic mathematics program to the end of Grade 9. Students complete two booklets that allow them to show what they know in mathematics. The assessment is based on *The Ontario Curriculum: Mathematics, Grades 9 and 10*.

This report includes

- ◆ results for this year;
- ◆ a comparison of results of the current and previous administrations to aid in monitoring improvement and
- ◆ information about the characteristics of the students who participated.

Specifically, you will find

- ◆ summary graphs showing the percentage of students achieving the provincial standard in either applied or academic mathematics;
- ◆ detailed tables and graphs showing results for all levels of achievement, participation information and results for gender
- ◆ student questionnaire results and
- ◆ an explanation of all terms used in this report.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

- ◆ Examine the contextual information to understand the similarities and differences between this school, the board and the province; the board and the province. Consider the challenges that any differences might present.
- ◆ Examine the results for applied and academic mathematics.
 - Are these results consistent with what you would expect?
 - How do the school results compare to the board and province; the board results compare to the province?
 - How do these results compare over time?
 - What influence might students' attitudes have on student performance (refer to the questionnaire results)?
- ◆ Speak to the school or board staff about the goals for school improvement related to mathematics.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office is an independent agency that gathers information about student achievement through province-wide assessments. Each year, all Grade 9 students in applied and academic mathematics take part in this assessment across Ontario. Individual results are reported to students and to parents and guardians. School, board and provincial results are released publicly.

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Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013, Applied Course

Contextual Information

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's applied mathematics course results.

	Board		Province	
Enrolment				
Number of students in applied mathematics course	523		39 881	
Number of classes with students in applied mathematics course	29		2 610	
Number of schools with applied mathematics classes	9		721	
Number Percent Number Percent				
Participation in the Assessment				
Students who participated in the assessment	503	96%	38 215	96%
Participating students who received one or more accommodations*	114	23%	11 333	30%
Participating students who received one or more special provisions*	1	<1%	1 846	5%
Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)*	20	4%	1 666	4%
Gender[†] Based on number of students enrolled				
Female	237	45%	17 695	44%
Male	286	55%	22 181	56%
Gender not specified	0	0%	5	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of students enrolled				
English language learners*	1	<1%	3 173	8%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	189	36%	14 361	36%
Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled				
First-semester course	278	53%	18 240	46%
Second-semester course	245	47%	18 430	46%
Full-year course	0	0%	3 211	8%
Language and School Background^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data				
	Number of Respondents:		440	33 705
Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home	12	3%	2 148	6%
Speak another language as often as English at home	32	7%	4 288	13%
Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8	159	36%	14 299	42%

* See the Explanation of Terms.

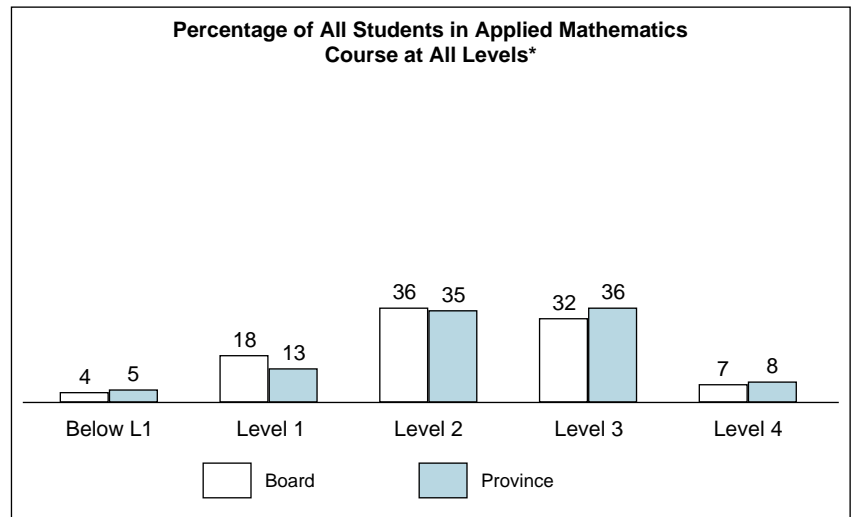
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Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013, Applied Course

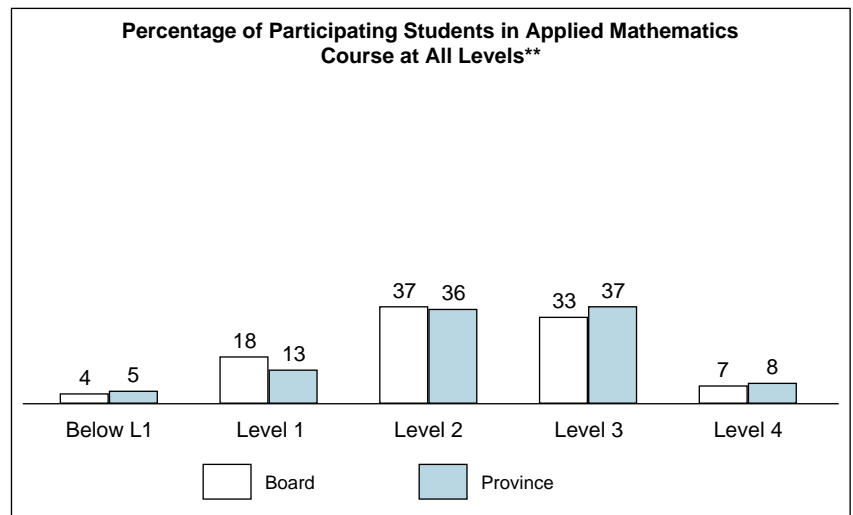
Results for All Students

All Students*			
Number of Students	Board 523		Province 39 881
	#	%	%
Level 4	35	7%	8%
Level 3	168	32%	36%
Level 2	187	36%	35%
Level 1	93	18%	13%
Below Level 1	20	4%	5%
Participating Students	503	96%	96%
No Data	20	4%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	39%		44%



Results for Participating Students (excludes "no data" category)

Participating Students**			
Number of Students	Board 503		Province 38 215
	#	%	%
Level 4	35	7%	8%
Level 3	168	33%	37%
Level 2	187	37%	36%
Level 1	93	18%	13%
Below Level 1	20	4%	5%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	40%		45%



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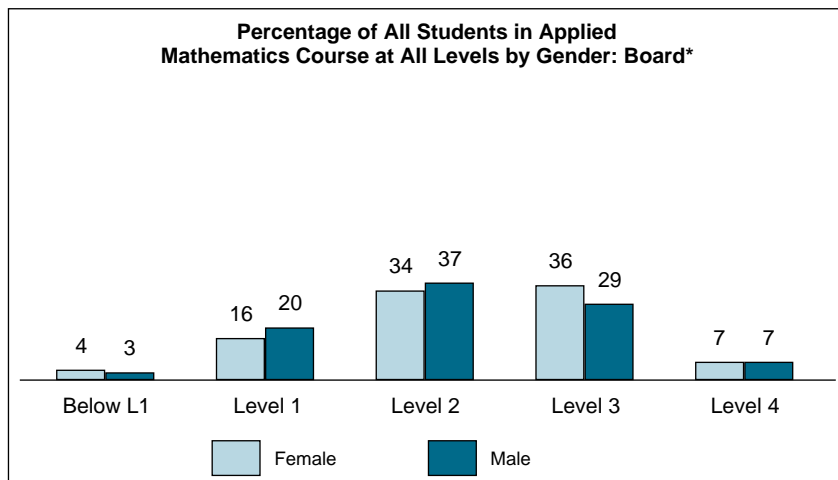
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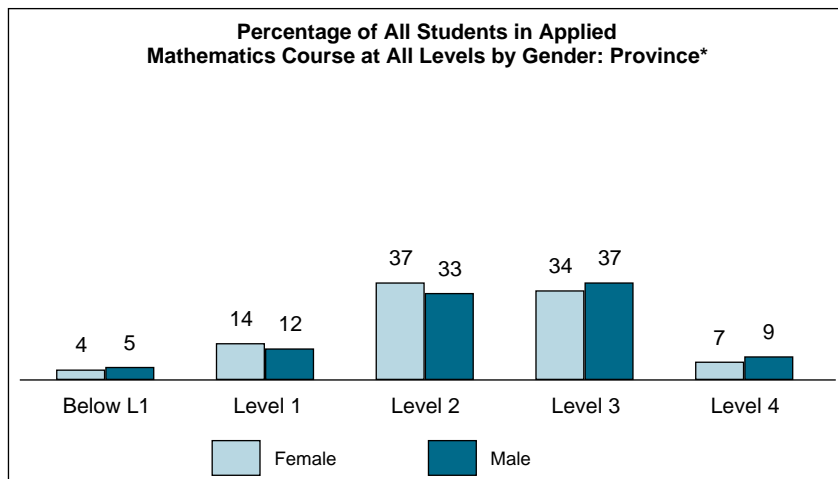
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Results by Gender††

All Students: Board by Gender*				
Number of Students	Female 237		Male 286	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	16	7%	19	7%
Level 3	86	36%	82	29%
Level 2	80	34%	107	37%
Level 1	37	16%	56	20%
Below Level 1	10	4%	10	3%
Participating Students	229	97%	274	96%
No Data	8	3%	12	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	43%		35%	



All Students: Province by Gender*				
Number of Students	Female 17 695		Male 22 181	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	1 182	7%	1 989	9%
Level 3	6 060	34%	8 141	37%
Level 2	6 555	37%	7 345	33%
Level 1	2 443	14%	2 699	12%
Below Level 1	728	4%	1 068	5%
Participating Students	16 968	96%	21 242	96%
No Data	727	4%	939	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	41%		46%	



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 †† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013, Academic Course

Contextual Information

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's academic mathematics course results.

	Board		Province	
Enrolment				
Number of students in academic mathematics course	1 133		97 158	
Number of classes with students in academic mathematics course	49		4 080	
Number of schools with academic mathematics classes	9		686	
Number Percent Number Percent				
Participation in the Assessment				
Students who participated in the assessment	1 120	99%	96 375	99%
Participating students who received one or more accommodations*	43	4%	4 816	5%
Participating students who received one or more special provisions*	1	<1%	3 286	3%
Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)*	13	1%	783	1%
Gender[†] Based on number of students enrolled				
Female	618	55%	49 986	51%
Male	515	45%	47 171	49%
Gender not specified	0	0%	1	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of students enrolled				
English language learners*	1	<1%	6 127	6%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	66	6%	5 747	6%
Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled				
First-semester course	571	50%	43 236	45%
Second-semester course	562	50%	42 502	44%
Full-year course	0	0%	11 420	12%
Language and School Background^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data				
Number of Respondents:		1 003	88 883	
Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home	28	3%	7 885	9%
Speak another language as often as English at home	58	6%	14 023	16%
Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8	240	24%	33 299	37%

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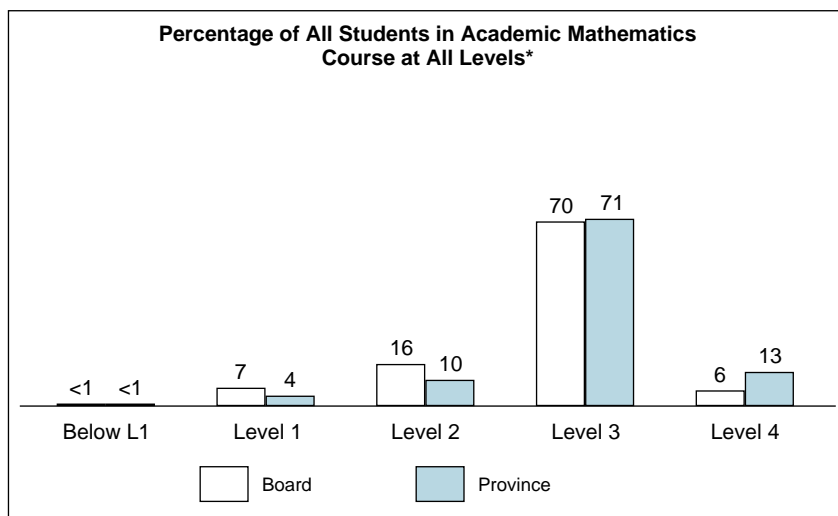
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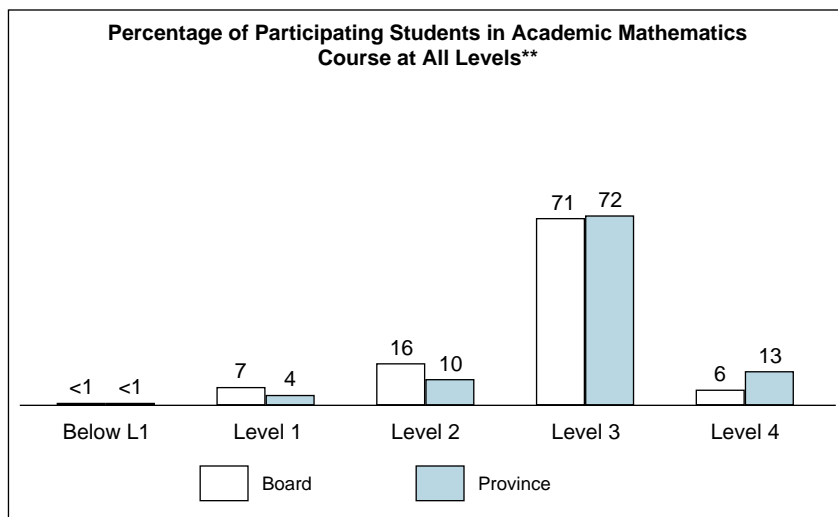
Results for All Students

All Students*			
Number of Students	Board 1 133		Province 97 158
	#	%	%
Level 4	66	6%	13%
Level 3	791	70%	71%
Level 2	181	16%	10%
Level 1	78	7%	4%
Below Level 1	4	<1%	<1%
Participating Students	1 120	99%	99%
No Data	13	1%	1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		76%	84%



Results for Participating Students (excludes "no data" category)

Participating Students**			
Number of Students	Board 1 120		Province 96 375
	#	%	%
Level 4	66	6%	13%
Level 3	791	71%	72%
Level 2	181	16%	10%
Level 1	78	7%	4%
Below Level 1	4	<1%	<1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		77%	85%

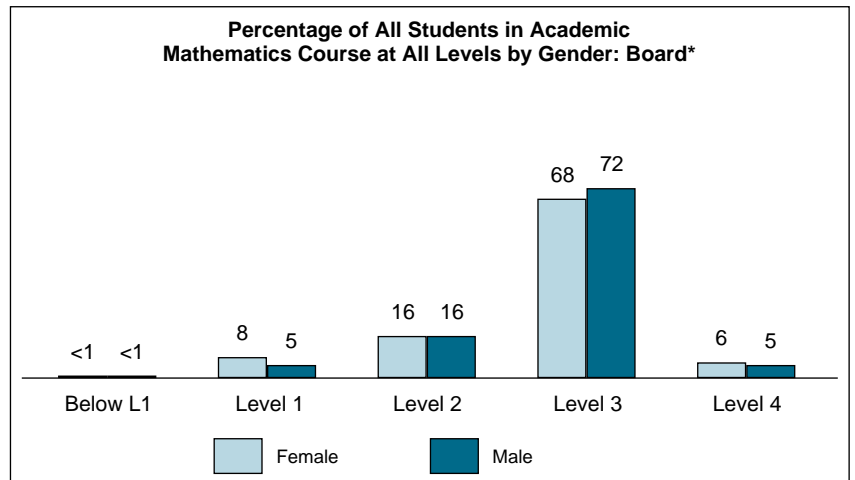


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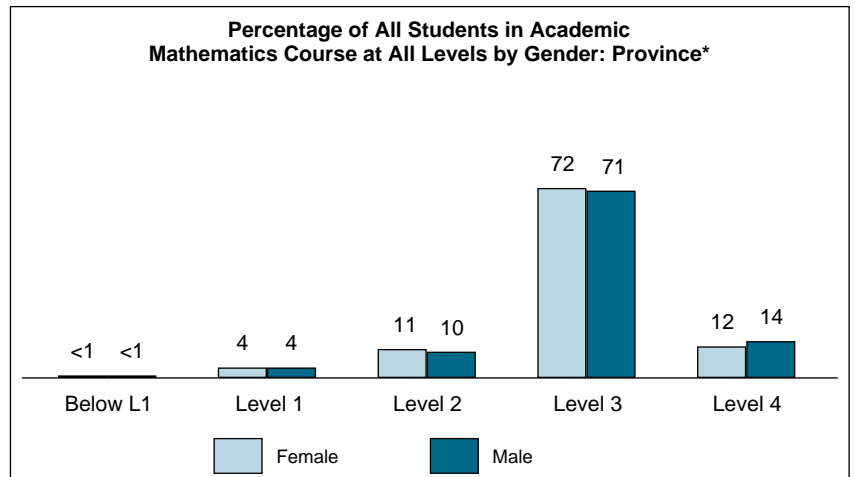
Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013, Academic Course

Results by Gender††

All Students: Board by Gender*				
Number of Students	Female 618		Male 515	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	38	6%	28	5%
Level 3	422	68%	369	72%
Level 2	101	16%	80	16%
Level 1	52	8%	26	5%
Below Level 1	2	<1%	2	<1%
Participating Students	615	100%	505	98%
No Data	3	<1%	10	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	74%		77%	



All Students: Province by Gender*				
Number of Students	Female 49 986		Male 47 171	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	5 996	12%	6 587	14%
Level 3	35 861	72%	33 540	71%
Level 2	5 430	11%	4 640	10%
Level 1	2 172	4%	1 901	4%
Below Level 1	103	<1%	144	<1%
Participating Students	49 562	99%	46 812	99%
No Data	424	1%	359	1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	84%		85%	



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Contextual Information over Time: Applied Mathematics Course

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results of the current and previous administrations.

	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	
Enrolment						
Number of students in applied mathematics course	558	563	616	552	523	
Number of classes with students in applied mathematics course	31	29	30	31	29	
Number of schools with applied mathematics classes	9	9	9	9	9	
Participation in the Assessment						
Students who participated in the assessment	94%	95%	97%	95%	96%	
Participating students who received one or more accommodations*	13%	20%	17%	24%	23%	
Participating students who received one or more special provisions*	0%	1%	0%	0%	<1%	
Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)*	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%	
Gender[†] Based on number of students enrolled						
Female	48%	45%	46%	46%	45%	
Male	52%	55%	54%	54%	55%	
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Student Status[†] Based on number of students enrolled						
English language learners*	<1%	1%	<1%	0%	<1%	
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	30%	36%	37%	37%	36%	
Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled						
First-semester course	49%	53%	49%	50%	53%	
Second-semester course	51%	47%	51%	50%	47%	
Full-year course	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Language and School Background^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:	499	517	526	458	440
Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%	
Speak another language as often as English at home	3%	7%	8%	11%	7%	
Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8	32%	33%	33%	33%	36%	

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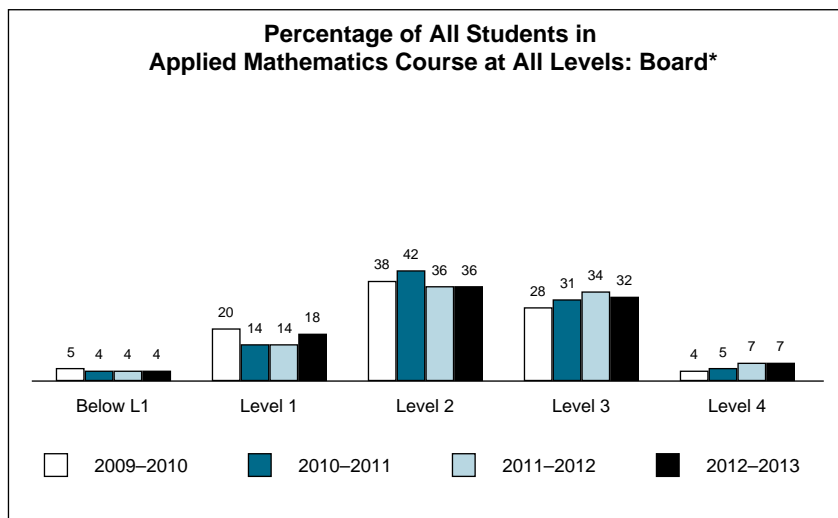
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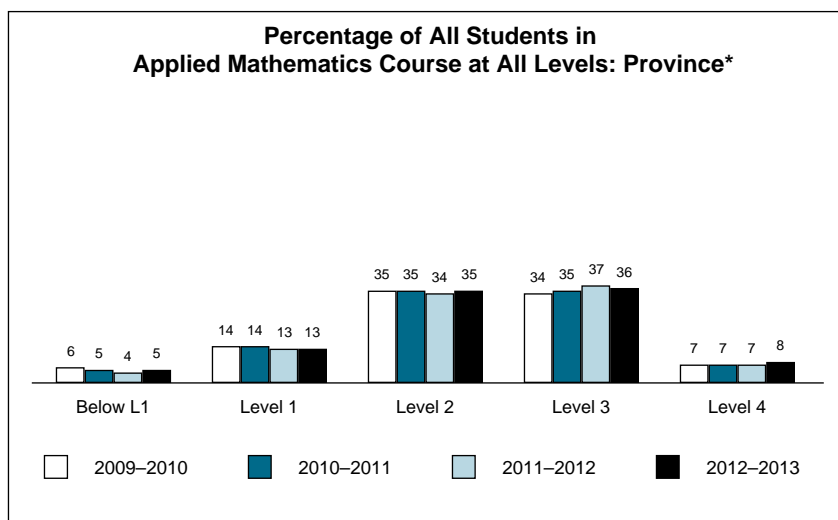
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013

Applied Mathematics Course for All Students

Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	563	616	552	523
Level 4	4%	5%	7%	7%
Level 3	28%	31%	34%	32%
Level 2	38%	42%	36%	36%
Level 1	20%	14%	14%	18%
Below Level 1	5%	4%	4%	4%
<i>Participating Students</i>	95%	97%	95%	96%
No Data	5%	3%	5%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	31%	37%	41%	39%



Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	47 566	44 095	41 799	39 881
Level 4	7%	7%	7%	8%
Level 3	34%	35%	37%	36%
Level 2	35%	35%	34%	35%
Level 1	14%	14%	13%	13%
Below Level 1	6%	5%	4%	5%
<i>Participating Students</i>	95%	95%	95%	96%
No Data	5%	5%	5%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	40%	42%	44%	44%



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Contextual Information over Time: Academic Mathematics Course

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	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	
Enrolment						
Number of students in academic mathematics course	1 196	1 312	1 277	1 132	1 133	
Number of classes with students in academic mathematics course	48	53	51	46	49	
Number of schools with academic mathematics classes	9	9	9	9	9	
Participation in the Assessment						
Students who participated in the assessment	98%	99%	98%	99%	99%	
Participating students who received one or more accommodations*	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	
Participating students who received one or more special provisions*	0%	<1%	0%	0%	<1%	
Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)*	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	
Gender[†] Based on number of students enrolled						
Female	51%	51%	53%	53%	55%	
Male	49%	49%	47%	47%	45%	
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Student Status[†] Based on number of students enrolled						
English language learners*	0%	<1%	0%	0%	<1%	
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	4%	3%	4%	5%	6%	
Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled						
First-semester course	47%	52%	51%	47%	50%	
Second-semester course	53%	48%	49%	53%	50%	
Full-year course	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Language and School Background^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:	1 118	1 263	1 156	1 018	1 003
Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	
Speak another language as often as English at home	4%	5%	8%	6%	6%	
Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8	25%	24%	22%	24%	24%	

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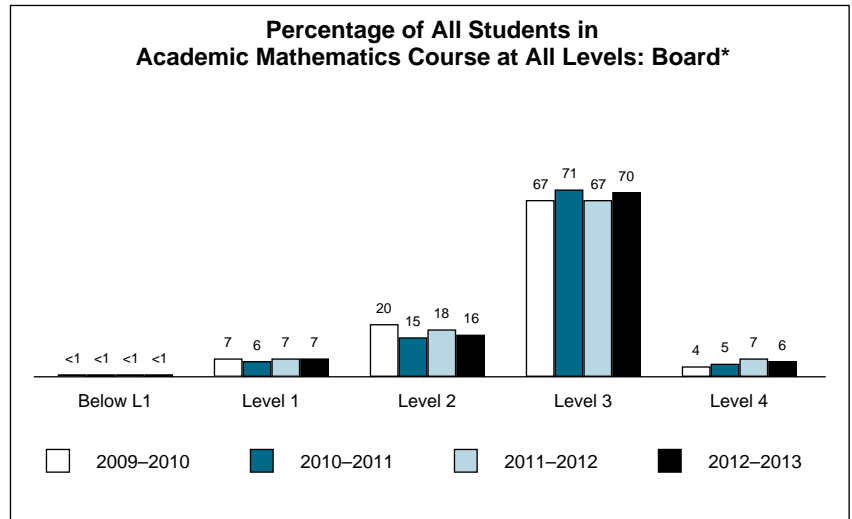
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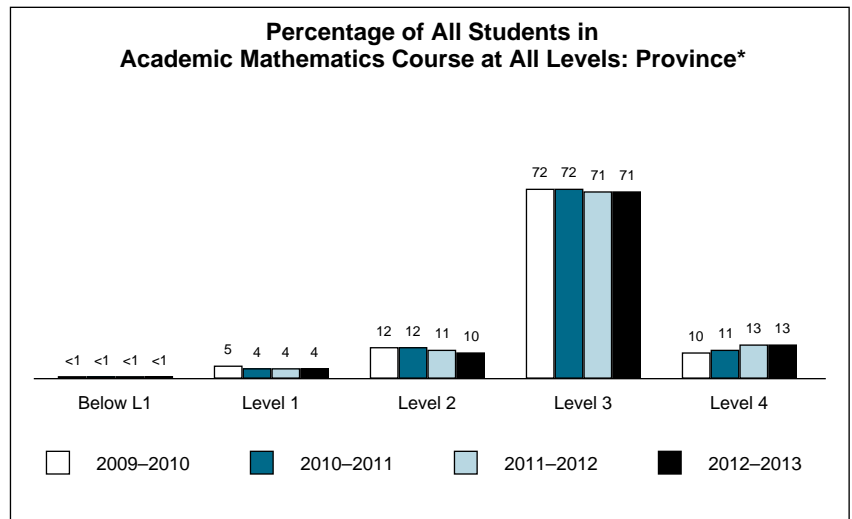
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013

Academic Mathematics Course for All Students

Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 312	1 277	1 132	1 133
Level 4	4%	5%	7%	6%
Level 3	67%	71%	67%	70%
Level 2	20%	15%	18%	16%
Level 1	7%	6%	7%	7%
Below Level 1	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	99%	98%	99%	99%
No Data	1%	2%	1%	1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	71%	76%	74%	76%



Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	101 268	99 278	97 741	97 158
Level 4	10%	11%	13%	13%
Level 3	72%	72%	71%	71%
Level 2	12%	12%	11%	10%
Level 1	5%	4%	4%	4%
Below Level 1	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	99%	99%	99%	99%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	82%	83%	84%	84%

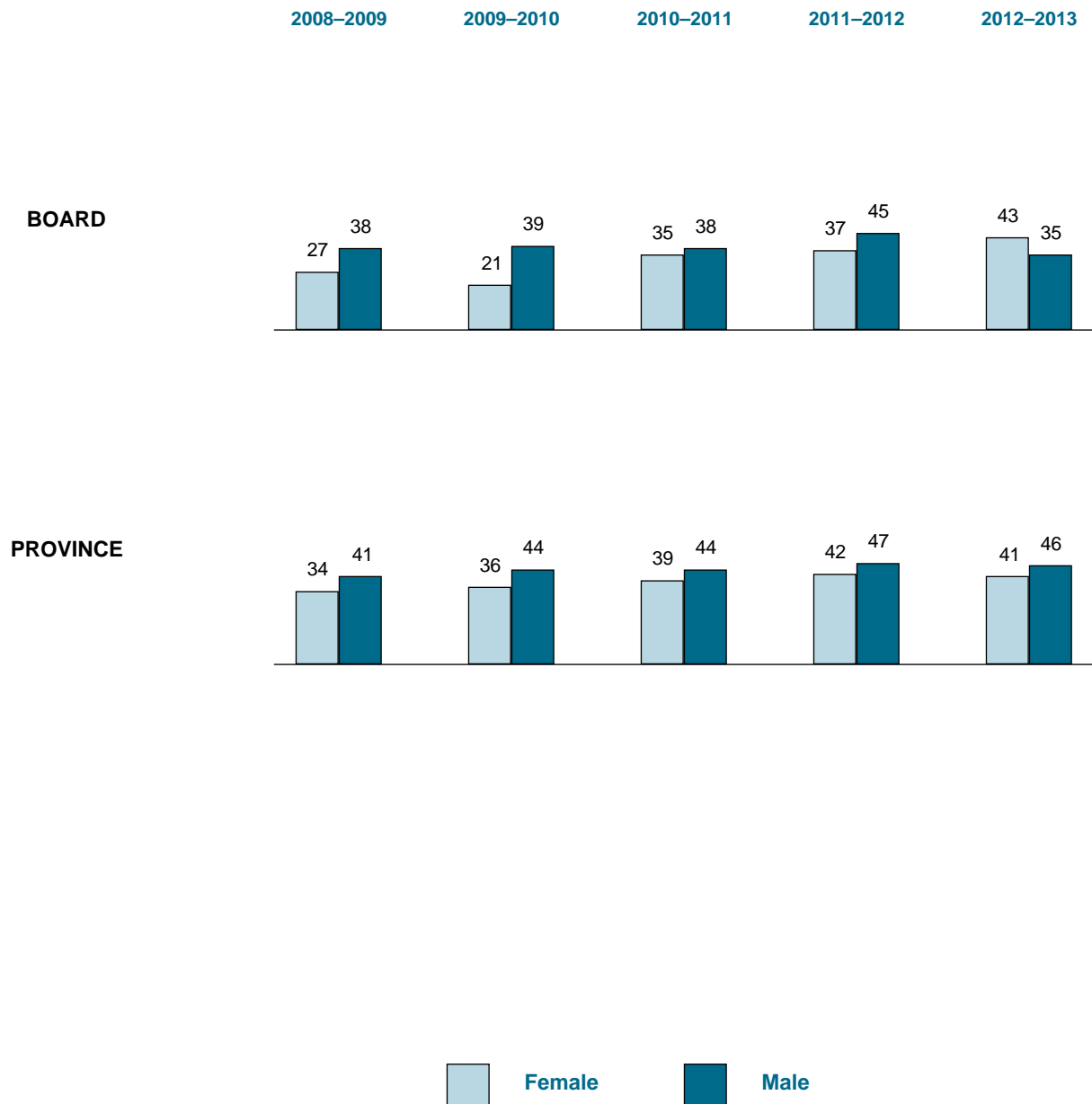


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RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS OVER TIME BY GENDER †

**Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4):
GRADE 9 APPLIED MATHEMATICS**



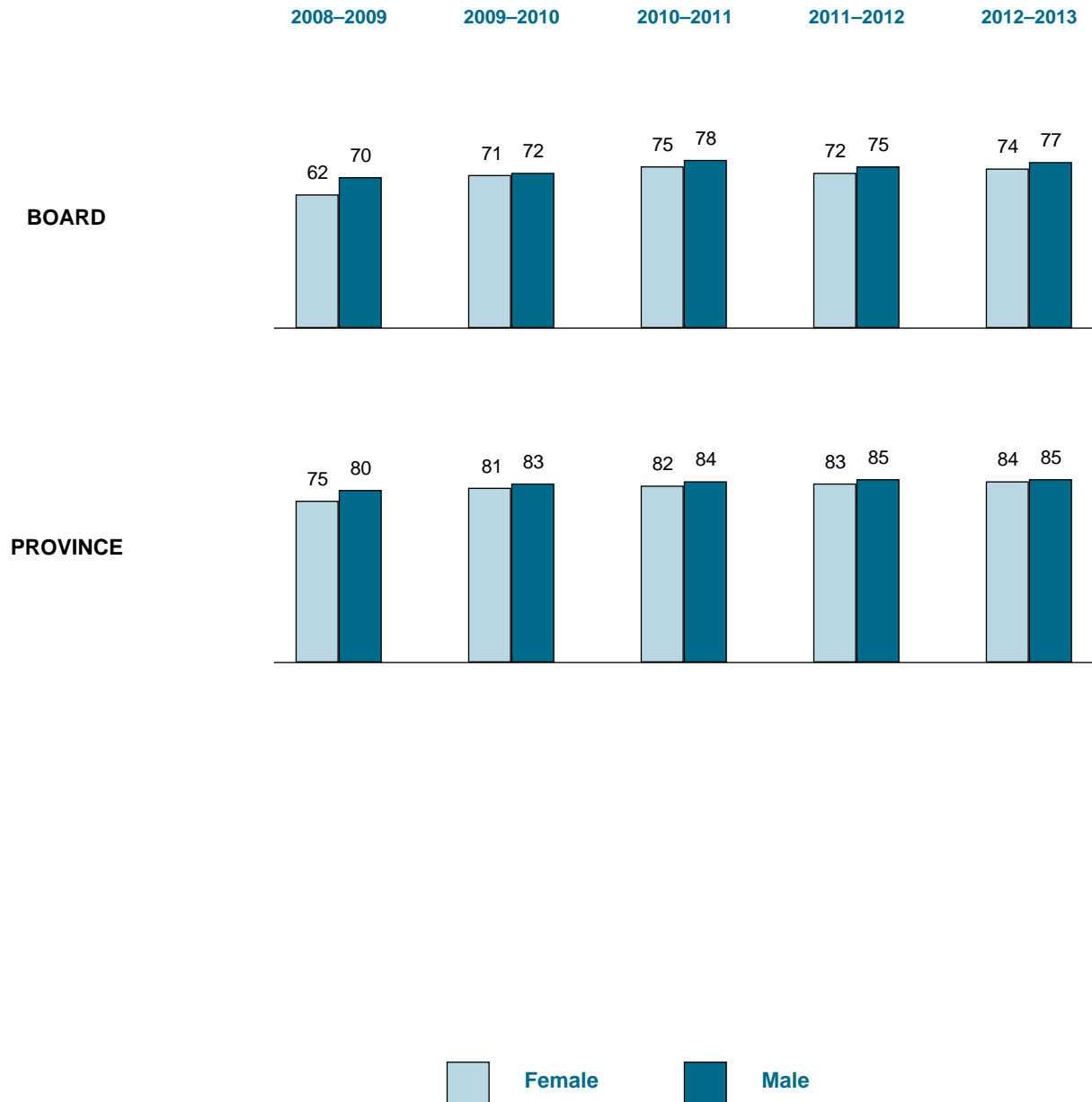
Total Number of Students in Applied Mathematics Course†

	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	266	292	252	311	284	332	254	298	237	286
Province	21 752	26 730	21 262	26 304	19 721	24 374	18 563	23 236	17 695	22 181

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS OVER TIME BY GENDER †

**Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4):
GRADE 9 ACADEMIC MATHEMATICS**



Total Number of Students in Academic Mathematics Course †

	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	612	584	663	649	683	594	598	534	618	515
Province	51 554	49 438	51 972	49 296	50 814	48 464	50 134	47 607	49 986	47 171

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# =440)

Strongly Disagree/Disagree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Agree/Strongly agree

STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS





How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "agree" or "strongly agree"
I like mathematics.		137
I am good at mathematics.		146
I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions.		85
Mathematics is one of my favourite subjects.		90
I understand most of the mathematics I am taught.		253
Mathematics is an easy subject.		79
I try to do my best in mathematics class.		356
The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life.		140
The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects.		194
I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later.		211
I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school.		179

Not at all confident
 Somewhat confident
 Confident
 Very confident

How confident are you that you can answer mathematics questions related to the following?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "very confident"
number sense (e.g., operations with integers, rational numbers, exponents)		35
algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials)		45
linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit)		61
measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume)		117
geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines)		72

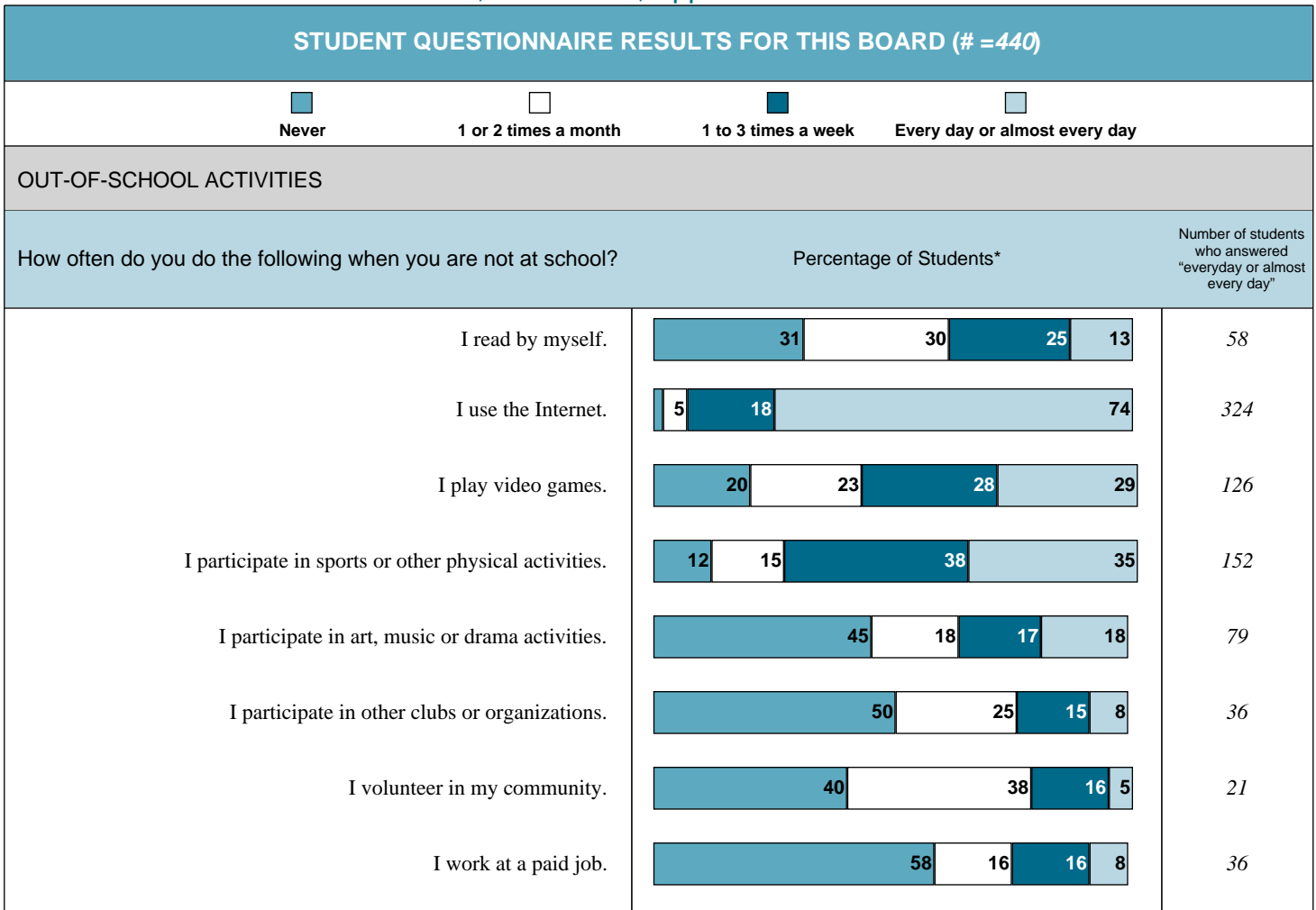
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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# =440)					
	 Never or almost never	 Sometimes	 Often	 Very Often	
DOING MATHEMATICS					
How often do you do the following when studying mathematics or working on a mathematics problem?	Percentage of Students*			Number of students who answered "very often"	
I connect new mathematics concepts to what I already know about mathematics or other subjects.	18	55	22	4	17
I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense.	8	36	40	14	61
I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems.	31	45	17	5	20
I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates.	35	43	17	4	16
I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems.	15	47	28	9	40
How often do you complete your mathematics homework?	Percentage of Students*			Number of students	
I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework			13		59
Never or almost never	7				31
Sometimes	25				112
Often	36				159
Always	16				70











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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# =440)			
SCHOOLS ATTENDED			
How many schools did you attend from kindergarten to Grade 8?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students	
1 school	 34	151	
2 schools	 28	121	
3 schools	 19	83	
4 schools	 9	39	
5 or more schools	 8	37	
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LANGUAGES SPOKEN			Number of students who answered "only English" or "mostly English"
	Percentage of Students*		
Languages student speaks at home	 88 7	385	
Languages in which people speak to student at home	 86 7 4	377	

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# =440)		
USE OF THE ASSESSMENT IN CLASS MARKS		
Will your teacher count some or all parts of the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of your class mark?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students
Yes	51	225
No	1	6
Don't know	45	197
<i>Total number of students:</i>		225
Were you told how much the assessment will count as part of your class mark (e.g., 5%)? †	Percentage of Students*	Number of students
Yes	88	198
No	12	26
<i>Total number of students:</i>		225
Does counting the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of your class mark motivate you to take the assessment more seriously? †	Percentage of Students*	Number of students
Yes	81	183
No	5	12
Undecided	13	30

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† Numbers and percentages are based on the number of students who indicated that their teacher will count some or all parts of the assessment as part of their class mark.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 440)	Female* (# = 197)	Male* (# = 243)	All Students (# = 33 705)	Female* (# = 15 120)	Male* (# = 18 582)
STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS						
Percentage of students indicating they "agree" or "strongly agree" with the following statements: †						
I like mathematics.	31%	29%	33%	34%	27%	40%
I am good at mathematics.	33%	31%	35%	35%	27%	41%
I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions.	19%	15%	23%	23%	15%	29%
Mathematics is one of my favourite subjects.	20%	19%	21%	21%	17%	25%
I understand most of the mathematics I am taught.	58%	56%	58%	61%	57%	65%
Mathematics is an easy subject.	18%	21%	15%	20%	14%	24%
I try to do my best in mathematics class.	81%	87%	76%	80%	84%	76%
The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life.	32%	26%	37%	38%	33%	42%
The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects.	44%	42%	46%	45%	43%	47%
I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later.	48%	46%	50%	51%	48%	53%
I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school.	41%	38%	43%	45%	41%	48%
Percentage of students indicating they feel "confident" or "very confident" that they can answer mathematics questions related to the following: ‡						
number sense (e.g., operations with integers, rational numbers, exponents)	40%	35%	44%	46%	38%	53%
algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials)	42%	38%	45%	45%	41%	49%
linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit)	59%	53%	63%	60%	54%	64%
measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume)	65%	62%	66%	68%	64%	71%
geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines)	50%	47%	53%	48%	41%	54%

* Only includes students for whom gender data were available.

† Other response options were "strongly disagree," "disagree" and "neither agree nor disagree."

‡ Other response options were "not at all confident" and "somewhat confident."

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 440)	Female* (# = 197)	Male* (# = 243)	All Students (# = 33 705)	Female* (# = 15 120)	Male* (# = 18 582)
DOING MATHEMATICS						
Percentage of students indicating they do the following “very often” when studying mathematics or working on a mathematics problem: †						
I connect new mathematics concepts to what I already know about mathematics or other subjects.	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%	6%
I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense.	14%	15%	13%	18%	19%	17%
I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems.	5%	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%
I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates.	4%	4%	3%	6%	6%	6%
I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems.	9%	8%	10%	12%	10%	13%
Percentage of students indicating they complete their mathematics homework at the following frequencies: ‡						
I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework	13%	14%	13%	11%	11%	12%
Never or almost never	7%	5%	9%	8%	7%	10%
Sometimes	25%	21%	29%	28%	26%	29%
Often	36%	38%	35%	32%	33%	31%
Always	16%	21%	12%	18%	21%	15%

* Only includes students for whom gender data were available.

† Other response options were “never or almost never,” “sometimes” and “often.”

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 440)	Female* (# = 197)	Male* (# = 243)	All Students (# = 33 705)	Female* (# = 15 120)	Male* (# = 18 582)
OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES						
Percentage of students indicating they do the following “every day or almost every day” when they are not at school: †						
I read by myself.	13%	14%	13%	19%	26%	14%
I use the Internet.	74%	81%	68%	74%	78%	70%
I play video games.	29%	10%	44%	29%	10%	43%
I participate in sports or other physical activities.	35%	27%	40%	35%	26%	43%
I participate in art, music or drama activities.	18%	24%	13%	18%	24%	13%
I participate in other clubs or organizations.	8%	9%	8%	8%	7%	9%
I volunteer in my community.	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%
I work at a paid job.	8%	9%	8%	8%	6%	9%
SCHOOLS ATTENDED						
Percentage of students indicating the number of schools they attended from kindergarten to Grade 8: ‡						
1 school	34%	34%	35%	26%	25%	26%
2 schools	28%	25%	29%	30%	30%	29%
3 schools	19%	18%	19%	20%	20%	20%
4 schools	9%	11%	7%	11%	11%	11%
5 or more schools	8%	9%	8%	12%	12%	11%
LANGUAGES SPOKEN						
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following languages at home: ‡						
Only English/Mostly English	88%	89%	86%	79%	79%	79%
Another language (or other languages) as often as English	7%	6%	8%	13%	14%	12%
Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	3%	2%	3%	6%	6%	7%
Percentage of students indicating the languages people speak to them at home: ‡						
Only English/Mostly English	86%	86%	86%	75%	75%	75%
Another language (or other languages) as often as English	7%	9%	6%	12%	12%	11%
Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	4%	3%	6%	10%	10%	10%

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† Other response options were “never,” “1 or 2 times a month” and “1 to 3 times a week.”

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 440)	Female* (# = 197)	Male* (# = 243)	All Students (# = 33 705)	Female* (# = 15 120)	Male* (# = 18 582)
USE OF THE ASSESSMENT IN CLASS MARKS						
Percentage of students indicating their teacher will count some or all parts of the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of their class mark: †						
Yes	51%	51%	51%	44%	46%	42%
No	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Don't know	45%	46%	44%	51%	49%	53%
Percentage of students indicating they were told how much the assessment will count as part of their class mark: ††						
	All Students (# = 225)	Female* (# = 100)	Male* (# = 125)	All Students (# = 14 800)	Female* (# = 6 991)	Male* (# = 7 807)
Yes	88%	93%	84%	88%	89%	88%
No	12%	6%	16%	11%	11%	12%
Percentage of students indicating that counting the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of their class mark motivates them to take the assessment more seriously: ††						
	All Students (# = 225)	Female* (# = 100)	Male* (# = 125)	All Students (# = 14 800)	Female* (# = 6 991)	Male* (# = 7 807)
Yes	81%	83%	80%	76%	78%	75%
No	5%	3%	7%	9%	7%	12%
Undecided	13%	14%	13%	14%	15%	14%

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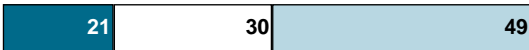

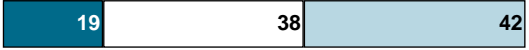





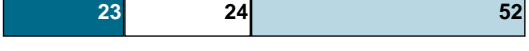


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Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013, Academic Course

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 003)







Strongly Disagree/Disagree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Agree/Strongly agree

STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "agree" or "strongly agree"
I like mathematics.		492
I am good at mathematics.		557
I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions.		423
Mathematics is one of my favourite subjects.		350
I understand most of the mathematics I am taught.		720
Mathematics is an easy subject.		268
I try to do my best in mathematics class.		886
The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life.		313
The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects.		523
I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later.		599
I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school.		556





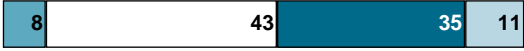



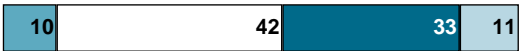





Not at all confident
 Somewhat confident
 Confident
 Very confident

How confident are you that you can answer mathematics questions related to the following?

How confident are you that you can answer mathematics questions related to the following?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "very confident"
number sense (e.g., operations with integers, rational numbers, exponents)		227
algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials)		275
linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit)		138
analytic geometry (e.g., slope, y-intercept, equations of lines)		191
measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume)		377
geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines)		310

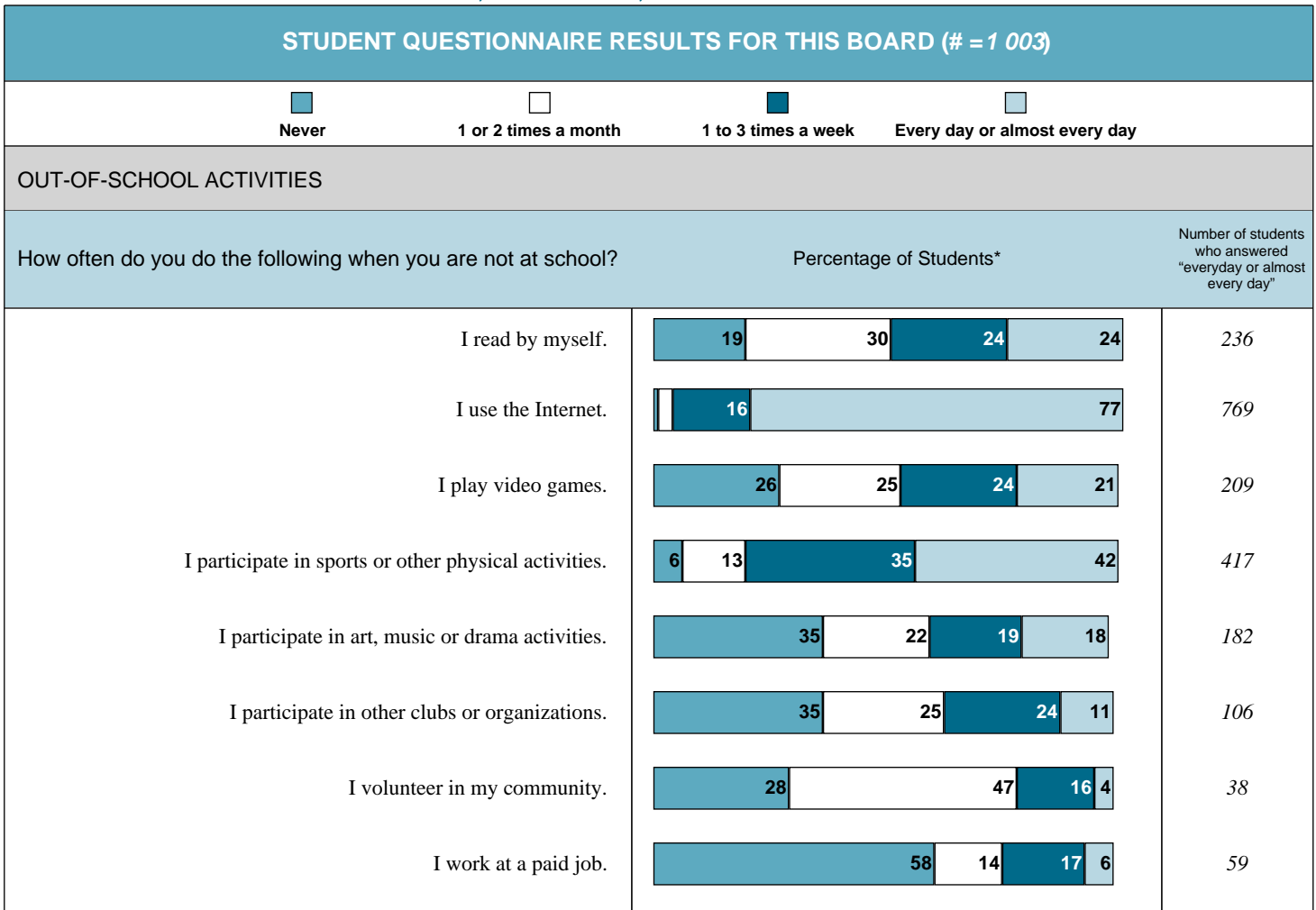
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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 003)				
	 Never or almost never	 Sometimes	 Often	 Very Often
DOING MATHEMATICS				
How often do you do the following when studying mathematics or working on a mathematics problem?		Percentage of Students*		Number of students who answered "very often"
I connect new mathematics concepts to what I already know about mathematics or other subjects.				110
I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense.				261
I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems.				39
I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates.				84
I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems.				111
How often do you complete your mathematics homework?		Percentage of Students*		Number of students
I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework				24
Never or almost never				30
Sometimes				218
Often				401
Always				298











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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 003)			
SCHOOLS ATTENDED			
How many schools did you attend from kindergarten to Grade 8?	Percentage of Students*		Number of students
1 school	 42		423
2 schools	 28		284
3 schools	 13		128
4 schools	 6		62
5 or more schools	 5		50
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LANGUAGES SPOKEN			Number of students who answered "only English" or "mostly English"
	Percentage of Students*		
Languages student speaks at home	 86 6		859
Languages in which people speak to student at home	 83 6 5		828

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 003)		
USE OF THE ASSESSMENT IN CLASS MARKS		
Will your teacher count some or all parts of the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of your class mark?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students
Yes	 72	726
No	 1	12
Don't know	 20	203
<i>Total number of students:</i>		726
Were you told how much the assessment will count as part of your class mark (e.g., 5%)? †	Percentage of Students*	Number of students
Yes	 93	675
No	 7	49
<i>Total number of students:</i>		726
Does counting the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of your class mark motivate you to take the assessment more seriously? †	Percentage of Students*	Number of students
Yes	 77	556
No	 10	70
Undecided	 13	98

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† Numbers and percentages are based on the number of students who indicated that their teacher will count some or all parts of the assessment as part of their class mark.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 003)	Female* (# = 558)	Male* (# = 445)	All Students (# = 88 883)	Female* (# = 46 008)	Male* (# = 42 874)
STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS						
Percentage of students indicating they "agree" or "strongly agree" with the following statements: †						
I like mathematics.	49%	43%	57%	56%	50%	62%
I am good at mathematics.	56%	48%	65%	56%	49%	63%
I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions.	42%	32%	54%	47%	38%	56%
Mathematics is one of my favourite subjects.	35%	30%	41%	39%	34%	45%
I understand most of the mathematics I am taught.	72%	67%	78%	75%	72%	78%
Mathematics is an easy subject.	27%	22%	33%	31%	25%	37%
I try to do my best in mathematics class.	88%	90%	86%	85%	89%	81%
The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life.	31%	25%	39%	36%	32%	42%
The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects.	52%	49%	56%	56%	54%	58%
I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later.	60%	58%	62%	64%	61%	68%
I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school.	55%	51%	61%	59%	55%	63%
Percentage of students indicating they feel "confident" or "very confident" that they can answer mathematics questions related to the following: ‡						
number sense (e.g., operations with integers, rational numbers, exponents)	68%	60%	78%	71%	64%	78%
algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials)	65%	61%	70%	71%	69%	74%
linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit)	55%	49%	64%	60%	53%	67%
analytic geometry (e.g., slope, y-intercept, equations of lines)	54%	46%	63%	61%	57%	66%
measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume)	76%	72%	81%	81%	77%	85%
geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines)	70%	63%	78%	71%	66%	76%

* Only includes students for whom gender data were available.

† Other response options were "strongly disagree," "disagree" and "neither agree nor disagree."

‡ Other response options were "not at all confident" and "somewhat confident."

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2012–2013, Academic Course

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 003)	Female* (# = 558)	Male* (# = 445)	All Students (# = 88 883)	Female* (# = 46 008)	Male* (# = 42 874)
DOING MATHEMATICS						
Percentage of students indicating they do the following “very often” when studying mathematics or working on a mathematics problem: †						
I connect new mathematics concepts to what I already know about mathematics or other subjects.	11%	11%	11%	13%	12%	14%
I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense.	26%	26%	27%	31%	33%	28%
I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems.	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%	8%
I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates.	8%	9%	7%	11%	11%	10%
I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems.	11%	9%	13%	14%	12%	17%
Percentage of students indicating they complete their mathematics homework at the following frequencies: ‡						
I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Never or almost never	3%	2%	4%	6%	4%	8%
Sometimes	22%	20%	24%	21%	18%	25%
Often	40%	37%	43%	38%	38%	38%
Always	30%	34%	24%	31%	37%	25%

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† Other response options were “never or almost never,” “sometimes” and “often.”

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 003)	Female* (# = 558)	Male* (# = 445)	All Students (# = 88 883)	Female* (# = 46 008)	Male* (# = 42 874)
OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES						
Percentage of students indicating they do the following “every day or almost every day” when they are not at school: †						
I read by myself.	24%	30%	16%	26%	33%	19%
I use the Internet.	77%	79%	74%	80%	82%	78%
I play video games.	21%	6%	39%	22%	6%	39%
I participate in sports or other physical activities.	42%	36%	48%	40%	33%	47%
I participate in art, music or drama activities.	18%	23%	12%	20%	24%	14%
I participate in other clubs or organizations.	11%	8%	13%	11%	10%	11%
I volunteer in my community.	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%
I work at a paid job.	6%	3%	9%	4%	4%	5%
SCHOOLS ATTENDED						
Percentage of students indicating the number of schools they attended from kindergarten to Grade 8: ‡						
1 school	42%	43%	42%	27%	27%	27%
2 schools	28%	29%	27%	32%	32%	32%
3 schools	13%	13%	13%	19%	19%	20%
4 schools	6%	6%	7%	10%	10%	10%
5 or more schools	5%	4%	6%	8%	8%	8%
LANGUAGES SPOKEN						
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following languages at home: ‡						
Only English/Mostly English	86%	85%	86%	72%	73%	71%
Another language (or other languages) as often as English	6%	6%	5%	16%	16%	16%
Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	3%	3%	3%	9%	8%	10%
Percentage of students indicating the languages people speak to them at home: ‡						
Only English/Mostly English	83%	83%	82%	66%	67%	65%
Another language (or other languages) as often as English	6%	5%	7%	15%	15%	14%
Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	5%	5%	6%	15%	14%	17%

* Only includes students for whom gender data were available.

† Other response options were “never,” “1 or 2 times a month” and “1 to 3 times a week.”

‡ Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous responses or blanks.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 003)	Female* (# = 558)	Male* (# = 445)	All Students (# = 88 883)	Female* (# = 46 008)	Male* (# = 42 874)
USE OF THE ASSESSMENT IN CLASS MARKS						
Percentage of students indicating their teacher will count some or all parts of the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of their class mark: †						
Yes	72%	71%	74%	69%	71%	66%
No	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Don't know	20%	21%	20%	26%	23%	28%
Percentage of students indicating they were told how much the assessment will count as part of their class mark: †‡						
	All Students (# = 726)	Female* (# = 398)	Male* (# = 328)	All Students (# = 61 078)	Female* (# = 32 680)	Male* (# = 28 397)
Yes	93%	93%	93%	94%	94%	93%
No	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Percentage of students indicating that counting the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics as part of their class mark motivates them to take the assessment more seriously: †‡						
	All Students (# = 726)	Female* (# = 398)	Male* (# = 328)	All Students (# = 61 078)	Female* (# = 32 680)	Male* (# = 28 397)
Yes	77%	77%	76%	78%	80%	75%
No	10%	7%	13%	10%	7%	13%
Undecided	13%	17%	10%	12%	13%	11%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

† Percentages may not add to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous responses or blanks.

‡ Numbers and percentages are based on the number of students who indicated that their teacher will count some or all parts of the assessment as part of their class mark.

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

All Students	Results are reported for all students in the course.
Participating Students	Results are reported only for those students who took part in the assessment (excludes the "no data" category).
Provincial Standard	The Ministry of Education, in <i>The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10: Mathematics</i> , has set Level 3 as the provincial standard.
Level 4 (80–100%)	The student has demonstrated a very high to outstanding level of achievement. Achievement is <i>above</i> the provincial standard.
Level 3 (70–79%)	The student has demonstrated a high level of achievement. Achievement is <i>at</i> the provincial standard.
Level 2 (60–69%)	The student has demonstrated some of the required knowledge and skills. Achievement is <i>below, but approaching</i> , the provincial standard.
Level 1 (50–59%)	The student has demonstrated a passable level of achievement. Achievement is <i>below</i> the provincial standard.
Below Level 1/ Below L1	The student has not demonstrated sufficient achievement of curriculum expectations (below 50%).
No Data	Students who did not have a result due to absence or other reasons.
English Language Learners	Students who have been identified by the school in accordance with <i>English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12 (2007)</i> .
Students Receiving One or More Special Provisions	Students identified by the school as receiving special provisions. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations and Special Provisions</i> .
Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)	Students who have been formally identified by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee, as well as students who have an Individual Education Plan. Students whose sole identified exceptionality is giftedness are not included.
Students Receiving One or More Accommodations	Students identified by the school as receiving accommodations. Detailed information about accommodations is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations and Special Provisions</i> .
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire is so small (fewer than six in a group) that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore, results are not reported.
N/D	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the course for the years specified.
W	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact personnel at the board.