

Student Questionnaire: Applied Program–All Students School Results

School: Don Bosco Catholic SS (703184)

Board: Toronto Catholic District School Board (67059)

Attitudes Toward Mathematics

Number of Respondents	School ¹		Board ¹		Province ¹	
	#	% ²	#	% ²	#	% ²
	103		1 956		42 804	
	#	% ²	#	% ²	#	% ²
1. Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.						
a. I like mathematics.						
Strongly agree or agree	30	29%	715	37%	14 741	34%
Undecided	26	25%	535	27%	11 898	28%
Disagree or strongly disagree	47	46%	696	36%	16 003	37%
no response/ambiguous response	0	0%	10	1%	162	<1%
b. I am good at mathematics.						
Strongly agree or agree	26	25%	588	30%	14 399	34%
Undecided	33	32%	743	38%	14 833	35%
Disagree or strongly disagree	44	43%	611	31%	13 331	31%
no response/ambiguous response	0	0%	14	1%	241	1%
c. I understand most of the mathematics I am taught.						
Strongly agree or agree	53	51%	1 184	61%	26 300	61%
Undecided	31	30%	516	26%	10 509	25%
Disagree or strongly disagree	19	18%	239	12%	5 715	13%
no response/ambiguous response	0	0%	17	1%	280	1%
d. The mathematics I learn now is very useful for everyday life.						
Strongly agree or agree	43	42%	947	48%	16 942	40%
Undecided	35	34%	571	29%	13 501	32%
Disagree or strongly disagree	25	24%	418	21%	12 057	28%
no response/ambiguous response	0	0%	20	1%	304	1%

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e. I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school.						
Strongly agree or agree	42	41%	865	44%	18 328	43%
Undecided	37	36%	649	33%	14 484	34%
Disagree or strongly disagree	22	21%	420	21%	9 687	23%
no response/ambiguous response	2	2%	22	1%	305	1%
f. Mathematics is boring.						
Strongly agree or agree	49	48%	695	36%	18 231	43%
Undecided	22	21%	555	28%	11 198	26%
Disagree or strongly disagree	30	29%	676	35%	12 958	30%
no response/ambiguous response	2	2%	30	2%	417	1%
g. Mathematics is an easy subject.						
Strongly agree or agree	12	12%	342	17%	9 251	22%
Undecided	27	26%	580	30%	12 717	30%
Disagree or strongly disagree	63	61%	1 010	52%	20 458	48%
no response/ambiguous response	1	1%	24	1%	378	1%

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2. Indicate how easy or hard you find mathematics questions that deal with the following.						
a. Number sense (e.g., operations with integers, rational numbers, exponents)						
Very easy or easy	51	50%	957	49%	19 826	46%
Undecided	34	33%	617	32%	14 121	33%
Hard or very hard	16	16%	350	18%	8 367	20%
no response/ambiguous response	2	2%	32	2%	490	1%
b. Algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials)						
Very easy or easy	41	40%	798	41%	18 119	42%
Undecided	28	27%	569	29%	11 696	27%
Hard or very hard	33	32%	555	28%	12 526	29%
no response/ambiguous response	1	1%	34	2%	463	1%
c. Linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit)						
Very easy or easy	65	63%	1 196	61%	25 907	61%
Undecided	20	19%	476	24%	10 403	24%
Hard or very hard	16	16%	249	13%	5 977	14%
no response/ambiguous response	2	2%	35	2%	517	1%
d. Measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume)						
Very easy or easy	49	48%	1 200	61%	27 490	64%
Undecided	30	29%	448	23%	9 307	22%
Hard or very hard	22	21%	270	14%	5 421	13%
no response/ambiguous response	2	2%	38	2%	586	1%
e. Geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines, quadrilaterals)						
Very easy or easy	34	33%	733	37%	17 887	42%
Undecided	36	35%	663	34%	13 608	32%
Hard or very hard	30	29%	519	27%	10 733	25%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	41	2%	576	1%

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3a. Do you have a computer <i>at home</i> that you use for mathematics school work?						
Yes	43	42%	814	42%	18 064	42%
No	57	55%	1 116	57%	24 253	57%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	26	1%	487	1%
b. Do you have a scientific calculator <i>at home</i> that you use for mathematics school work?						
Yes	74	72%	1 514	77%	30 948	72%
No	26	25%	422	22%	11 372	27%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	20	1%	484	1%
c. Do you have a graphing calculator <i>at home</i> that you use for mathematics school work?						
Yes	12	12%	250	13%	3 551	8%
No	88	85%	1 675	86%	38 669	90%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	31	2%	584	1%
4a. How much time to you <i>usually</i> spend on mathematics homework (in or out of school) on any given day?						
I usually spend <i>more than 45 minutes</i> on mathematics homework.	13	13%	332	17%	5 266	12%
I usually spend <i>between 31 and 45 minutes</i> on mathematics homework.	24	23%	577	29%	9 518	22%
I usually spend <i>30 minutes or less</i> on mathematics homework.	50	49%	862	44%	19 777	46%
I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework.	13	13%	152	8%	7 534	18%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	33	2%	709	2%
b. How often do you complete all of your mathematics homework?						
Never or seldom	14	14%	273	14%	6 843	16%
Sometimes	45	44%	721	37%	13 239	31%
Often or always	40	39%	927	47%	22 057	52%
no response/ambiguous response	4	4%	35	2%	665	2%

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	103		1 956		42 804	
	#	% ²	#	% ²	#	% ²
5. What languages do you speak at home?						
Only or mostly English	60	58%	1 126	58%	34 972	82%
Another language (or languages) as often as English	24	23%	481	25%	4 482	10%
Mostly or only another language (or other languages)	16	16%	321	16%	2 714	6%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	28	1%	636	1%
6. How old are you?						
13 years or younger	0	0%	10	1%	235	1%
14 years	59	57%	1 069	55%	22 967	54%
15 years	36	35%	709	36%	15 510	36%
16 years or older	5	5%	134	7%	3 399	8%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	34	2%	693	2%
7. How often have you been absent from your Grade 9 mathematics class this year?						
Never	10	10%	301	15%	4 653	11%
One to four times	46	45%	913	47%	20 555	48%
Five to nine times	26	25%	412	21%	9 938	23%
10 or more times	18	17%	296	15%	6 942	16%
no response/ambiguous response	3	3%	34	2%	716	2%
8. How often have you been late for your Grade 9 mathematics class this year?						
Never	28	27%	660	34%	13 291	31%
One to four times	29	28%	701	36%	16 699	39%
Five to nine times	23	22%	268	14%	6 410	15%
10 or more times	18	17%	287	15%	5 659	13%
no response/ambiguous response	5	5%	40	2%	745	2%

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	#	% ²	#	% ²	#	% ²
9. How many elementary schools (kindergarten to Grade 8) did you attend?						
One school	33	32%	699	36%	11 235	26%
Two schools	37	36%	653	33%	13 593	32%
Three schools	15	15%	291	15%	8 197	19%
Four schools	3	3%	145	7%	4 278	10%
Five schools or more	11	11%	124	6%	4 764	11%
no response/ambiguous response	4	4%	44	2%	737	2%

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Student Questionnaire: Applied Program–By Gender

Attitudes Toward Mathematics

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	103		1 956		42 804	
	Female 43 % ²	Male 60 % ²	Female 908 % ²	Male 1 048 % ²	Female 19 453 % ²	Male 23 351 % ²
1. Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.						
a. I like mathematics.						
Strongly agree or agree	16%	38%	30%	42%	28%	40%
Undecided	26%	25%	28%	26%	28%	27%
Disagree or strongly disagree	58%	37%	41%	31%	43%	32%
no response/ambiguous response	0%	0%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
b. I am good at mathematics.						
Strongly agree or agree	16%	32%	23%	36%	25%	41%
Undecided	23%	38%	39%	37%	35%	34%
Disagree or strongly disagree	60%	30%	37%	27%	39%	24%
no response/ambiguous response	0%	0%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
c. I understand most of the mathematics I am taught.						
Strongly agree or agree	44%	57%	59%	62%	57%	65%
Undecided	33%	28%	27%	26%	27%	23%
Disagree or strongly disagree	23%	15%	14%	11%	16%	11%
no response/ambiguous response	0%	0%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
d. The mathematics I learn now is very useful for everyday life.						
Strongly agree or agree	30%	50%	47%	50%	36%	42%
Undecided	47%	25%	32%	27%	34%	30%
Disagree or strongly disagree	23%	25%	21%	22%	29%	27%
no response/ambiguous response	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
e. I need to keep taking mathematics for the kind of job I want after I leave school.						
Strongly agree or agree	30%	48%	42%	46%	38%	46%
Undecided	33%	38%	33%	33%	35%	33%
Disagree or strongly disagree	35%	12%	24%	19%	26%	20%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

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	Female 43 % ²	Male 60 % ²	Female 908 % ²	Male 1 048 % ²	Female 19 453 % ²	Male 23 351 % ²
f. Mathematics is boring.						
Strongly agree or agree	53%	43%	37%	34%	44%	41%
Undecided	16%	25%	27%	30%	26%	26%
Disagree or strongly disagree	28%	30%	35%	34%	30%	31%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
g. Mathematics is an easy subject.						
Strongly agree or agree	12%	12%	14%	21%	16%	26%
Undecided	21%	30%	28%	31%	28%	31%
Disagree or strongly disagree	65%	58%	58%	46%	55%	42%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%

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2. Indicate how easy or hard you find mathematics questions that deal with the following.						
a. Number sense (e.g., operations with integers, rational numbers, exponents)						
Very easy or easy	51%	48%	47%	50%	43%	49%
Undecided	21%	42%	30%	33%	33%	33%
Hard or very hard	23%	10%	21%	16%	23%	17%
no response/ambiguous response	5%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
b. Algebra (e.g., solving equations, simplifying expressions with polynomials)						
Very easy or easy	33%	45%	41%	41%	43%	42%
Undecided	28%	27%	29%	29%	26%	29%
Hard or very hard	37%	28%	29%	28%	31%	28%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%
c. Linear relations (e.g., scatter plots, lines of best fit)						
Very easy or easy	53%	70%	61%	61%	59%	61%
Undecided	16%	22%	24%	25%	24%	24%
Hard or very hard	28%	7%	13%	12%	15%	13%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
d. Measurement (e.g., perimeter, area, volume)						
Very easy or easy	44%	50%	61%	62%	63%	65%
Undecided	26%	32%	22%	23%	22%	21%
Hard or very hard	26%	18%	15%	13%	14%	12%
no response/ambiguous response	5%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
e. Geometry (e.g., angles, parallel lines, quadrilaterals)						
Very easy or easy	35%	32%	36%	39%	37%	46%
Undecided	35%	35%	32%	35%	32%	31%
Hard or very hard	23%	33%	30%	24%	30%	21%
no response/ambiguous response	7%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%

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3a. Do you have a computer <i>at home</i> that you use for mathematics school work?						
Yes	49%	37%	43%	40%	43%	42%
No	49%	60%	55%	59%	56%	57%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
b. Do you have a scientific calculator <i>at home</i> that you use for mathematics school work?						
Yes	79%	67%	81%	74%	76%	70%
No	19%	30%	18%	25%	23%	29%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%
c. Do you have a graphing calculator <i>at home</i> that you use for mathematics school work?						
Yes	7%	15%	12%	14%	7%	9%
No	91%	82%	87%	85%	91%	89%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%
4a. How much time to you <i>usually</i> spend on mathematics homework (in or out of school) on any given day?						
I usually spend <i>more than 45 minutes</i> on mathematics homework.	7%	17%	19%	16%	13%	11%
I usually spend <i>between 31 and 45 minutes</i> on mathematics homework.	28%	20%	34%	25%	25%	20%
I usually spend <i>30 minutes or less</i> on mathematics homework.	47%	50%	39%	48%	45%	47%
I am not usually assigned any mathematics homework.	16%	10%	7%	9%	15%	19%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%
b. How often do you complete all of your mathematics homework?						
Never or seldom	12%	15%	10%	17%	13%	18%
Sometimes	49%	40%	35%	38%	31%	31%
Often or always	37%	40%	53%	42%	55%	49%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%	2%

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5. What languages do you speak at home?						
Only or mostly English	53%	62%	57%	58%	82%	81%
Another language (or languages) as often as English	33%	17%	26%	23%	11%	10%
Mostly or only another language (or other languages)	12%	18%	16%	17%	5%	7%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%
6. How old are you?						
13 years or younger	0%	0%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
14 years	56%	58%	56%	54%	56%	52%
15 years	42%	30%	36%	37%	35%	37%
16 years or older	0%	8%	7%	7%	7%	9%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%
7. How often have you been absent from your Grade 9 mathematics class this year?						
Never	9%	10%	14%	17%	9%	13%
One to four times	37%	50%	47%	46%	48%	48%
Five to nine times	30%	22%	20%	22%	24%	22%
10 or more times	21%	15%	18%	13%	17%	15%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%
8. How often have you been late for your Grade 9 mathematics class this year?						
Never	23%	30%	34%	33%	31%	31%
One to four times	35%	23%	38%	34%	40%	38%
Five to nine times	21%	23%	13%	14%	15%	15%
10 or more times	19%	17%	13%	16%	13%	14%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	7%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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9. How many elementary schools (kindergarten to Grade 8) did you attend?						
One school	21%	40%	34%	38%	25%	27%
Two schools	47%	28%	34%	33%	32%	31%
Three schools	14%	15%	16%	14%	19%	19%
Four schools	2%	3%	8%	7%	10%	10%
Five schools or more	14%	8%	6%	6%	12%	11%
no response/ambiguous response	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%

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