TIMSS Science 2015 8th Grade

Exhibit 10.2: Students' Views on Engaging Teaching in

Science Lessons

Reported by Students

The general/integrated science panel summarizes responses for countries where students are enrolled in science as a single subject. The following panels for biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science summarize responses for countries where students are taught science as separate subjects.

For general/integrated science, students were scored according to their degree of agreement with ten statements on the *Students' Views on Engaging Teaching in Science Lessons* scale. Students who experienced **Very Engaging Teaching** in science lessons had a score on the scale of at least 10.2, which corresponds to their "agreeing a lot" with five of the ten statements and "agreeing a little" with the other five, on average. Students who experienced teaching that was **Less than Engaging** had a score no higher than 8.1, which corresponds to their "disagreeing a little" with five of the ten statements and "agreeing a little" with the other five, on average. All other students experienced **Engaging Teaching** in science lessons. For biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science, a comparable procedure was used.

Engaging Teaching in General/Integrated Science

General/Integrated Science	Very Engaging Teaching		_	Engaging Teaching		Less than Engaging Teaching		
Country	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Scale Score	
Jordan	71 (1.2)	439 (3.4)	21 (0.8)	412 (3.9)	7 (0.6)	398 (8.0)	11.1 (0.05)	
Egypt	69 (1.2)	390 (4.1)	24 (0.9)	343 (5.8)	7 (0.5)	331 (7.5)	10.9 (0.05)	
Turkey	67 (1.4)	505 (3.7)	25 (0.9)	475 (6.6)	8 (0.8)	464 (6.3)	10.7 (0.06)	
Oman	65 (1.0)	468 (2.8)	28 (0.9)	439 (3.2)	7 (0.5)	422 (6.3)	10.7 (0.04)	
Kuwait	63 (1.3)	419 (5.5)	27 (0.9)	405 (6.7)	10 (1.0)	385 (9.4)	10.6 (0.06)	
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	61 (1.3)	461 (4.4)	29 (0.9)	450 (4.5)	10 (0.7)	452 (7.3)	10.6 (0.06)	
South Africa (9)	59 (1.2)	365 (5.3)	32 (0.8)	350 (6.8)	9 (0.6)	365 (9.3)	10.5 (0.04)	
Saudi Arabia	57 (1.7)	411 (5.0)	30 (1.1)	389 (5.6)	13 (1.1)	370 (8.7)	10.4 (0.08)	
Botswana (9)	56 (1.3)	415 (2.6)	32 (0.9)	370 (4.1)	11 (0.7)	383 (7.7)	10.4 (0.06)	
Bahrain	54 (1.1)	482 (2.5)	31 (0.7)	457 (4.0)	15 (0.8)	441 (6.4)	10.3 (0.05)	
Chile	51 (1.7)	460 (3.7)	34 (1.0)	451 (3.7)	15 (1.0)	446 (4.6)	10.2 (0.07)	
United States	51 (1.0)	539 (2.9)	32 (0.7)	529 (3.2)	17 (0.9)	515 (4.5)	10.2 (0.05)	
Thailand	50 (1.2)	461 (4.1)	42 (0.9)	452 (4.8)	8 (0.6)	451 (8.2)	10.2 (0.04)	
Qatar	49 (1.3)	478 (3.8)	33 (0.9)	454 (4.0)	18 (1.0)	418 (5.1)	10.1 (0.06)	
Malaysia	49 (1.4)	489 (3.5)	42 (1.0)	467 (4.8)	9 (0.8)	408 (10.4)	10.2 (0.05)	
United Arab Emirates	47 (1.0)	495 (3.0)	38 (0.7)	469 (2.9)	15 (0.6)	451 (4.2)	10.1 (0.04)	
Canada	45 (1.5)	535 (2.5)	39 (0.8)	525 (2.6)	16 (1.2)	518 (4.1)	10.0 (0.07)	
Israel	45 (1.3)	517 (4.5)	31 (0.8)	512 (4.5)	23 (1.1)	489 (5.2)	9.8 (0.07)	
Ireland	45 (1.4)	545 (2.9)	34 (0.9)	535 (3.3)	21 (1.3)	509 (4.6)	9.8 (0.07)	
New Zealand	42 (1.4)	527 (3.5)	40 (0.8)	509 (3.6)	18 (0.9)	492 (5.4)	9.9 (0.06)	
Australia	38 (1.3)	534 (2.9)	39 (0.9)	507 (2.9)	22 (1.0)	490 (4.9)	9.6 (0.06)	
England	38 (1.3)	545 (4.1)	42 (0.8)	540 (4.3)	20 (1.1)	522 (5.9)	9.7 (0.06)	
Italy	37 (1.5)	500 (3.0)	44 (0.9)	501 (2.9)	18 (1.1)	495 (4.4)	9.6 (0.06)	
Singapore	35 (0.9)	606 (4.1)	52 (0.7)	595 (3.3)	13 (0.8)	578 (5.2)	9.8 (0.04)	
Norway (9)	35 (1.6)	521 (3.5)	43 (1.2)	509 (3.4)	23 (1.6)	495 (4.4)	9.5 (0.08)	
Hong Kong SAR	34 (1.5)	557 (3.9)	48 (0.9)	545 (4.4)	17 (1.3)	526 (7.2)	9.6 (0.08)	
Chinese Taipei	21 (1.0)	591 (3.4)	48 (1.0)	573 (2.6)	31 (1.3)	549 (3.1)	9.0 (0.05)	
Japan	11 (0.7)	592 (3.6)	46 (1.4)	581 (2.2)	43 (1.7)	555 (2.4)	8.4 (0.05)	
Korea, Rep. of	10 (0.6)	604 (5.0)	47 (1.2)	567 (2.3)	43 (1.5)	533 (2.8)	8.4 (0.05)	
International Avg.	47 (0.2)	498 (0.7)	36 (0.2)	480 (0.8)	17 (0.2)	464 (1.2)		
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Dubai, UAE	50 (1.3)	535 (2.8)	36 (1.1)	519 (3.5)	14 (0.5)	507 (4.9)	10.2 (0.05)	
Florida, US	50 (2.3)	521 (6.5)	31 (1.4)	503 (6.9)	19 (1.6)	495 (8.5)	10.2 (0.10)	
Buenos Aires, Argentina	49 (1.6)	391 (5.5)	33 (1.0)	392 (5.3)	18 (1.3)	384 (6.9)	10.0 (0.08)	
Ontario, Canada	49 (1.8)	532 (2.9)	35 (1.0)	520 (2.7)	17 (1.6)	517 (5.2)	10.1 (0.09)	
Abu Dhabi, UAE	45 (2.3)	473 (7.8)	39 (1.3)	447 (4.9)	16 (1.5)	434 (8.8)	10.0 (0.10)	
Norway (8)	44 (1.3)	497 (2.9)	40 (1.0)	487 (2.8)	16 (1.0)	479 (4.2)	9.9 (0.05)	
Quebec, Canada	38 (2.3)	541 (4.3)	47 (1.3)	531 (4.5)	15 (1.9)	522 (7.4)	9.8 (0.10)	

This TIMSS questionnaire scale was established in 2015 based on the combined response distribution of all countries that participated in TIMSS 2015. To provide a point of reference for country comparisons, the scale centerpoint of 10 was located at the mean of the combined distribution. The units of the scale were chosen so that 2 scale score points corresponded to the standard deviation of the distribution.



⁽⁾ Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because of rounding some results may appear inconsistent.

A dash (–) indicates comparable data are not available.

An "r" indicates data are available for at least 70% but less than 85% of the students.



Exhibit 10.2: Students' Views on Engaging Teaching in Science Lessons (Continued)

How much do you agree with these statements about your < science/biology/chemistry/physics/earth science> lessons?								
	Agr a lo		Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot			
1) I know what my teacher expects me	to do				_			
2) My teacher is easy to understand	·····			_0				
3) I am interested in what my teacher sa	ays		_0_					
4) My teacher gives me interesting thin	gs to do							
5) My teacher has clear answers to my c	juestions 🔘							
6) My teacher is good at explaining <sci< td=""><td>ence></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></sci<>	ence>							
7) My teacher lets me show what I have	learned							
8) My teacher does a variety of things to us learn	o help				_0			
9) My teacher tells me how to do better I make a mistake	when		_0_	_0	_0			
10) My teacher listens to what I have to	say		_0_		_0			
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	Integrated Science	10.2	8.1					
	For Biology For Chemistry	10.0	7.7 8.1					
	For Physics	10.3	8.1					
	For Earth Science	10.2	8.0					

Separate Science Panels

Engaging Teaching in Biology

Biology	_	ngaging ching	_	aging ching	Less than Engaging Teaching		Average	
Country	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Scale Score	
Morocco	65 (1.3)	399 (2.6)	26 (0.9)	387 (3.8)	9 (0.7)	395 (4.7)	10.5 (0.06)	
Lebanon	65 (1.5)	417 (5.0)	25 (1.2)	389 (7.2)	10 (0.8)	371 (10.6)	10.7 (0.07)	
Georgia	60 (1.2)	457 (3.2)	35 (1.0)	434 (4.3)	4 (0.5)	416 (9.8)	10.7 (0.05)	
Malta	59 (1.4)	548 (3.0)	27 (1.3)	518 (5.8)	13 (1.0)	490 (7.2)	10.3 (0.06)	
Russian Federation	53 (1.6)	547 (4.6)	39 (1.3)	543 (4.7)	8 (0.7)	539 (5.9)	10.2 (0.06)	
Kazakhstan	53 (1.7)	543 (4.7)	44 (1.5)	524 (5.5)	3 (0.5)	516 (10.1)	10.4 (0.07)	
Hungary	45 (1.4)	533 (4.2)	42 (1.1)	520 (3.9)	13 (1.0)	535 (7.7)	9.8 (0.06)	
Lithuania	41 (1.5)	516 (4.0)	42 (1.0)	519 (2.7)	17 (1.4)	529 (5.5)	9.5 (0.08)	
Sweden	30 (1.5)	534 (4.9)	49 (1.2)	527 (3.8)	21 (1.6)	513 (4.8)	9.1 (0.07)	
Slovenia	25 (1.4)	555 (3.5)	54 (1.1)	551 (2.8)	21 (1.6)	551 (3.4)	9.0 (0.08)	
International Avg.	50 (0.5)	505 (1.3)	38 (0.4)	491 (1.5)	12 (0.3)	485 (2.3)		

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study – TIMSS 2015



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Exhibit 10.2: Students' Views on Engaging Teaching in Science Lessons (Continued)

Engaging Teaching in Chemistry

Chemistry		·	ngaging ching	Engaging Less than Teaching Engaging Teaching			Average	
Country		Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Scale Score
Lebanon		66 (1.7)	415 (4.7)	22 (1.1)	380 (8.1)	12 (1.2)	377 (11.8)	10.8 (0.09)
Morocco		60 (1.2)	401 (3.0)	29 (0.9)	389 (3.5)	11 (0.6)	389 (4.5)	10.5 (0.05)
Malta	r	55 (1.6)	578 (3.6)	29 (1.5)	558 (6.0)	16 (1.2)	542 (8.5)	10.4 (0.07)
Georgia		54 (1.5)	459 (3.7)	36 (1.3)	436 (4.0)	10 (0.9)	420 (6.4)	10.5 (0.06)
Russian Federation		50 (2.0)	552 (4.5)	36 (1.1)	541 (4.9)	14 (1.4)	527 (5.3)	10.2 (0.09)
Kazakhstan		49 (1.4)	547 (5.1)	46 (1.2)	523 (5.2)	5 (0.5)	514 (7.8)	10.4 (0.05)
Lithuania		41 (1.8)	525 (3.3)	36 (1.0)	512 (2.9)	23 (1.8)	520 (6.3)	9.7 (0.10)
Hungary		32 (1.4)	534 (5.3)	42 (1.1)	522 (3.9)	27 (1.4)	530 (4.6)	9.3 (0.07)
Sweden		27 (1.6)	536 (5.1)	49 (1.1)	529 (3.7)	23 (1.6)	513 (4.8)	9.3 (0.07)
Slovenia		26 (1.2)	570 (3.6)	52 (1.1)	551 (2.8)	22 (1.3)	534 (3.7)	9.3 (0.06)
International Avg.		46 (0.5)	512 (1.3)	38 (0.4)	494 (1.5)	16 (0.4)	487 (2.1)	

Engaging Teaching in Physics

Physics		ngaging ching	_	aging ching	Less than Engaging Teaching		Average	
Country	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Scale Score	
Lebanon	64 (1.6)	416 (4.7)	23 (0.9)	384 (7.3)	13 (1.2)	386 (12.0)	10.7 (0.08)	
Morocco	61 (1.2)	402 (2.5)	29 (0.8)	385 (3.8)	11 (0.6)	395 (4.7)	10.6 (0.05)	
Malta	51 (1.0)	513 (2.4)	32 (0.9)	487 (3.8)	17 (0.7)	454 (4.7)	10.2 (0.04)	
Georgia	51 (1.3)	458 (3.2)	37 (0.9)	436 (4.9)	13 (1.3)	438 (5.7)	10.4 (0.07)	
Russian Federation	49 (1.4)	553 (4.7)	39 (0.9)	541 (4.5)	12 (1.0)	524 (5.1)	10.3 (0.07)	
Kazakhstan	48 (1.5)	548 (4.9)	48 (1.5)	523 (5.3)	5 (0.5)	518 (7.5)	10.4 (0.05)	
Lithuania	36 (1.8)	530 (4.7)	39 (1.0)	513 (3.3)	25 (1.9)	512 (4.6)	9.6 (0.10)	
Hungary	36 (1.6)	538 (4.5)	42 (1.1)	520 (4.1)	22 (1.4)	527 (5.4)	9.6 (0.07)	
Sweden	28 (1.5)	535 (5.2)	49 (1.1)	529 (3.6)	23 (1.5)	513 (5.5)	9.4 (0.07)	
Slovenia	21 (1.1)	568 (4.3)	51 (1.0)	549 (2.9)	28 (1.6)	544 (3.3)	9.0 (0.07)	
International Avg.	44 (0.5)	506 (1.3)	39 (0.3)	487 (1.4)	17 (0.4)	481 (2.0)		

Engaging Teaching in Earth Science

Earth Science	, , , , ,		aging Less than Ching Engaging Teaching			Average	
Country	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Percent of Students	Average Achievement	Scale Score
Morocco	61 (1.2)	400 (2.9)	30 (0.9)	388 (3.2)	10 (0.8)	393 (4.9)	10.5 (0.05)
Georgia	58 (1.2)	455 (3.6)	35 (1.1)	439 (3.9)	7 (0.5)	408 (9.1)	10.6 (0.05)
Kazakhstan	49 (1.4)	544 (4.7)	47 (1.3)	525 (5.7)	4 (0.4)	532 (11.2)	10.5 (0.05)
Russian Federation	48 (1.7)	546 (4.8)	40 (1.1)	546 (4.7)	12 (1.2)	536 (6.1)	10.2 (0.08)
Lithuania	46 (1.6)	526 (4.2)	37 (1.1)	513 (3.0)	17 (1.4)	516 (4.5)	9.9 (0.08)
Malta	36 (0.9)	492 (3.9)	37 (0.8)	477 (3.5)	27 (0.9)	465 (3.9)	9.4 (0.05)
Hungary	36 (1.6)	532 (4.8)	43 (1.0)	523 (4.0)	21 (1.6)	531 (5.2)	9.5 (0.08)
Slovenia	26 (1.4)	555 (4.1)	53 (1.0)	552 (2.7)	21 (1.6)	546 (3.3)	9.2 (0.08)
Lebanon							
Sweden							
International Avg.	45 (0.5)	506 (1.5)	40 (0.4)	496 (1.4)	15 (0.4)	491 (2.3)	