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Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	174	22,289	165	22,070	182	22,356	183	23,444	180	24,585

*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	15.5	20.2	17.6	20.9	22.5	22.0	21.9	22.2	27.8	22.4
Acceptable Standard (%)	98.3	94.8	95.2	94.9	99.5	94.8	98.4	94.5	99.4	94.8
Average (%)	69.1	68.3	68.2	68.5	72.0	68.8	71.2	68.8	72.2	68.9
Standard Deviation (%)	10.1	12.2	11.6	12.3	9.8	12.4	10.3	12.6	9.9	12.4

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	16.7 =	16.3 +	15.8 =	14.1	14.8 =	14.1 -	11.5 =	12.9 -	12.2 =	16.2 +
Acceptable Standard (%)	96.6 +	91.5 +	89.1 =	87.8 +	92.9 +	87.6 ~	86.3 =	85.7 +	87.2 =	89.2 +
Average (%)	67.9	66.6	65.8	64.6	65.3	64.5	63.7	63.6	65.8	65.6
Standard Deviation(%)	11.0	12.7	12.6	13.1	12.2	13.2	12.5	13.3	12.0	13.2

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	14.4	16.3	13.9	14.7	15.9	15.6	13.7	14.6	15.0	16.7
Acceptable Standard (%)	100.0	97.0	97.0	96.4	98.4	96.2	98.9	95.8	98.9	96.8
Average (%)	68.8	67.9	67.2	67.0	68.9	67.1	67.7	66.6	69.2	67.7
Standard Deviation (%)	9.8	11.2	10.9	11.4	10.0	11.4	10.4	11.5	9.8	11.4

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students completing the course	171	17,489	163	17,800	181	18,967	189	19,507	169	20,410
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	54.3	56.5	49.4	55.4	53.7	54.4	52.8	54.8	49.3	54.7

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Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	97	11,800	121	12,659	114	12,288	129	12,874	125	13,345

*School-Awarded Marks*

Standard of Excellence (%)	7.2	6.3	3.3	6.6	4.4	6.2	3.1	5.7	2.4	6.5
Acceptable Standard (06)	88.7	87.1	92.6	87.2	91.2	87.1	82.9	86.9	92.8	87.6
Average (06)	61.8	61.3	62.7	61.4	63.9	61.1	59.4	61.0	62.2	61.4
Standard Deviation (96)	11.7	12.0	10.6	12.0	10.2	11.9	11.5	11.9	9.2	12.0

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	5.2	7.0	7.4	7.2	2.6	7.7	3.1	9.0	4.0	8.0
Acceptable Standard (%)	82.5 =	86.2 +	89.3 =	86.4 +	86.0 =	87.5 +	80.6 =	86.4 +	83.2 =	87.9+
Average (%)	62.8	62.9	63.6	62.8	61.7	63.5	60.6	63.5	60.7	63.4
Standard Deviation (%)	11.2	11.9	10.9	11.8	11.4	11.7	12.0	12.1	10.6	11.7

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	3.1	4.7	3.3	4.4	0.9	4.5	0.8	4.5	4.0	4.4
Acceptable Standard (06)	93.8	93.1	98.3	93.3	93.9	93.9	93.0	93.3	92.8	94.0
Average (%)	62.7	62.7	63.5	62.7	63.1	62.9	60.3	62.8	61.7	62.9
Standard Deviation (%)	10.0	10.2	9.0	10.1	9.2	9.9	8.8	10.0	8.7	9.8

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students completing the course	100	8,698	117	9,354	111	10,020	127	10,318	125	10,756
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	31.7	28.1	35.5	29.1	32.9	28.8	35.5	29.0	36.4	28.8

Social Studies 30  
Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 -1999/2000

1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov

<i>Number of Students</i>	171	19,567	170	19,146	155	19,050	179	19,489	170	20,269
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*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	19.3	22.5	21.8	22.8	21.3	24.0	21.8	24.3	28.8	25.2
Acceptable Standard (%)	97.7	95.6	97.6	96.1	98.1	96.4	98.3	96.3	98.2	96.6
Average (%)	68.8	68.8	69.5	69.1	70.5	69.5	70.4	69.8	72.2	70.1
Standard Deviation (%)	10.4	12.2	11.2	12.1	10.2	12.0	10.9	12.0	10.4	12.0

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	11.7 =	17.8 +	11.8 =	15.7 +	9.0 -	16.5 -	12.8 =	17.6 +	15.9 =	16.1 +
Acceptable Standard (%)	73.7 -	84.2 -	74.7 -	83.6 -	82.6 =	83.7 -	83.8 =	85.2 =	82.4 =	84.0 -
Average (%)	60.4	65.0	61.1	64.1	61.7	64.4	64.0	65.3	63.9	64.4
Standard Deviation(%)	14.7	14.7	15.3	14.3	12.7	14.4	14.5	14.3	14.5	14.4

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	13.5	18.7	14.7	17.5	9.7	18.3	17.9	19.2	15.9	18.4
Acceptable Standard (%)	95.9	94.2	95.9	94.9	98.1	95.2	95.0	95.7	97.6	95.6
Average (%)	64.9	67.3	65.6	67.0	66.3	67.3	67.5	67.8	68.3	67.5
Standard Deviation (%)	11.7	12.6	12.2	12.2	10.4	12.3	11.8	12.2	11.5	12.2

*Five-year Diploma Exam Participation Rate*

Third year high school students completing the course	176	16,387	160	16,444	161	17,203	180	17,489	161	18,071
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	55.9	53.0	48.5	51.2	47.8	49.4	50.3	49.1	46.9	48.4

Social Studies 33  
Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000

1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov

<i>Number of Students</i>	103	11,931	137	13,076	134	13,472	136	14,184	132	15,188
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*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	3.9	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.2	6.5	5.1	7.2	7.6	7.8
Acceptable Standard (%)	90.3	87.1	84.7	87.9	86.6	89.0	88.2	88.9	90.9	90.0
Average (%)	61.6	60.6	60.8	61.1	62.2	61.8	61.2	62.0	63.6	62.6
Standard Deviation (%)	10.9	11.3	11.7	11.4	12.0	11.5	10.2	11.7	11.0	11.6

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	4.9 -	7.9 -	4.4 -	6.8 -	4.5 -	9.4 -	2.9 -	10.6 -	8.3 -	12.5 -
Acceptable Standard (%)	77.7 =	83.0 -	83.9 =	80.8 -	74.6 -	83.6 -	74.3 -	83.2 -	72.0 -	81.0 -
Average (%)	39.7	62.1	61.0	61.1	58.0	62.6	58.2	62.8	59.0	62.8
Standard Deviation(%)	11.9	13.0	11.5	13.0	12.5	13.1	13.3	13.5	13.7	14.4

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	3.9	4.2	2.9	4.2	5.2	5.5	1.5	6.2	4.5	7.3
Acceptable Standard (%)	89.3	91.0	92.7	90.6	88.8	91.8	86.8	91.6	90.2	91.2
Average (%)	60.9	61.8	61.3	61.5	60.3	62.6	60.1	62.7	61.5	63.1
Standard Deviation (%)	10.0	10.6	9.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	9.7	11.0	10.8	11.4

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students completing the course	103	9,674	122	10,586	132	11,653	139	12,106	130	13,049
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	32.7	31.3	37.0	32.9	39.2	33.5	38.8	34.0	37.9	35.0

Mathematics 30  
Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 -1999/2000

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	134	18,401	115	18,063	127	18,363	136	19,166	111	19,104

*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	23.1	26.1	21.7	26.5	22.0	27.3	21.3	28.2	24.3	27.7
Acceptable Standard (%)	86.6	91.5	90.4	92.5	94.5	92.5	93.4	92.9	96.4	92.4
Average (%)	66.5	68.5	67.2	68.9	69.1	69.3	68.3	69.6	68.9	69.2
Standard Deviation (%)	14.3	14.4	14.0	14.2	13.0	14.3	12.9	14.3	13.1	14.5

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	11.2 =	18.9 +	15.7 =	18.8 +	14.2 =	23.2 -	14.0 =	24.0 +	17.1 =	19.9 +
Acceptable Standard (%)	55.2 -	74.0 -	73.0 -	74.6	79.5 =	81.8 -	78.7 =	81.6 -	69.4 -	74.7 -
Average (%)	54.3	61.7	60.0	62.0	63.0	65.6	62.1	65.8	60.8	62.6
Standard Deviation (%)	18.5	18.2	18.2	17.9	15.2	16.9	15.0	17.1	16.8	18.1

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	13.4	20.9	15.7	20.8	17.3	24.0	16.2	24.4	21.6	21.7
Acceptable Standard (%)	79.1	87.3	85.2	88.0	93.7	91.1	91.2	91.5	90.1	88.3
Average (%)	60.6	65.5	63.9	65.8	66.3	67.7	65.4	68.1	65.1	66.2
Standard Deviation (%)	15.8	15.5	15.5	15.2	13.5	14.7	13.5	14.8	14.4	15.4

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students completing the course	131	13,667	109	13,733	126	14,456	124	15,117	123	15,779
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	41.6	44.2	33.0	42.7	37.4	41.5	34.6	42.5	35.9	42.3

Mathematics 33  
Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	79	10,419	115	11,334	107	11,583	118	11,950	103	12,026

*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	10.1	12.3	20.9	13.6	11.2	14.7	22.0	13.7	15.5	14.7
Acceptable Standard (%)	89.9	83.9	90.4	84.5	89.7	85.4	94.1	86.2	90.3	86.6
Average (%)	61.9	62.2	66.4	62.6	64.4	63.3	67.4	63.3	65.4	63.5
Standard Deviation (%)	12.4	14.0	13.8	14.1	12.6	14.2	13.6	13.9	12.9	14.0

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	6.3 -	19.1 +	20.0 =	17.8 +	9.3 =	11.5 -	15.3 =	11.8 -	10.7 =	14.5 =
Acceptable Standard (%)	65.8 -	79.0 -	86.1 =	81.2 -	71.0 -	73.4 -	77.1 =	72.5 -	76.7 =	78.3 -
Average (%)	57.4	63.4	65.1	63.7	58.5	59.6	61.1	59.3	61.7	61.9
Standard Deviation (%)	14.1	16.5	14.3	15.7	15.4	15.9	15.6	16.3	15.0	15.6

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	8.9	13.8	17.4	13.7	9.3	11.1	16.9	11.1	8.7	12.5
Acceptable Standard (%)	86.1	86.1	92.2	87.2	86.0	84.0	89.0	83.9	88.3	86.9
Average (%)	60.1	63.4	66.0	63.7	61.8	61.9	64.6	61.7	63.8	63.2
Standard Deviation (%)	12.0	14.0	13.2	13.8	12.8	13.9	13.7	13.9	12.8	13.6

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students	97	7,948	99	8,551	117	9,392	112	9,341	112	9,878
Number of third year students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	30.8	25.7	30.0	26.6	34.7	27.0	31.3	26.2	32.7	26.5

**Biology 30**  
**Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000**

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	148	17,122	128	16,944	149	16,341	123	16,317	146	17,112
<i>School-Awarded Mark</i>										
Standard of Excellence (%)	18.2	26.3	24.2	26.2	22.1	27.4	26.8	29.1	28.1	30.8
Acceptable Standard (%)	92.6	93.4	92.2	93.6	94.0	94.1	87.0	94.1	91.1	94.3
Average (%)	67.0	69.2	70.0	69.3	68.2	69.6	68.5	70.2	69.4	70.6
Standard Deviation (%)	12.3	13.4	13.8	13.3	12.1	13.4	14.8	13.4	14.3	13.6
<i>Diploma Examination Mark</i>										
Standard of Excellence (%)	10.8 =	18.1 +	20.3 =	24.6 +	16.1 =	24.9 +	22.8 +	25.9 +	17.1 =	23.2 +
Acceptable Standard (%)	63.5 -	77.0 -	81.3 =	81.8 -	73.2 -	80.6 -	73.2 -	83.1 -	70.5 -	81.1 -
Average (%)	57.5	62.8	65.9	66.0	61.5	65.7	64.1	66.6	61.2	65.4
Standard Deviation(%)	15.4	16.6	17.1	16.9	17.2	17.4	17.3	16.9	16.9	16.6
<i>Final Course Mark</i>										
Standard of Excellence (%)	8.8	20.6	21.9	24.3	16.1	25.1	23.6	26.2	19.2	25.3
Acceptable Standard (%)	87.2	90.2	92.2	91.7	88.6	91.1	86.2	92.1	87.7	91.9
Average (%)	62.5	66.4	68.3	68.0	65.1	68.0	66.5	68.8	65.5	68.4
Standard Deviation (%)	12.9	14.2	14.8	14.3	13.8	14.6	15.5	14.3	15.0	14.3
<i>Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000</i>										
Third year high school students completing the course	137	13,387	132	13,353	132	13,961	135	13,675	131	14,130
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	43.5	43.3	40.0	41.6	39.2	40.1	37.7	38.4	38.2	37.9

**Chemistry 30**  
**Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000**

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	135	15,161	100	14,900	120	15,052	125	15,456	153	15,965
<i>School-Awarded Mark</i>										
Standard of Excellence (%)	25.9	27.5	37.0	27.0	31.7	26.4	33.6	27.0	27.5	29.1
Acceptable Standard (%)	97.0	93.0	94.0	92.8	95.0	92.8	93.6	93.4	94.1	93.7
Average (%)	69.6	69.5	71.4	69.2	71.8	69.2	71.7	69.5	70.2	70.1
Standard Deviation (1/σ)	12.4	13.8	14.7	13.8	13.1	13.7	13.8	13.6	13.9	13.7
<i>Diploma Examination Mark</i>										
Standard of Excellence (%)	16.3 =	18.0 +	27.0 +	17.6 +	13.3 =	19.9 +	18.4 =	18.7 +	20.3 =	24.2 +
Acceptable Standard (%)	83.0 =	81.4 -	85.0 =	79.0 -	85.8 =	86.0 +	82.4 =	82.1 -	83.0 =	84.2 -
Average (%)	63.6	64.1	67.8	63.2	63.7	65.9	64.8	64.3	63.9	66.4
Standard Deviation(%)	14.9	15.9	14.7	16.2	14.0	14.9	15.6	15.8	15.0	16.1
<i>Final Course Mark</i>										
Standard of Excellence (%)	21.5	21.0	30.0	20.3	19.2	21.7	20.8	20.3	21.6	25.1
Acceptable Standard (%)	94.1	91.1	96.0	90.4	95.0	93.0	92.0	92.0	93.5	92.8
Average (%)	66.8	67.2	69.9	66.6	68.0	68.0	68.5	67.3	67.3	68.6
Standard Deviation (%)	12.7	14.0	13.9	14.2	12.9	13.5	14.0	13.8	13.9	14.1
<i>Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000</i>										
Third year high school students completing the course	124	12,019	114	12,094	124	12,685	131	12,999	136	13,365
Number of third year of high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	39.4	38.9	34.5	37.6	36.8	36.4	36.6	36.5	39.7	35.8

Physics 30  
Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 -1999/2000

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	52	8,023	55	8,369	81	8,726	86	9,217	68	9,504

*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	34.6	34.1	36.4	32.4	24.7	33.1	33.7	34.4	26.5	33.6
Acceptable Standard (%)	98.1	95.2	90.9	95.1	96.3	95.0	97.7	95.4	94.1	95.2
Average (%)	71.8	72.0	71.4	71.8	71.6	71.8	72.0	72.1	70.7	71.9
Standard Deviation (%)	12.4	13.5	15.2	13.4	12.7	13.6	11.9	13.5	13.1	13.6

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	25.0 =	25.8 +	18.2 =	22.8 +	14.8 =	29.5 +	23.3 +	31.5 +	23.5 +	27.9 +
Acceptable Standard (%)	82.7 =	79.6 -	81.8 =	80.1 -	75.3 =	85.8 =	87.2 =	86.8 +	77.9 =	82.8 -
Average (%)	65.8	65.4	65.5	64.7	63.6	68.4	68.1	69.2	63.5	67.1
Standard Deviation(%)	14.9	17.9	16.3	17.1	16.1	16.6	14.4	16.7	20.2	17.5

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	21.2	27.1	27.3	24.7	17.3	29.7	27.9	31.3	23.5	29.0
Acceptable Standard (%)	96.2	91.9	90.9	92.3	93.8	93.7	97.7	94.1	85.3	92.5
Average (%)	69.0	69.0	68.7	68.6	67.8	70.5	70.3	71.0	67.3	69.8
Standard Deviation (%)	12.9	14.7	15.2	14.2	13.6	14.2	12.4	14.2	16.0	14.7

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students completing the course	50	6,558	49	6,884	87	7,631	77	7,840	78	8,167
Number of third year high school students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	15.9	21.2	14.8	21.4	25.8	21.9	21.5	22.0	22.7	21.9

Science 30  
Five-year Diploma Examination Results: 1995/1996 - 1999/2000

	1995/1996		1996/1997		1997/1998		1998/1999		1999/2000	
	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov	PWSB	Prov
<i>Number of Students</i>	12	986	12	1,067	N/A	1,193	5	1,851	2	2,622

*School-Awarded Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	8.3	8.2	0.0	7.1	N/A	9.6	0.0	9.4	50.0	12.4
Acceptable Standard (%)	75.0	87.0	100.0	87.0	N/A	89.5	80.0	89.2	100.0	91.4
Average (%)	60.2	62.5	63.7	61.5	N/A	63.1	60.0	63.0	72.5	64.6
Standard Deviation (%)	14.7	12.4	6.4	11.7	N/A	11.5	12.5	12.1	13.4	12.0

*Diploma Examination Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	8.3	10.4 -	0.0 =	10.0 -	N/A	11.4-	20.0	16.9 +	50.0	11.4 -
Acceptable Standard (%)	66.7	79.4 -	75.0 =	81.3 -	N/A	83.0 =	80.0	88.3 +	100.0	78.0 -
Average (%)	57.8	61.4	59.7	61.9	N/A	62.8	64.4	65.9	76.0	61.4
Standard Deviation (%)	11.7	14.0	9.9	13.8	N/A	13.3	13.5	13.5	18.4	14.7

*Final Course Mark*

Standard of Excellence (%)	8.3	7.9	0.0	6.7	N/A	8.8	0.0	11.1	50.0	9.6
Acceptable Standard (%)	75.0	90.1	100.0	89.8	N/A	92.1	100.0	92.8	100.0	90.9
Average (%)	59.3	62.3	62.0	62.1	N/A	63.4	62.4	64.8	74.5	63.3
Standard Deviation (%)	12.3	11.8	7.8	11.4	N/A	11.3	10.9	11.7	16.3 ~	12.0

*Five-year Diploma Examination Participation: 1995/1996 -1999/2000*

Third year high school students	10	865	7	904	5	1,103	5	1,633	2	2,387
Number of third year students	315	30,929	330	32,137	337	34,834	358	35,608	343	37,300
Participation rate (%)	3.2	2.8	2.1	2.8	1.5	3.2	1.4	4.6	0.6	6.4

### **Explanation of Statistics**

The statistics for each reported year are based only on the results of students who wrote diploma examinations in that year who had a school mark at the same sitting. Students writing an examination in a particular course more than once in a year are reported in all schools and authorities for which there is a valid school-awarded mark and examination mark. When reporting students with multiple writings in the same school or authority and at the provincial level, the results for the administration with the highest final mark is reported. Since summer school students are often from outside of the area from which the school normally draws its students, three reports are produced: one for all students who attended the school (summer and regular school); one for students who attended-during the regular school year (excluding summer school results); and one for students who attended summer school. Students writing French translations of the examinations are included in these statistics.

The percentage of students meeting the standard is significantly above (+), not significantly different from (=), or significantly below (-) the expectation for the province. A difference is reported as significant when there is a 5% or smaller probability that a difference of that size could occur by chance. The fewer the number of students, the larger the difference must be from the expectation before it is considered significant. Significance is not calculated for fewer than 6 students.

### **Participation Rate**

- The participation rate reflects the percentage of students enrolled in their third year of high school in the province on September 30th of the reported school year who completed the course by August 31 of the reported school year. Students may have completed the course in the reported year or an earlier school year.
- Regardless of how many times they complete the course, students are only counted as a participant once.
- The participation rates have been calculated using a new method for determining a student's Grade 10 year. (See "Guidelines for Interpreting and Using the Results of the Diploma Examinations - Multi-year Reports" for details.)

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