



School Board Report



Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017

Board: Waterloo Catholic DSB (67148)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2016–2017 Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. This report includes the 2016–2017 school and board results, as well as results from previous years, so you can track progress over time. You will also find demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting achievement results.

By developing assessments that gauge student achievement against the learning expectations outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*, EQAO ensures that every student in Ontario’s school system is assessed using the same yardstick at key stages in his or her schooling. In doing so, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels that support educators in their professional practice.

Of course, the information that EQAO provides is not limited to student achievement results and also includes contextual, attitudinal and behavioural data. This wide range of data enables school and board communities to gain richer insights into students’ learning. By using EQAO data in conjunction with classroom and school-board information, educators across the province have been able to make evidence-based decisions in their planning and to monitor the progress of their initiatives. Because of this, EQAO data have served as a catalyst for improving student achievement since the inception of the agency, in 1996.

We hope you will find this report useful. It has been designed to assist you in your conversations about improving student learning. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we all work toward helping students meet, at the minimum, the provincial standard.

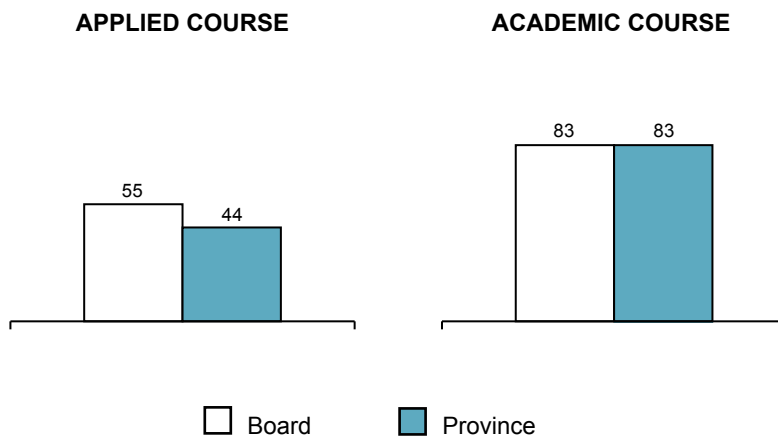
Sincerely,

Norah Marsh
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Education Quality and Accountability Office

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PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2016–2017



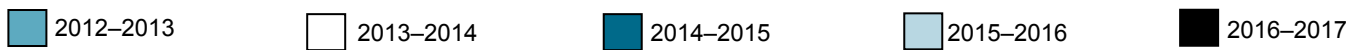
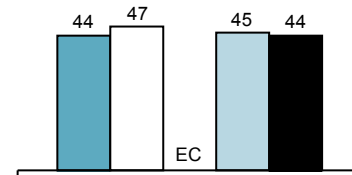
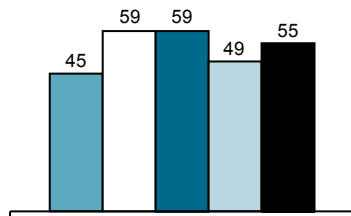
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PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

APPLIED MATHEMATICS

Board

Province



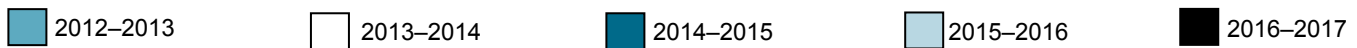
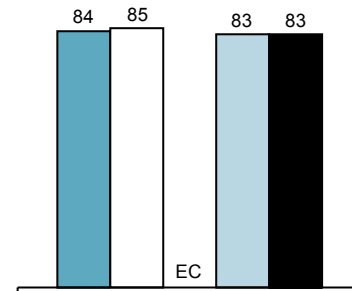
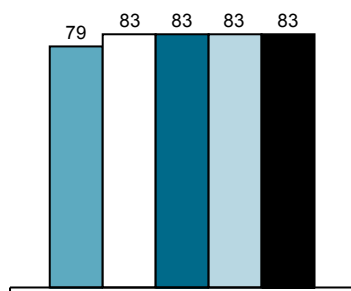
Total Number of Students

| | <u>2012–2013</u> | <u>2013–2014</u> | <u>2014–2015</u> | <u>2015–2016</u> | <u>2016–2017</u> |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Board | 427 | 427 | 413 | 384 | 431 |
| Province | 39 881 | 38 181 | EC | 36 005 | 34 797 |

ACADEMIC MATHEMATICS

Board

Province



Total Number of Students

| | <u>2012–2013</u> | <u>2013–2014</u> | <u>2014–2015</u> | <u>2015–2016</u> | <u>2016–2017</u> |
|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Board | 1 079 | 1 065 | 957 | 1 062 | 1 079 |
| Province | 97 158 | 95 914 | EC | 97 347 | 96 449 |

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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 or boards where fewer than 10 students participated 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.

Learn more about us at www.eqao.com.

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Contextual Information, Applied Course

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

| | Board | | Province | |
|--|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Enrolment | | | | |
| Number of students in applied mathematics course | 431 | | 34 797 | |
| Number of classes with students in applied mathematics course | 30 | | 2 422 | |
| Number of schools with applied mathematics classes | 5 | | 701 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Participation in the Assessment | | | | |
| Students who participated in the assessment | 423 | 98% | 33 405 | 96% |
| Participating students who received one or more accommodations* | 207 | 49% | 11 932 | 36% |
| Participating students who received one or more special provisions* | 29 | 7% | 2 738 | 8% |
| Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)* | 8 | 2% | 1 392 | 4% |
| Gender[†] Based on number of students enrolled | | | | |
| Female | 196 | 45% | 15 212 | 44% |
| Male | 235 | 55% | 19 585 | 56% |
| Gender not specified | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Student Status[†] Based on number of students enrolled | | | | |
| English language learners* | 40 | 9% | 3 802 | 11% |
| Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)* | 213 | 49% | 14 384 | 41% |
| Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled | | | | |
| First-semester course | 232 | 54% | 15 803 | 45% |
| Second-semester course | 198 | 46% | 16 811 | 48% |
| Full-year course | 1 | <1% | 2 183 | 6% |
| Language and School Background^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data | | | | |
| | Number of Respondents: | | 388 | 30 066 |
| Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home | 23 | 6% | 1 997 | 7% |
| Speak another language as often as English at home | 49 | 13% | 3 913 | 13% |
| Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8 | 112 | 29% | 11 666 | 39% |

* See the Explanation of Terms.

† Contextual data pertaining to “gender” and “student status” are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by the school or the board.

†† Contextual data pertaining to “school background” and “language” are gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by the students.

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Contextual Information, Applied Course (continued)

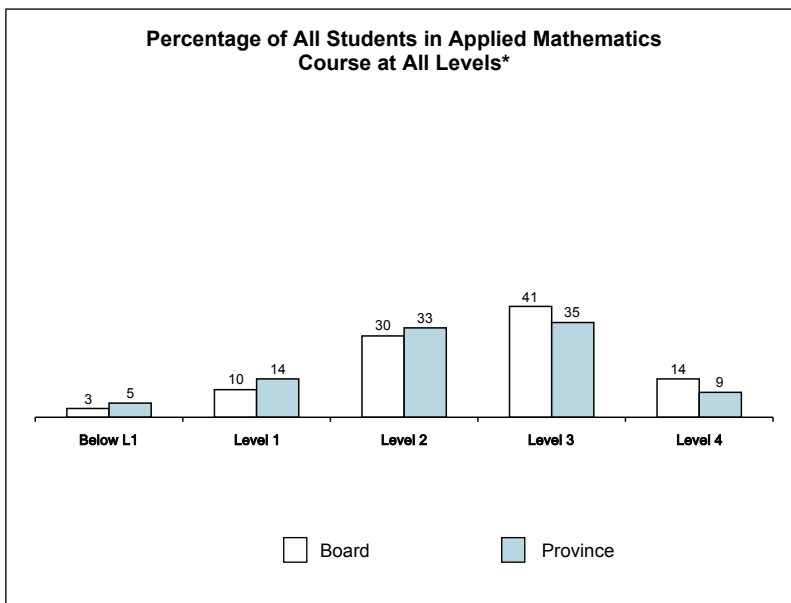
| | Board | | Province | |
|---|--------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Year Student Entered Current School† | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | 406 | 94% | 29 843 | 86% |
| Year prior to the assessment | 21 | 5% | 2 886 | 8% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | 3 | 1% | 622 | 2% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | 0 | 0% | 1 265 | 4% |
| Data not available | 1 | <1% | 181 | 1% |
| Year Student Entered Current Board† | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | 83 | 19% | 5 494 | 16% |
| Year prior to the assessment | 18 | 4% | 2 330 | 7% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | 11 | 3% | 1 507 | 4% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | 318 | 74% | 23 793 | 68% |
| Data not available | 1 | <1% | 1 673 | 5% |

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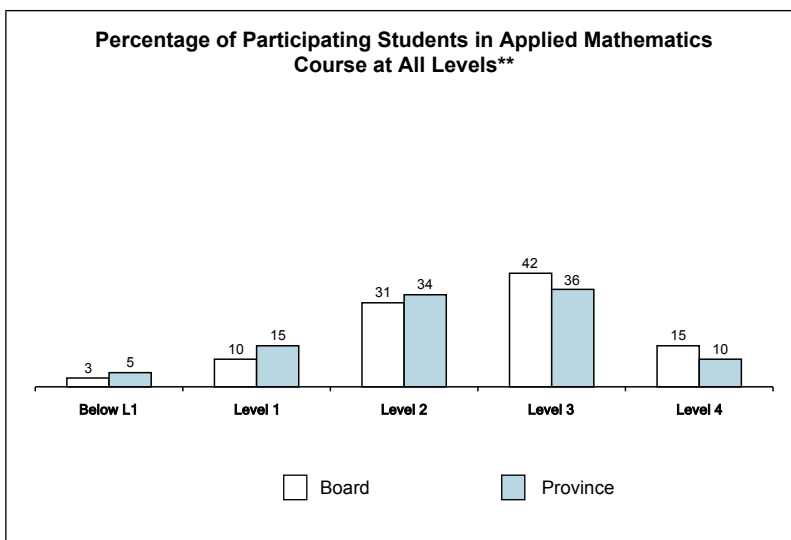
Results for All Students, Applied Course

| All Students* | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|--------------------|
| Number of Students | Board 431 | | Province 34 797 |
| | # | % | % |
| Level 4 | 62 | 14% | 9% |
| Level 3 | 176 | 41% | 35% |
| Level 2 | 131 | 30% | 33% |
| Level 1 | 41 | 10% | 14% |
| Below Level 1 | 13 | 3% | 5% |
| Participating Students | 423 | 98% | 96% |
| No Data | 8 | 2% | 4% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | | 55% | 44% |



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

| Participating Students** | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|--------------------|
| Number of Students | Board 423 | | Province 33 405 |
| | # | % | % |
| Level 4 | 62 | 15% | 10% |
| Level 3 | 176 | 42% | 36% |
| Level 2 | 131 | 31% | 34% |
| Level 1 | 41 | 10% | 15% |
| Below Level 1 | 13 | 3% | 5% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | | 56% | 46% |

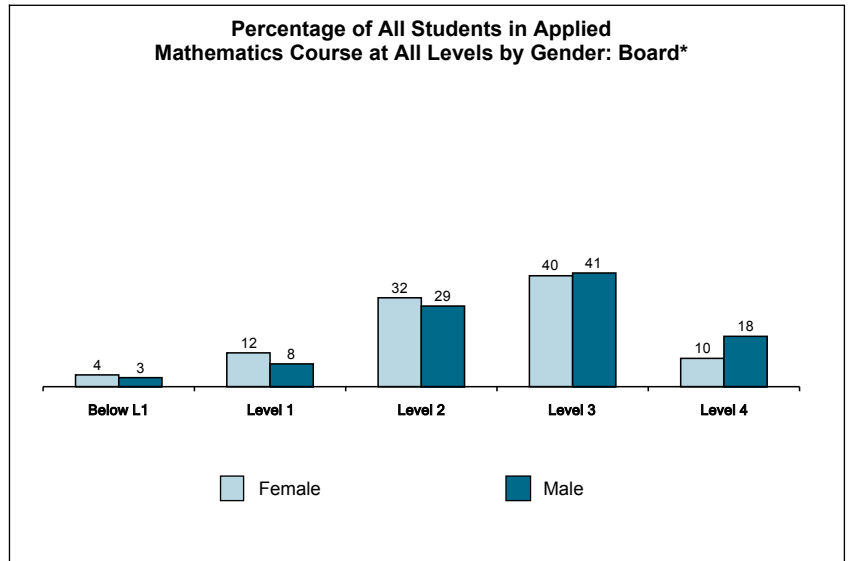


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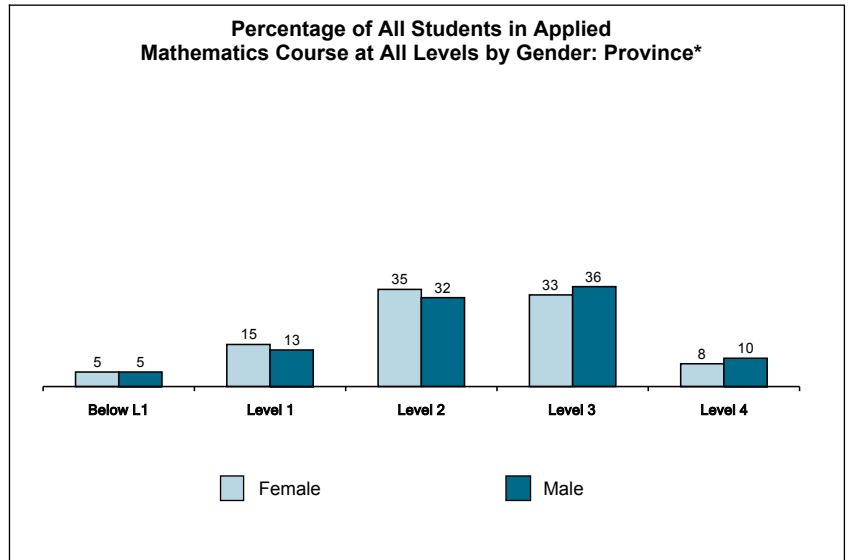
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Results by Gender^{††}, Applied Course

| All Students: Board by Gender* | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Number of Students | Female 196 | | Male 235 | |
| | # | % | # | % |
| Level 4 | 20 | 10% | 42 | 18% |
| Level 3 | 79 | 40% | 97 | 41% |
| Level 2 | 62 | 32% | 69 | 29% |
| Level 1 | 23 | 12% | 18 | 8% |
| Below Level 1 | 7 | 4% | 6 | 3% |
| Participating Students | 191 | 97% | 232 | 99% |
| No Data | 5 | 3% | 3 | 1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) [†] | 51% | | 59% | |



| All Students: Province by Gender* | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Number of Students | Female 15 212 | | Male 19 585 | |
| | # | % | # | % |
| Level 4 | 1 251 | 8% | 1 934 | 10% |
| Level 3 | 5 023 | 33% | 7 113 | 36% |
| Level 2 | 5 299 | 35% | 6 204 | 32% |
| Level 1 | 2 308 | 15% | 2 589 | 13% |
| Below Level 1 | 720 | 5% | 964 | 5% |
| Participating Students | 14 601 | 96% | 18 804 | 96% |
| No Data | 611 | 4% | 781 | 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.

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Contextual Information, Academic Course

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

| | Board | | Province | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Enrolment | | | | |
| Number of students in academic mathematics course | 1 079 | | 96 449 | |
| Number of classes with students in academic mathematics course | 43 | | 4 197 | |
| Number of schools with academic mathematics classes | 5 | | 682 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Participation in the Assessment | | | | |
| Students who participated in the assessment | 1 070 | 99% | 95 447 | 99% |
| Participating students who received one or more accommodations* | 80 | 7% | 6 408 | 7% |
| Participating students who received one or more special provisions* | 61 | 6% | 4 478 | 5% |
| Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)* | 9 | 1% | 1 002 | 1% |
| Gender[†] Based on number of students enrolled | | | | |
| Female | 546 | 51% | 49 388 | 51% |
| Male | 533 | 49% | 47 061 | 49% |
| Gender not specified | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Student Status[†] Based on number of students enrolled | | | | |
| English language learners* | 72 | 7% | 6 642 | 7% |
| Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)* | 107 | 10% | 7 561 | 8% |
| Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled | | | | |
| First-semester course | 546 | 51% | 43 562 | 45% |
| Second-semester course | 533 | 49% | 43 082 | 45% |
| Full-year course | 0 | 0% | 9 805 | 10% |
| Language and School Background^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data | | | | |
| | Number of Respondents: | | | |
| | 1 014 | | 89 743 | |
| Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home | 79 | 8% | 7 826 | 9% |
| Speak another language as often as English at home | 121 | 12% | 14 871 | 17% |
| Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8 | 206 | 20% | 31 014 | 35% |

* See the Explanation of Terms.

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Contextual Information, Academic Course (continued)

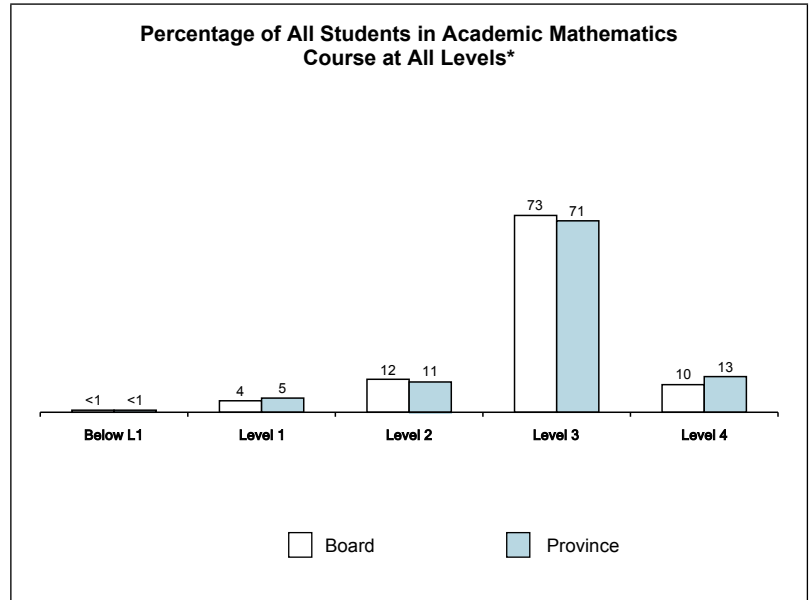
| | Board | | Province | |
|---|--------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Year Student Entered Current School† | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | 1 064 | 99% | 92 083 | 95% |
| Year prior to the assessment | 15 | 1% | 1 410 | 1% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | 0 | 0% | 625 | 1% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | 0 | 0% | 2 150 | 2% |
| Data not available | 0 | 0% | 181 | <1% |
| Year Student Entered Current Board† | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | 204 | 19% | 15 036 | 16% |
| Year prior to the assessment | 23 | 2% | 3 693 | 4% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | 31 | 3% | 3 616 | 4% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | 821 | 76% | 69 457 | 72% |
| Data not available | 0 | 0% | 4 647 | 5% |

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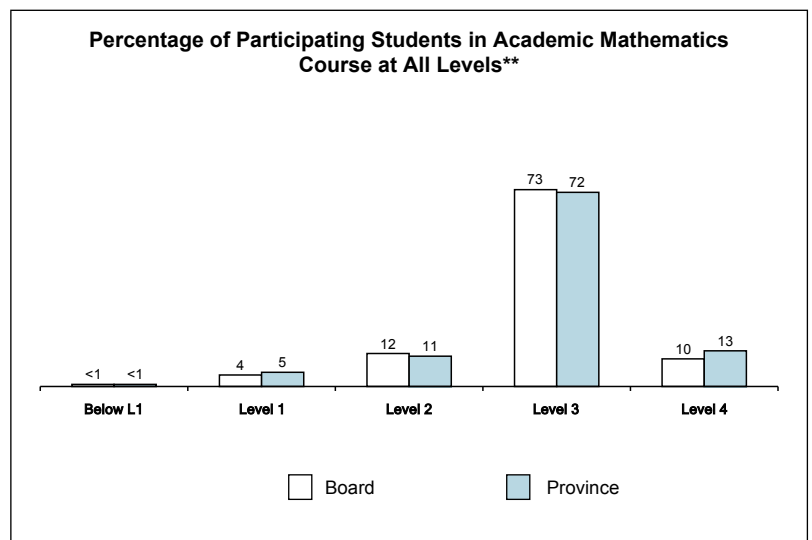
Results for All Students, Academic Course

| All Students* | | | |
|---|----------------|-----|--------------------|
| Number of Students | Board 1 079 | | Province 96 449 |
| | # | % | % |
| Level 4 | 110 | 10% | 13% |
| Level 3 | 783 | 73% | 71% |
| Level 2 | 133 | 12% | 11% |
| Level 1 | 43 | 4% | 5% |
| Below Level 1 | 1 | <1% | <1% |
| Participating Students | 1 070 | 99% | 99% |
| No Data | 9 | 1% | 1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | | 83% | 83% |



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

| Participating Students** | | | |
|---|----------------|-----|--------------------|
| Number of Students | Board 1 070 | | Province 95 447 |
| | # | % | % |
| Level 4 | 110 | 10% | 13% |
| Level 3 | 783 | 73% | 72% |
| Level 2 | 133 | 12% | 11% |
| Level 1 | 43 | 4% | 5% |
| Below Level 1 | 1 | <1% | <1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | | 83% | 84% |

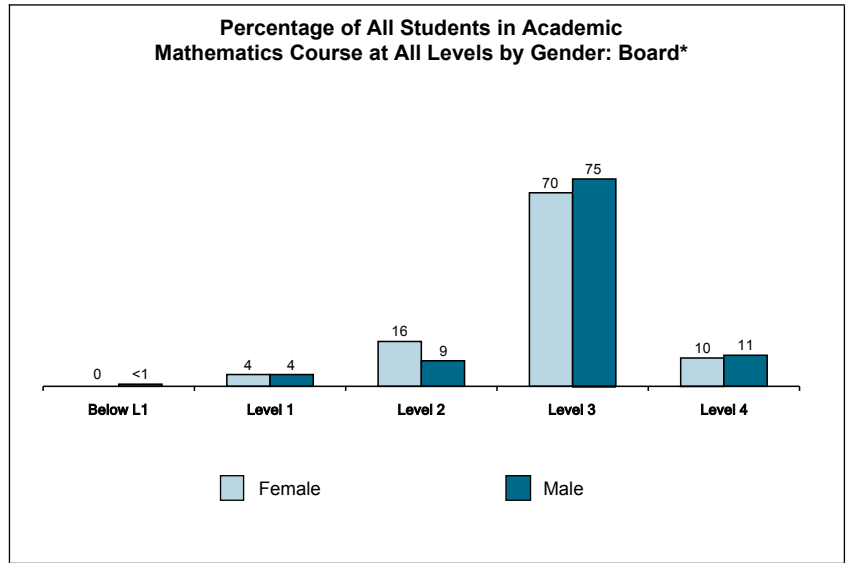


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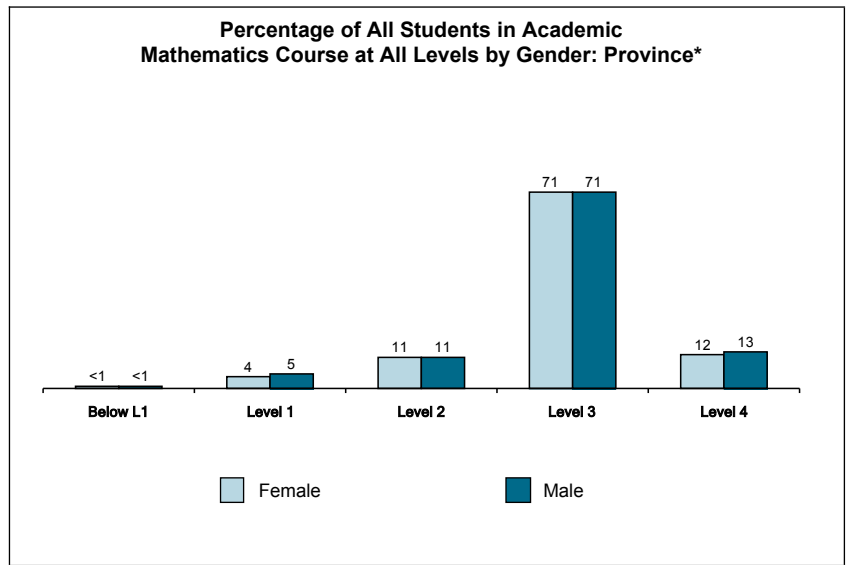
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Results by Gender^{††}, Academic Course

| All Students: Board by Gender* | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Number of Students | Female 546 | | Male 533 | |
| | # | % | # | % |
| Level 4 | 52 | 10% | 58 | 11% |
| Level 3 | 382 | 70% | 401 | 75% |
| Level 2 | 85 | 16% | 48 | 9% |
| Level 1 | 22 | 4% | 21 | 4% |
| Below Level 1 | 0 | 0% | 1 | <1% |
| Participating Students | 541 | 99% | 529 | 99% |
| No Data | 5 | 1% | 4 | 1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) [†] | | 79% | 86% | |



| All Students: Province by Gender* | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Number of Students | Female 49 388 | | Male 47 061 | |
| | # | % | # | % |
| Level 4 | 6 033 | 12% | 6 061 | 13% |
| Level 3 | 35 075 | 71% | 33 181 | 71% |
| Level 2 | 5 416 | 11% | 5 017 | 11% |
| Level 1 | 2 178 | 4% | 2 175 | 5% |
| Below Level 1 | 131 | <1% | 180 | <1% |
| Participating Students | 48 833 | 99% | 46 614 | 99% |
| No Data | 555 | 1% | 447 | 1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) [†] | | 83% | 83% | |



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 † These percentages are based on the actual number of students and cannot be calculated simply by adding the rounded percentages of students at Levels 3 and 4.
 †† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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Contextual Information over Time: Applied Course

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

| | 2012–2013 | 2013–2014 | 2014–2015 | 2015–2016 | 2016–2017 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Enrolment | | | | | |
| Number of students in applied mathematics course | 427 | 427 | 413 | 384 | 431 |
| Number of classes with students in applied mathematics course | 21 | 30 | 28 | 22 | 30 |
| Number of schools with applied mathematics classes | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Participation in the Assessment | | | | | |
| Students who participated in the assessment | 96% | 98% | 97% | 98% | 98% |
| Participating students who received one or more accommodations* | 43% | 42% | 45% | 45% | 49% |
| Participating students who received one or more special provisions* | 7% | 7% | 6% | 7% | 7% |
| Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)* | 4% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% |
| Gender† Based on number of students enrolled | | | | | |
| Female | 42% | 43% | 44% | 39% | 45% |
| Male | 58% | 57% | 56% | 61% | 55% |
| Gender not specified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Student Status† Based on number of students enrolled | | | | | |
| English language learners* | 9% | 8% | 8% | 10% | 9% |
| Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)* | 43% | 46% | 46% | 50% | 49% |
| Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled | | | | | |
| First-semester course | 56% | 52% | 54% | 52% | 54% |
| Second-semester course | 44% | 48% | 46% | 48% | 46% |
| Full-year course | 0% | 0% | <1% | 0% | <1% |
| Language and School Background†† Based on Student Questionnaire data | | | | | |
| Number of Respondents: | 378 | 372 | 363 | 342 | 388 |
| Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home | 9% | 6% | 5% | 8% | 6% |
| Speak another language as often as English at home | 12% | 8% | 13% | 12% | 13% |
| Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8 | 34% | 30% | 31% | 32% | 29% |

* See the Explanation of Terms.

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Contextual Information over Time: Applied Course (continued)

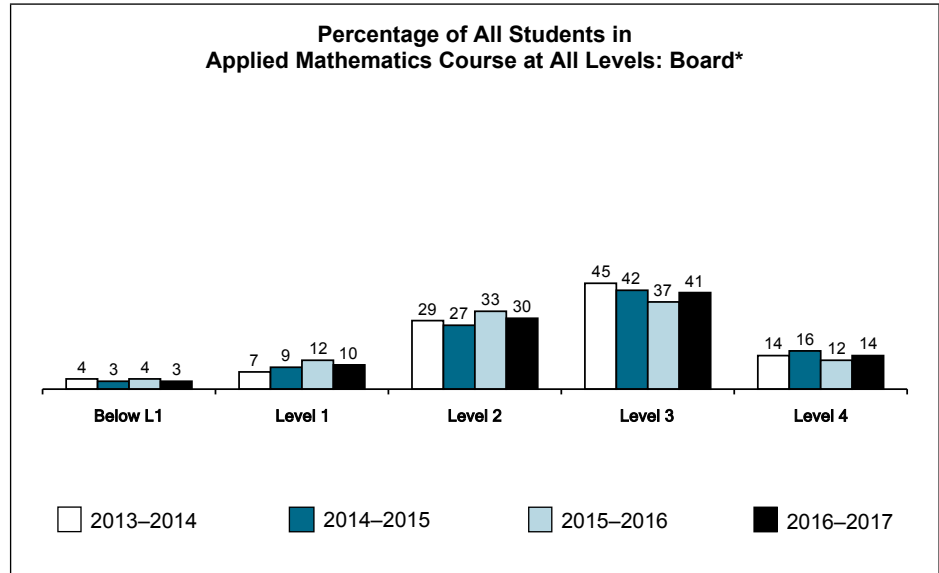
| | 2012–2013 | 2013–2014 | 2014–2015 | 2015–2016 | 2016–2017 |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Year Student Entered Current School† | | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | | | | 94% | 94% |
| Year prior to the assessment | | | | 4% | 5% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | | | These items were added in 2015–2016. | <1% | 1% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | | | | 1% | 0% |
| Data not available | | | | <1% | <1% |
| Year Student Entered Current Board† | | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | | | | 21% | 19% |
| Year prior to the assessment | | | | 3% | 4% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | | | These items were added in 2015–2016. | 3% | 3% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | | | | 72% | 74% |
| Data not available | | | | <1% | <1% |

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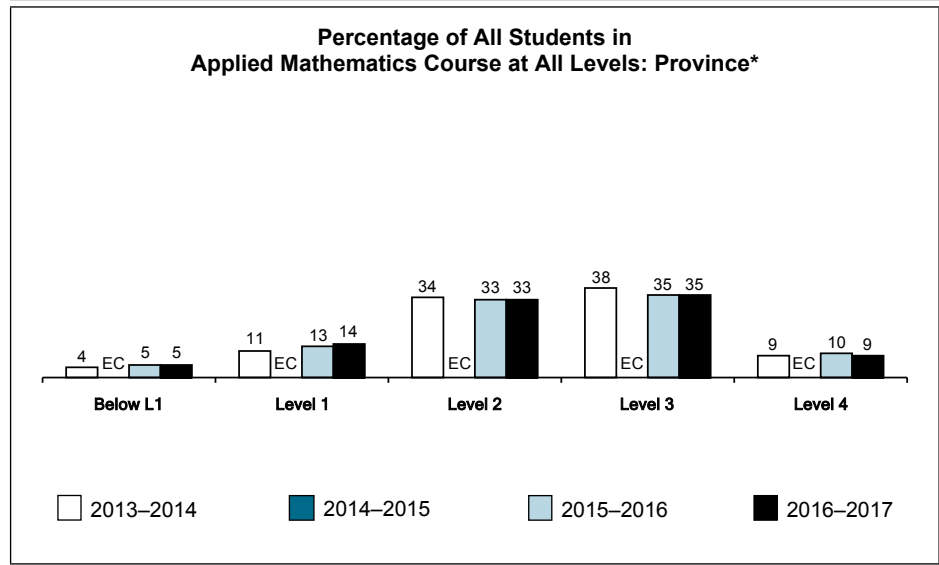
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Results for All Students over Time: Applied Course

| Board* | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Year | '13-'14 | '14-'15 | '15-'16 | '16-'17 |
| <i>Number of Students</i> | 427 | 413 | 384 | 431 |
| Level 4 | 14% | 16% | 12% | 14% |
| Level 3 | 45% | 42% | 37% | 41% |
| Level 2 | 29% | 27% | 33% | 30% |
| Level 1 | 7% | 9% | 12% | 10% |
| Below Level 1 | 4% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| <i>Participating Students</i> | 98% | 97% | 98% | 98% |
| No Data | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | 59% | 59% | 49% | 55% |



| Province* | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Year | '13-'14 | '14-'15 | '15-'16 | '16-'17 |
| <i>Number of Students</i> | 38 181 | EC | 36 005 | 34 797 |
| Level 4 | 9% | EC | 10% | 9% |
| Level 3 | 38% | EC | 35% | 35% |
| Level 2 | 34% | EC | 33% | 33% |
| Level 1 | 11% | EC | 13% | 14% |
| Below Level 1 | 4% | EC | 5% | 5% |
| <i>Participating Students</i> | 96% | EC | 96% | 96% |
| No Data | 4% | EC | 4% | 4% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | 47% | EC | 45% | 44% |



* Because percentages in tables and graphs are rounded, and because graphs do not show all reporting categories, percentages may not add up to 100.
 † These percentages are based on the actual number of students and cannot be calculated simply by adding the rounded percentages of students at Levels 3 and 4.

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Contextual Information over Time: Academic Course

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

| | 2012–2013 | 2013–2014 | 2014–2015 | 2015–2016 | 2016–2017 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Enrolment | | | | | |
| Number of students in academic mathematics course | 1 079 | 1 065 | 957 | 1 062 | 1 079 |
| Number of classes with students in academic mathematics course | 42 | 41 | 37 | 40 | 43 |
| Number of schools with academic mathematics classes | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Participation in the Assessment | | | | | |
| Students who participated in the assessment | 99% | 99% | 99% | 100% | 99% |
| Participating students who received one or more accommodations* | 6% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 7% |
| Participating students who received one or more special provisions* | 4% | 4% | 2% | 5% | 6% |
| Students who did not complete any part of the assessment (no data)* | 1% | 1% | 1% | <1% | 1% |
| Gender† Based on number of students enrolled | | | | | |
| Female | 49% | 49% | 50% | 52% | 51% |
| Male | 51% | 51% | 50% | 48% | 49% |
| Gender not specified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Student Status† Based on number of students enrolled | | | | | |
| English language learners* | 7% | 6% | 3% | 6% | 7% |
| Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)* | 7% | 8% | 8% | 8% | 10% |
| Semester/Full Year Based on number of students enrolled | | | | | |
| First-semester course | 47% | 52% | 52% | 48% | 51% |
| Second-semester course | 53% | 48% | 48% | 52% | 49% |
| Full-year course | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Language and School Background†† Based on Student Questionnaire data | | | | | |
| Number of Respondents: | 990 | 982 | 902 | 1 025 | 1 014 |
| Speak only or mostly a language other than English at home | 7% | 8% | 8% | 7% | 8% |
| Speak another language as often as English at home | 13% | 12% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| Attended three or more elementary schools from kindergarten to Grade 8 | 24% | 24% | 22% | 21% | 20% |

* See the Explanation of Terms.

† Contextual data pertaining to “gender” and “student status” are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by the school or the board.

†† Contextual data pertaining to “school background” and “language” are gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by the students.

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Contextual Information over Time: Academic Course (continued)

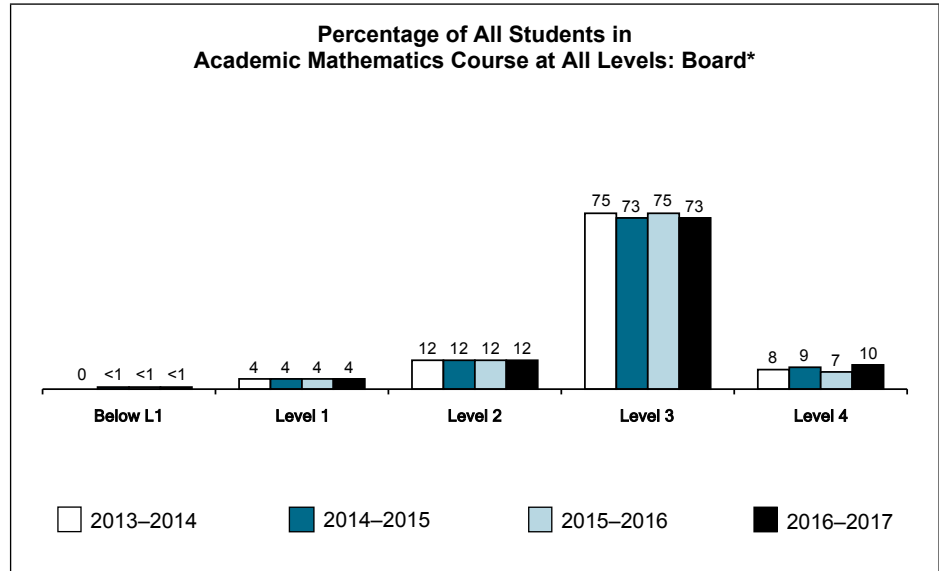
| | 2012–2013 | 2013–2014 | 2014–2015 | 2015–2016 | 2016–2017 |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Year Student Entered Current School[†] | | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | | | | 98% | 99% |
| Year prior to the assessment | | | | 2% | 1% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | | | These items were added in 2015–2016. | <1% | 0% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | | | | 0% | 0% |
| Data not available | | | | 0% | 0% |
| Year Student Entered Current Board[†] | | | | | |
| Year of the assessment | | | | 18% | 19% |
| Year prior to the assessment | | | | 1% | 2% |
| 2 years prior to the assessment | | | These items were added in 2015–2016. | 3% | 3% |
| 3 or more years prior to the assessment | | | | 77% | 76% |
| Data not available | | | | 0% | 0% |

[†] Contextual data are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by schools or boards.

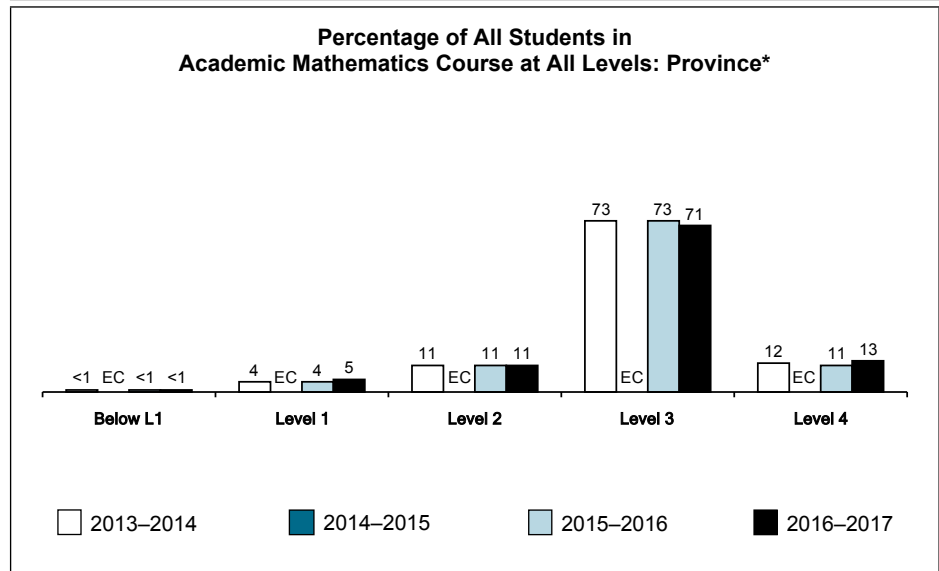
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Results for All Students over Time: Academic Course

| Board* | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Year | '13-'14 | '14-'15 | '15-'16 | '16-'17 |
| <i>Number of Students</i> | 1 065 | 957 | 1 062 | 1 079 |
| Level 4 | 8% | 9% | 7% | 10% |
| Level 3 | 75% | 73% | 75% | 73% |
| Level 2 | 12% | 12% | 12% | 12% |
| Level 1 | 4% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| Below Level 1 | 0% | <1% | <1% | <1% |
| <i>Participating Students</i> | 99% | 99% | 100% | 99% |
| No Data | 1% | 1% | <1% | 1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | 83% | 83% | 83% | 83% |



| Province* | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Year | '13-'14 | '14-'15 | '15-'16 | '16-'17 |
| <i>Number of Students</i> | 95 914 | EC | 97 347 | 96 449 |
| Level 4 | 12% | EC | 11% | 13% |
| Level 3 | 73% | EC | 73% | 71% |
| Level 2 | 11% | EC | 11% | 11% |
| Level 1 | 4% | EC | 4% | 5% |
| Below Level 1 | <1% | EC | <1% | <1% |
| <i>Participating Students</i> | 99% | EC | 99% | 99% |
| No Data | 1% | EC | 1% | 1% |
| At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)† | 85% | EC | 83% | 83% |

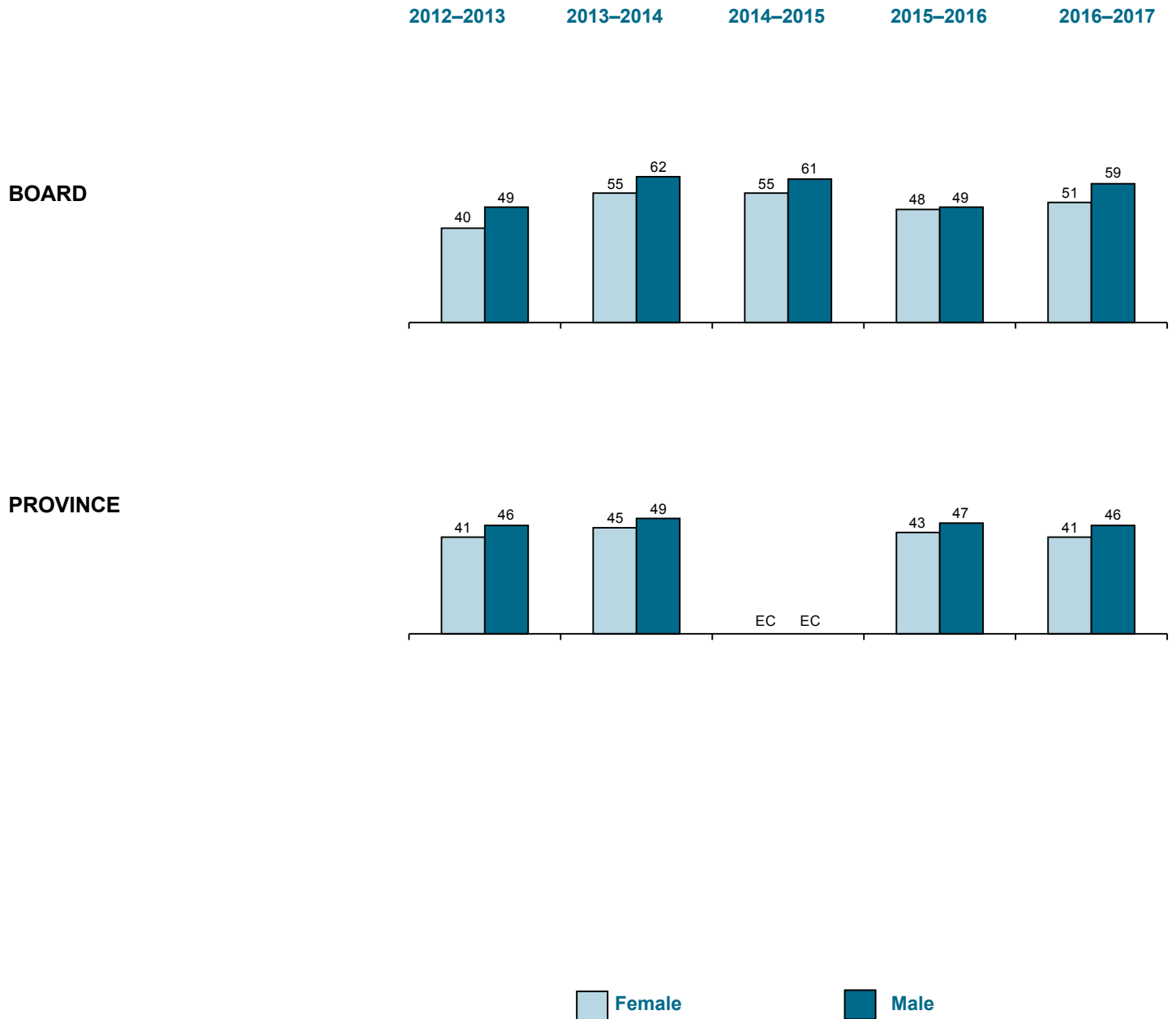


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 † These percentages are based on the actual number of students and cannot be calculated simply by adding the rounded percentages of students at Levels 3 and 4.

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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):
APPLIED COURSE



Total Number of Students in Applied Mathematics Course†

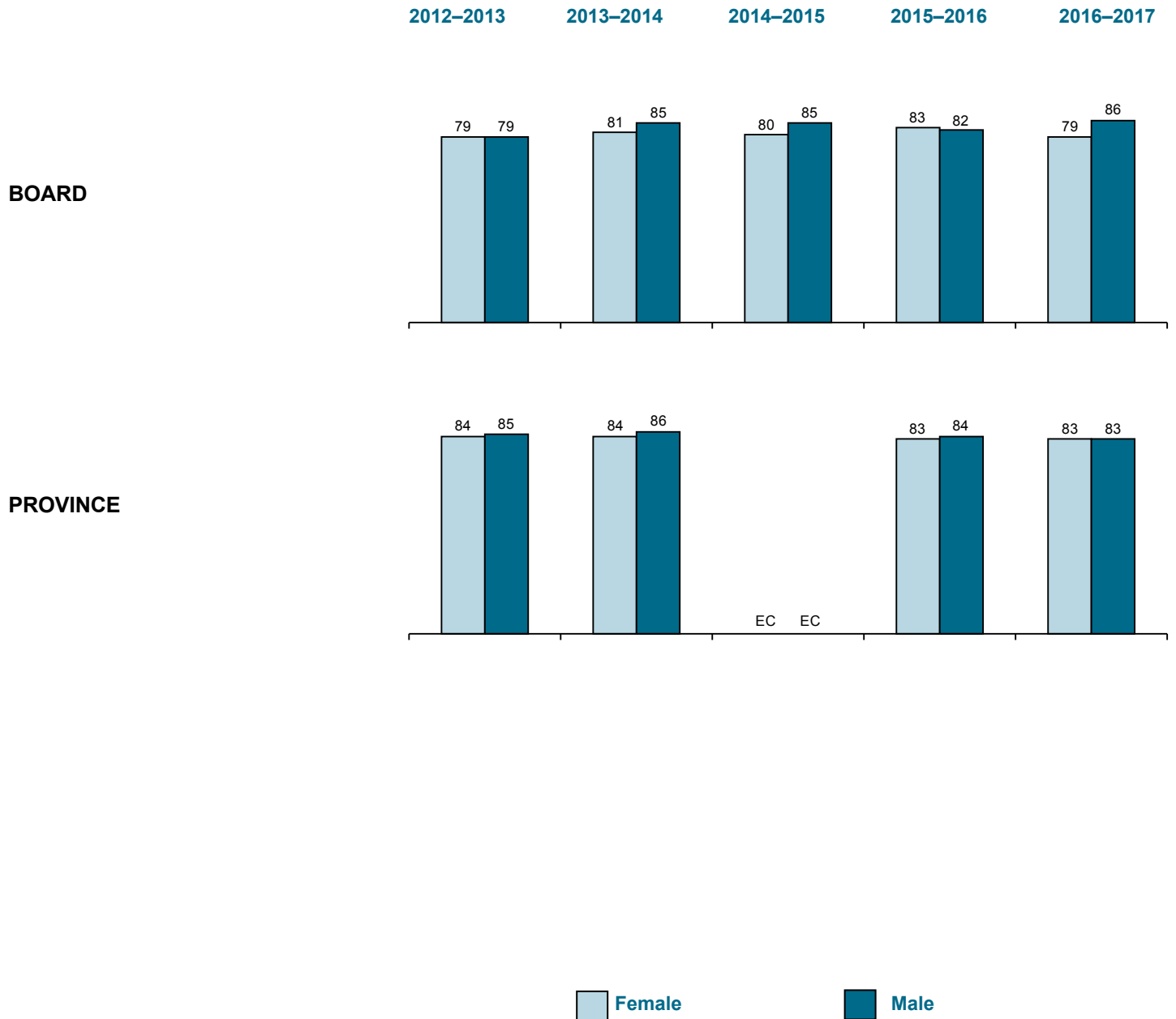
| | 2012-2013 | | 2013-2014 | | 2014-2015 | | 2015-2016 | | 2016-2017 | |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Board | 180 | 247 | 185 | 242 | 182 | 231 | 151 | 233 | 196 | 235 |
| Province | 17 695 | 22 181 | 16 662 | 21 519 | EC | EC | 15 748 | 20 257 | 15 212 | 19 585 |

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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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):
ACADEMIC COURSE



| | 2012-2013 | | 2013-2014 | | 2014-2015 | | 2015-2016 | | 2016-2017 | |
|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Board | 525 | 554 | 519 | 546 | 476 | 481 | 549 | 513 | 546 | 533 |
| Province | 49 986 | 47 171 | 49 157 | 46 757 | EC | EC | 49 817 | 47 530 | 49 388 | 47 061 |

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 388)

 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. | 26 | 35 | 37 | 145 |
| I am good at mathematics. | 25 | 36 | 38 | 147 |
| I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions. | 28 | 40 | 30 | 115 |
| Mathematics is one of my favourite subjects. | 57 | 20 | 21 | 83 |
| I understand most of the mathematics I am taught. | 8 | 24 | 66 | 255 |
| Mathematics is an easy subject. | 37 | 39 | 21 | 83 |
| I do my best in mathematics class. | 9 | 19 | 70 | 271 |
| The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life. | 29 | 35 | 35 | 135 |
| The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects. | 22 | 35 | 41 | 160 |
| I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later. | 16 | 30 | 51 | 197 |
| I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school. | 19 | 34 | 45 | 174 |

 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) | 5 | 48 | 38 | 7 | 27 |
| algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials) | 9 | 39 | 36 | 13 | 50 |
| linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit) | 6 | 34 | 40 | 15 | 60 |
| measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume) | 5 | 25 | 39 | 28 | 108 |
| geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines) | 15 | 39 | 29 | 14 | 56 |

* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses. Where there is no number in a bar, the percentage of responses is smaller than four.

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| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 388) | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|---|-----|
| |  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? | | | | <i>Number of students who answered "very often"</i> | |
| | Percentage of Students* | | | | |
| I connect new mathematics concepts to what I already know about mathematics or other subjects. | 11 | 55 | 27 | 7 | 13 |
| I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense. | 4 | 28 | 49 | 16 | 63 |
| I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems. | 30 | 44 | 17 | 5 | 18 |
| I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates. | 31 | 43 | 18 | 4 | 17 |
| I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems. | 10 | 44 | 35 | 7 | 29 |
| How often do you complete your mathematics homework? | | | | <i>Number of students</i> | |
| | Percentage of Students* | | | | |
| I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework | 7 | | | | 27 |
| Never or almost never | 7 | | | | 28 |
| Sometimes | | 29 | | | 112 |
| Often | | | 31 | | 120 |
| Always | | | | 20 | 79 |

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 388)

Never

1 or 2 times a month

1 to 3 times a week

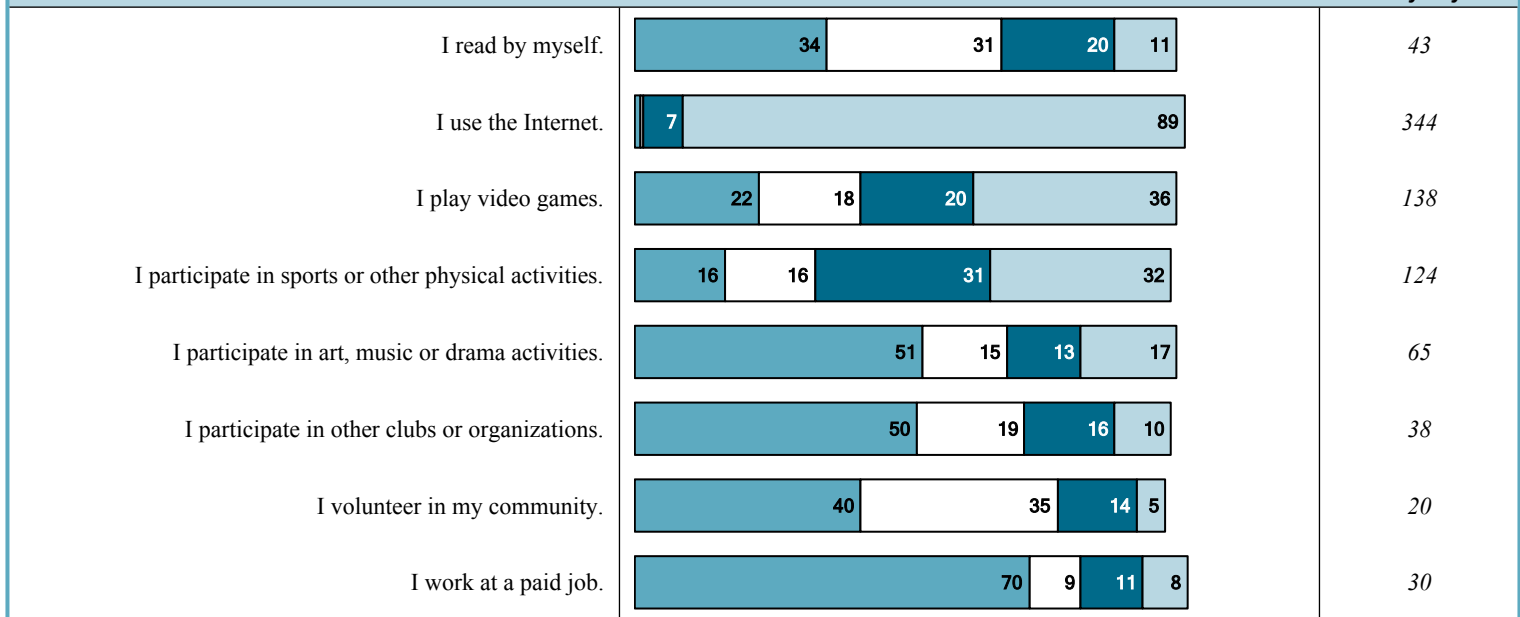
Every day or almost every day

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

How often do you do the following when you are not at school?

Percentage of Students*

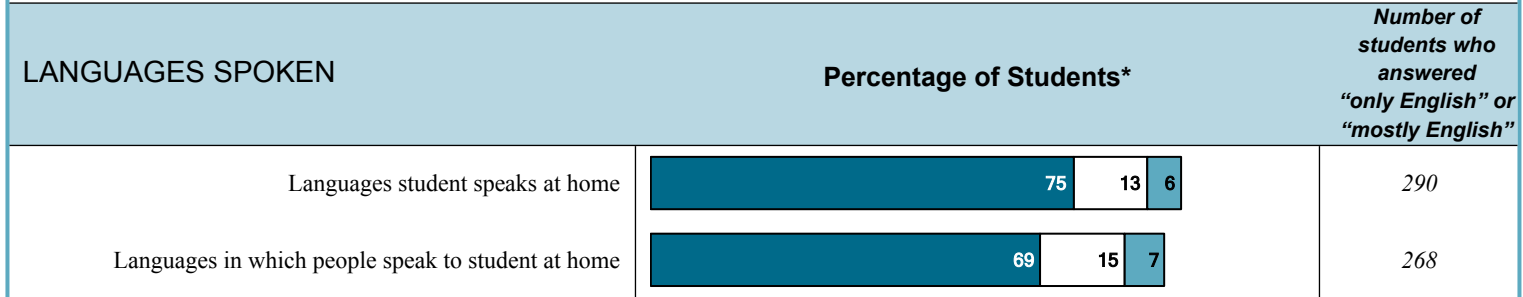
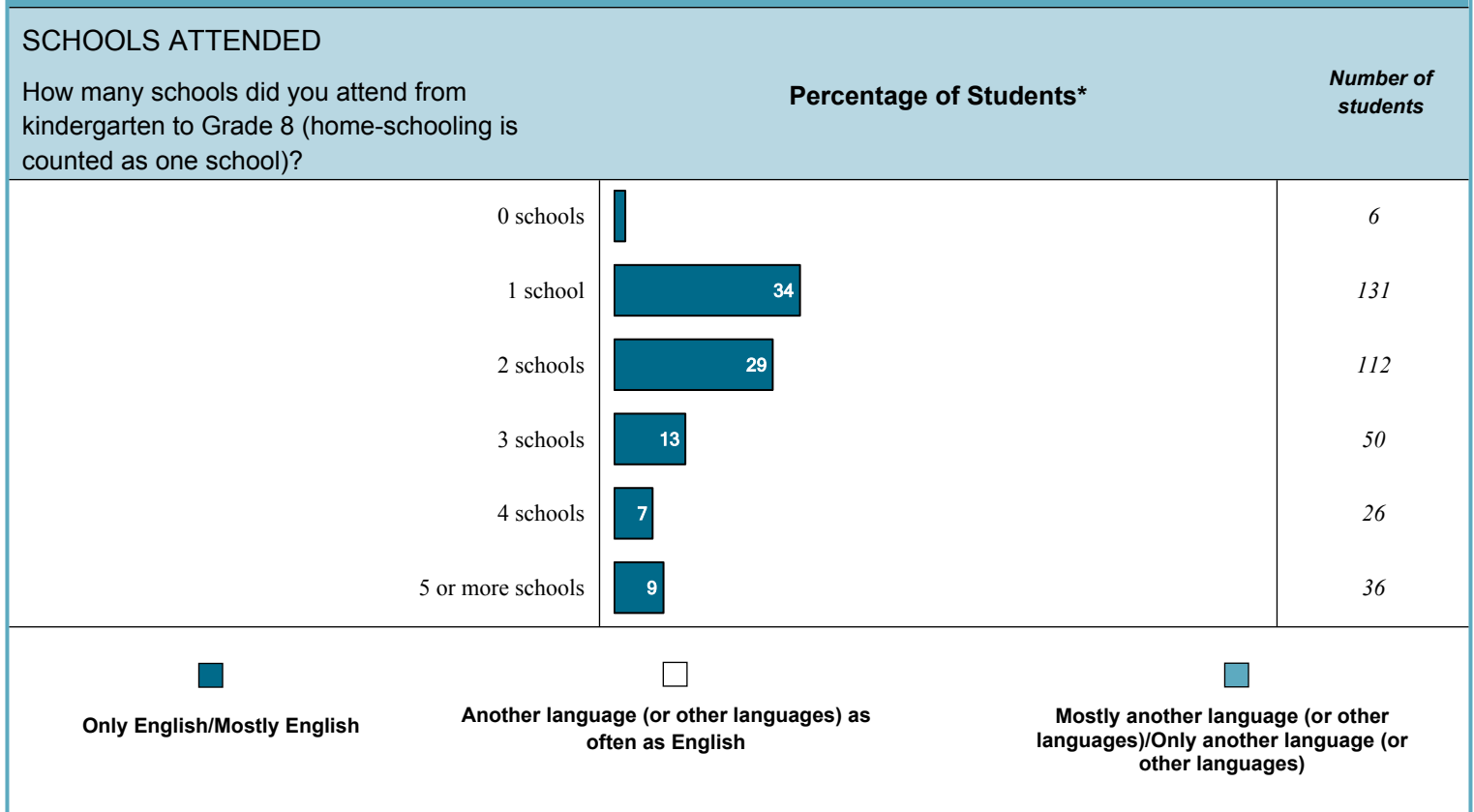
Number of students who answered "every day or almost every day"



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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 388)



* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses. Where there is no number in a bar, the percentage of responses is smaller than four.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017, Applied Course

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 388) | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| 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 |  45 | 175 |
| No |  3 | 3 |
| Don't know |  47 | 184 |
| <i>Total number of students</i> | | 175 |
| 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 |  87 | 152 |
| No |  13 | 23 |
| <i>Total number of students</i> | | 175 |
| 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 |  87 | 152 |
| No |  6 | 6 |
| Undecided |  10 | 17 |

* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses.

† 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.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017, Applied Course

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | All Students (# = 388) | Female* (# = 178) | Male* (# = 210) | All Students (# = 30 066) | Female* (# = 13 280) | Male* (# = 16 786) |
| STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS | | | | | | |
| Percentage of students indicating they "agree" or "strongly agree" with the following statements:† | | | | | | |
| I like mathematics. | 37% | 29% | 45% | 36% | 31% | 40% |
| I am good at mathematics. | 38% | 30% | 44% | 35% | 27% | 41% |
| I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions. | 30% | 22% | 36% | 24% | 16% | 31% |
| Mathematics is one of my favorite subjects. | 21% | 16% | 26% | 21% | 18% | 24% |
| I understand most of the mathematics I am taught. | 66% | 61% | 70% | 61% | 56% | 64% |
| Mathematics is an easy subject. | 21% | 17% | 25% | 18% | 13% | 22% |
| I do my best in mathematics class. | 70% | 72% | 68% | 69% | 72% | 66% |
| The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life. | 35% | 29% | 40% | 34% | 31% | 37% |
| The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects. | 41% | 35% | 46% | 47% | 45% | 48% |
| I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later. | 51% | 48% | 53% | 50% | 47% | 53% |
| I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school. | 45% | 43% | 46% | 43% | 41% | 45% |
| 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) | 45% | 38% | 50% | 41% | 33% | 47% |
| algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials) | 49% | 45% | 52% | 43% | 40% | 45% |
| linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit) | 56% | 51% | 60% | 56% | 51% | 60% |
| measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume) | 67% | 65% | 69% | 68% | 64% | 70% |
| geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines) | 44% | 39% | 47% | 47% | 41% | 52% |

* Includes only 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 (# = 388) | Female* (# = 178) | Male* (# = 210) | All Students (# = 30 066) | Female* (# = 13 280) | Male* (# = 16 786) |
| 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. | 3% | 4% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense. | 16% | 20% | 13% | 16% | 17% | 14% |
| I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems. | 5% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 3% | 4% |
| I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates. | 4% | 6% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 4% |
| I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems. | 7% | 8% | 7% | 10% | 9% | 11% |
| Percentage of students indicating they complete their mathematics homework at the following frequencies:‡ | | | | | | |
| I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework | 7% | 8% | 6% | 12% | 11% | 13% |
| Never or almost never | 7% | 4% | 10% | 7% | 5% | 8% |
| Sometimes | 29% | 28% | 30% | 27% | 25% | 29% |
| Often | 31% | 29% | 32% | 29% | 30% | 29% |
| Always | 20% | 23% | 18% | 17% | 20% | 14% |

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.
 † Other response options were “never or almost never”, “sometimes” and “often”.
 ‡ Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017, Applied Course

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | All Students (# = 388) | Female* (# = 178) | Male* (# = 210) | All Students (# = 30 066) | Female* (# = 13 280) | Male* (# = 16 786) |
| 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. | 11% | 16% | 7% | 15% | 22% | 11% |
| I use the Internet. | 89% | 88% | 90% | 85% | 88% | 84% |
| I play video games. | 36% | 11% | 56% | 30% | 12% | 45% |
| I participate in sports or other physical activities. | 32% | 20% | 42% | 36% | 25% | 44% |
| I participate in art, music or drama activities. | 17% | 28% | 7% | 18% | 25% | 13% |
| I participate in other clubs or organizations. | 10% | 7% | 12% | 9% | 8% | 10% |
| I volunteer in my community. | 5% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| I work at a paid job. | 8% | 7% | 9% | 7% | 6% | 8% |
| SCHOOLS ATTENDED | | | | | | |
| Percentage of students indicating the number of schools they attended from kindergarten to Grade 8 (home-schooling is counted as one school):‡ | | | | | | |
| 0 schools | 2% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| 1 school | 34% | 31% | 36% | 25% | 24% | 26% |
| 2 schools | 29% | 29% | 29% | 28% | 28% | 29% |
| 3 schools | 13% | 14% | 12% | 18% | 19% | 18% |
| 4 schools | 7% | 7% | 6% | 10% | 11% | 9% |
| 5 or more schools | 9% | 10% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 10% |
| LANGUAGES SPOKEN | | | | | | |
| Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following languages at home:‡ | | | | | | |
| Only English/Mostly English | 75% | 72% | 77% | 75% | 74% | 76% |
| Another language (or other languages) as often as English | 13% | 15% | 11% | 13% | 15% | 12% |
| Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages) | 6% | 5% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| Percentage of students indicating the languages people speak to them at home:‡ | | | | | | |
| Only English/Mostly English | 69% | 65% | 72% | 70% | 69% | 71% |
| Another language (or other languages) as often as English | 15% | 19% | 12% | 11% | 12% | 11% |
| Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages) | 7% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 11% | 10% |

* Includes only 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 missing responses.

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| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | All Students (# = 388) | Female* (# = 178) | Male* (# = 210) | All Students (# = 30 066) | Female* (# = 13 280) | Male* (# = 16 786) |
| 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 | 45% | 53% | 39% | 43% | 47% | 40% |
| No | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Don't know | 47% | 40% | 54% | 50% | 47% | 52% |
| Percentage of students indicating they were told how much the assessment will count as part of their class mark:‡ | | | | | | |
| | All Students (# = 175) | Female* (# = 94) | Male* (# = 81) | All Students (# = 12 990) | Female* (# = 6 226) | Male* (# = 6 764) |
| Yes | 87% | 87% | 86% | 88% | 89% | 88% |
| No | 13% | 13% | 14% | 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 (# = 175) | Female* (# = 94) | Male* (# = 81) | All Students (# = 12 990) | Female* (# = 6 226) | Male* (# = 6 764) |
| Yes | 87% | 88% | 85% | 77% | 79% | 76% |
| No | 3% | 1% | 6% | 8% | 6% | 10% |
| Undecided | 10% | 11% | 9% | 14% | 15% | 13% |

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.


† Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses.

‡ 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.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017, Academic Course

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 014)

 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. | 17 | 26 | 56 | 572 |
| I am good at mathematics. | 18 | 26 | 55 | 559 |
| I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions. | 18 | 33 | 47 | 478 |
| Mathematics is one of my favourite subjects. | 40 | 20 | 40 | 402 |
| I understand most of the mathematics I am taught. | 9 | 18 | 72 | 726 |
| Mathematics is an easy subject. | 35 | 37 | 28 | 282 |
| I do my best in mathematics class. | 12 | 14 | 72 | 733 |
| The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life. | 34 | 35 | 30 | 307 |
| The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects. | 21 | 23 | 54 | 552 |
| I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later. | 10 | 25 | 63 | 635 |
| I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school. | 13 | 26 | 59 | 602 |

 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) | | 31 | 43 | 22 | 224 |
| algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials) | 6 | 25 | 39 | 28 | 288 |
| linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit) | 9 | 35 | 39 | 15 | 150 |
| analytic geometry (e.g., slope, y-intercept, equations of lines) | 12 | 29 | 34 | 23 | 235 |
| measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume) | | 16 | 41 | 39 | 395 |
| geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines) | 5 | 25 | 38 | 31 | 312 |

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 014)



| DOING MATHEMATICS | | Percentage of Students* | | | | Number of students who answered "very often" |
|--|--|-------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|--|
| How often do you do the following when studying mathematics or working on a mathematics problem? | | Never or almost never | Sometimes | Often | Very Often | |
| I connect new mathematics concepts to what I already know about mathematics or other subjects. | | 6 | 41 | 40 | 11 | 116 |
| I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense. | | 20 | 47 | 29 | | 298 |
| I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems. | | 24 | 50 | 19 | 4 | 45 |
| I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates. | | 15 | 43 | 30 | 10 | 100 |
| I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems. | | 10 | 42 | 35 | 11 | 114 |
| How often do you complete your mathematics homework? | | Percentage of Students* | | | | Number of students |
| I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework | | | | | | 6 |
| Never or almost never | | 5 | | | | 49 |
| Sometimes | | | 21 | | | 211 |
| Often | | | | 40 | | 407 |
| Always | | | | | 29 | 291 |

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 014)

Never

1 or 2 times a month

1 to 3 times a week

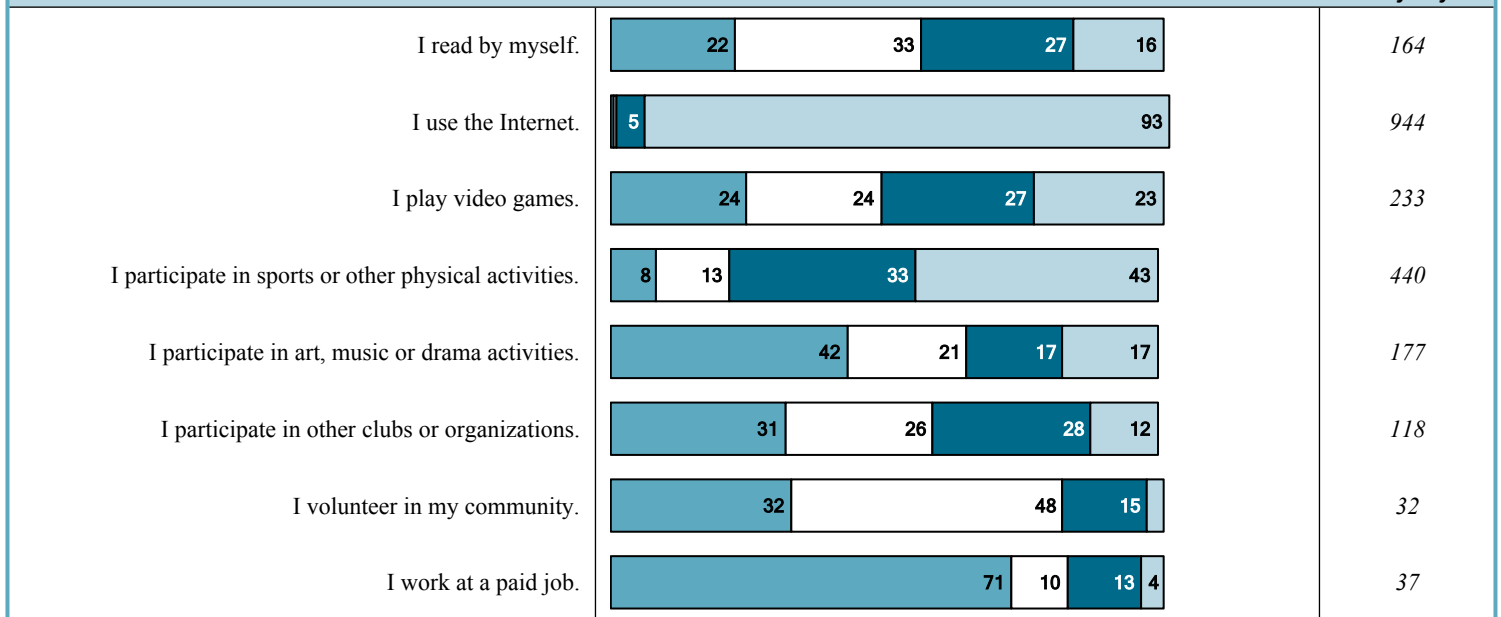
Every day or almost every day

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

How often do you do the following when you are not at school?

Percentage of Students*

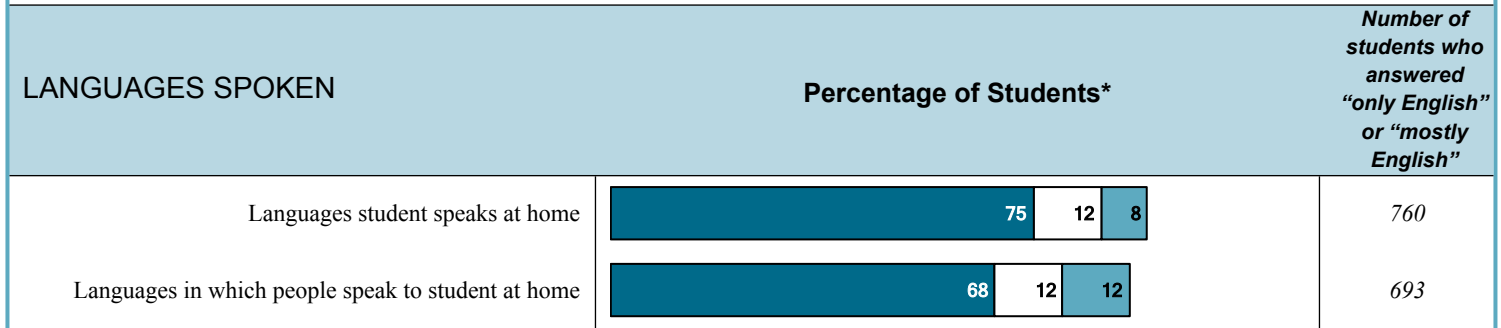
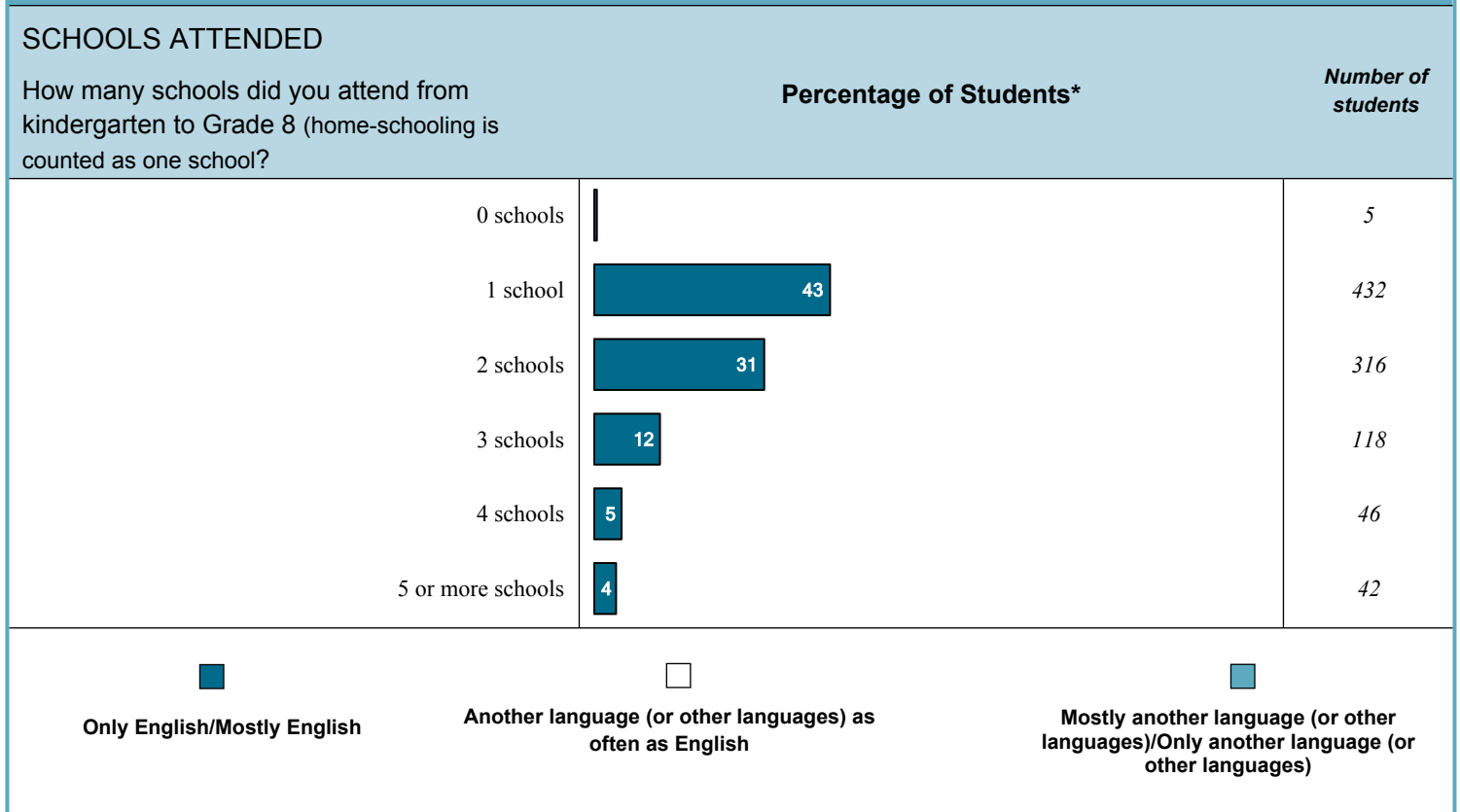
Number of students who answered "every day or almost every day"



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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 014)



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| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 014) | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| 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 |  69 | 704 |
| No |  1 | 1 |
| Don't know |  25 | 250 |
| <i>Total number of students</i> | | 704 |
| 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 |  95 | 667 |
| No |  5 | 35 |
| <i>Total number of students</i> | | 704 |
| 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 |  82 | 576 |
| No |  7 | 49 |
| Undecided |  11 | 77 |

* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses.

† 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.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017, Academic Course

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | All Students (# = 1 014) | Female* (# = 518) | Male* (# = 496) | All Students (# = 89 743) | Female* (# = 46 134) | Male* (# = 43 609) |
| STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MATHEMATICS | | | | | | |
| Percentage of students indicating they "agree" or "strongly agree" with the following statements:† | | | | | | |
| I like mathematics. | 56% | 49% | 64% | 58% | 53% | 63% |
| I am good at mathematics. | 55% | 48% | 63% | 56% | 50% | 61% |
| I am able to answer difficult mathematics questions. | 47% | 36% | 58% | 48% | 40% | 57% |
| Mathematics is one of my favorite subjects. | 40% | 31% | 49% | 41% | 36% | 47% |
| I understand most of the mathematics I am taught. | 72% | 66% | 78% | 75% | 72% | 77% |
| Mathematics is an easy subject. | 28% | 21% | 35% | 29% | 25% | 34% |
| I do my best in mathematics class. | 72% | 73% | 72% | 73% | 76% | 69% |
| The mathematics I learn now is useful for everyday life. | 30% | 24% | 37% | 33% | 29% | 36% |
| The mathematics I learn now helps me do work in other subjects. | 54% | 50% | 59% | 57% | 56% | 59% |
| I need to do well in mathematics to study what I want later. | 63% | 57% | 69% | 64% | 62% | 67% |
| I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school. | 59% | 53% | 66% | 58% | 56% | 61% |
| 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) | 65% | 56% | 75% | 68% | 61% | 74% |
| algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials) | 67% | 64% | 71% | 70% | 69% | 72% |
| linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit) | 54% | 48% | 60% | 60% | 55% | 66% |
| analytic geometry (e.g., slope, y-intercept, equations of lines) | 57% | 53% | 62% | 62% | 59% | 66% |
| measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume) | 80% | 75% | 85% | 78% | 74% | 82% |
| geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines) | 69% | 62% | 76% | 72% | 68% | 76% |

* Includes only 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 (# = 1 014) | Female* (# = 518) | Male* (# = 496) | All Students (# = 89 743) | Female* (# = 46 134) | Male* (# = 43 609) |
| 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% | 11% | 11% | 11% |
| I check my mathematics answers to see if they make sense. | 29% | 32% | 26% | 30% | 33% | 26% |
| I apply new mathematics concepts to real-life problems. | 4% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 6% |
| I take time to discuss my mathematics assignments with my classmates. | 10% | 10% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 10% |
| I look for more than one way to solve mathematics problems. | 11% | 10% | 13% | 12% | 11% | 14% |
| Percentage of students indicating they complete their mathematics homework at the following frequencies:‡ | | | | | | |
| I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework | 1% | <1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Never or almost never | 5% | 3% | 7% | 5% | 3% | 7% |
| Sometimes | 21% | 19% | 23% | 21% | 17% | 26% |
| Often | 40% | 40% | 41% | 36% | 36% | 37% |
| Always | 29% | 32% | 25% | 30% | 36% | 23% |

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.
 † Other response options were “never or almost never”, “sometimes” and “often”.
 ‡ Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2016–2017, Academic Course

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | All Students (# = 1 014) | Female* (# = 518) | Male* (# = 496) | All Students (# = 89 743) | Female* (# = 46 134) | Male* (# = 43 609) |
| 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. | 16% | 23% | 9% | 21% | 27% | 14% |
| I use the Internet. | 93% | 93% | 93% | 90% | 91% | 89% |
| I play video games. | 23% | 6% | 41% | 24% | 7% | 42% |
| I participate in sports or other physical activities. | 43% | 36% | 51% | 42% | 34% | 49% |
| I participate in art, music or drama activities. | 17% | 23% | 12% | 20% | 26% | 14% |
| I participate in other clubs or organizations. | 12% | 10% | 13% | 13% | 11% | 14% |
| I volunteer in my community. | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| I work at a paid job. | 4% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 4% | 4% |
| SCHOOLS ATTENDED | | | | | | |
| Percentage of students indicating the number of schools they attended from kindergarten to Grade 8 (home-schooling is counted as one school):‡ | | | | | | |
| 0 schools | <1% | 1% | <1% | 1% | <1% | 1% |
| 1 school | 43% | 43% | 42% | 26% | 26% | 26% |
| 2 schools | 31% | 30% | 32% | 32% | 32% | 32% |
| 3 schools | 12% | 11% | 12% | 19% | 19% | 19% |
| 4 schools | 5% | 6% | 3% | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| 5 or more schools | 4% | 4% | 4% | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| LANGUAGES SPOKEN | | | | | | |
| Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following languages at home:‡ | | | | | | |
| Only English/Mostly English | 75% | 74% | 76% | 68% | 69% | 68% |
| Another language (or other languages) as often as English | 12% | 13% | 11% | 17% | 17% | 16% |
| Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages) | 8% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 8% | 10% |
| Percentage of students indicating the languages people speak to them at home:‡ | | | | | | |
| Only English/Mostly English | 68% | 68% | 68% | 61% | 61% | 60% |
| Another language (or other languages) as often as English | 12% | 13% | 12% | 15% | 15% | 14% |
| Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages) | 12% | 12% | 11% | 16% | 16% | 17% |

* Includes only 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”.

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| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | All Students (# = 1 014) | Female* (# = 518) | Male* (# = 496) | All Students (# = 89 743) | Female* (# = 46 134) | Male* (# = 43 609) |
| 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 | 69% | 72% | 67% | 68% | 71% | 65% |
| No | <1% | <1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Don't know | 25% | 23% | 26% | 24% | 21% | 27% |
| Percentage of students indicating they were told how much the assessment will count as part of their class mark:‡ | | | | | | |
| | All Students (#=704) | Female* (#=374) | Male* (#=330) | All Students (#=61 236) | Female* (#=32 782) | Male* (#=28 454) |
| Yes | 95% | 95% | 95% | 94% | 94% | 94% |
| No | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 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 (#=704) | Female* (#=374) | Male* (#=330) | All Students (#=61 236) | Female* (#=32 782) | Male* (#=28 454) |
| Yes | 82% | 82% | 82% | 79% | 81% | 77% |
| No | 7% | 6% | 8% | 9% | 7% | 12% |
| Undecided | 11% | 11% | 10% | 11% | 12% | 11% |

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

† Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to missing responses.

‡ 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

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|---|--|
| 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 special 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 (fewer than six in a group) is so small 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. |
| EC | Due to exceptional circumstances in 2015, provincial data are unavailable to report provincial results. |
| NP | Non-participating indicates that due to exceptional circumstances, some or all of the school’s or board’s students did not participate. |