Civic Participation at School

and

School-based Community Participation

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Introduction

The idea of civic and citizenship education underpinning ICCS recognizes that civic and citizenship knowledge, dispositions to engage and attitudes related to civic and citizenship education are linked to the variety of contexts where students live, including family background, classrooms, schools, and the wider community (Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Losito, Kerr, 2008; Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Kerr, Losito, 2010). Particular importance is given to the actual opportunities students have to actively participate in school life and in the community where the school is located.

The first part of this paper will provide a general overview of how schools in the countries participating in ICCS enhance and support student civic participation, both within the school and in the local communities where schools are located.

It also illustrates if and how schools encourage participation of teachers, parents and students in the running of the school and the extent to which they can be considered as "democratic learning environment" open to student participation both at a school and at a classroom level.

Furthermore, it attempts to clarify the role of school and teachers in student participation in civic related activities in the local community, providing an overview of the differences existing across the 38 countries participating in ICCS.

In the second part, we will be presenting a selection of analyses aiming at exploring these results in depth, investigating the relationships between the openness of schools to students' participation and civic engagement at school and in the wider community.

We drew on data from ICCS student, teacher, and school questionnaire to perform these analyses.

1. Students' civic participation at school

Among the research questions that guided the ICCS study, two questions refer to student participation and the role of schools in fostering said participation.

The first one is related to the factors that may affect "the interest and disposition to engage in public and political life among adolescents", both at a school level and at a classroom level.

The second one, referring to "what aspects of schools and education systems are related to knowledge about, and attitudes to, civics and citizenship", made explicit reference to "aspects of school organization, including opportunities to contribute to conflict resolution, participate in governance processes, and be involved in decision-making".

A number of the questions included in the student, teacher and school questionnaires had the objective of helping to gather the information which could help to answer these research questions.

In the ICCS questionnaires (student, school, and teacher questionnaires) constructs and variables that previous studies and researches showed as having, in broad terms, an impact on student learning were included (Scheerens 1990; Hanushek, 1994; Schereens, Glas, Thomas, 2003; Birzea et al., 2004; Cox et al., 2005; Reezigt & Creemers, 2005), and more specifically on civic and citizenship education (Torney, Oppenheim, & Farnen, 1975; Torney-Purta, Lehmann, Oswald, and Schulz 2001; Amadeo, Torney-Purta, Lehmann, Husfeldt, e Nikolova's 2002).

In particular, it was taken into consideration both the way in which a school enables and supports students' active participation - as well as teachers' and parents' participation - in decision-making process at school and classroom levels and the quality of the relationships within the school itself (between teachers and students and among students).

Several studies show that what students experience daily at school, and the quality of relationships inside school itself may influence student knowledge and attitudes (Dürr, 2004).

The establishment and experience of relationships and behaviors based on openness and mutual respect, active contributions to school decision-making and participation in formal or informal governance processes provide student with an opportunity to practice a democratic lifestyle (Reilly, Niens, & McLaughlin, 2005; Homana, Barber, & Torney-Purta, 2006).

The ICCS report also pointed out that previous studies had provided some evidence that more open and democratic forms of school governance may contribute to higher levels of political efficacy among students (Mosher, Kenny & Garrod, 1994; Pasek, Feldman, Romer & Jamieson, 2008).

The ICCS Student Questionnaire included a question that required students to report whether they had participated in any of the civic related activities "within the last 12 months", "more than one year ago", or "never". Among the activities listed in this questions:voluntary participation in school-based music or drama activities outside regular lessons; active participation in a debate; voting for class representative or school parliament; taking part in decision-making about how the school is run; taking part in discussions at a student assembly; becoming a candidate for class representative or school parliament. Table 10 shows the percentages of students who said they had participated in each of these activities in the past.

Country	Voluntary school-bas activities o	y participa ed music outside of lessons	ation in or drama f regular	part	Active icipatior debate	n in a	Voti repr	ing for cla esentative school arliament	ass e or	Tal c ma scl	king par lecision king ab how the hool is r	t in - out un	Tal diso a a	ting par cussion studen ssembl	tin sat t	Becc cand c represe school	oming a idate fo lass entative parliam	r or ent	part an	No icipation y of the activities	n in se
Austria	52	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	25	(1.1)	▼	81	(0.9)	Δ	30	(1.2)	▼	38	(1.1)	∇	57	. (1.1)		8	(0.7)	
Belgium (Flemish) †	47	(1.8)	•	31	(1.2)	▼	68	(2.0)	\bigtriangledown	36	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown	24	(0.9)	▼	34	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	16	(1.2)	\bigtriangleup
Bulgaria	66	(1.2)	\bigtriangleup	52	(1.4)	\bigtriangleup	52	(1.9)	▼	31	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	40	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	34	(1.1)	\bigtriangledown	12	(0.9)	\triangle
Chile	70	(1.0)	\triangle	49	(1.7)	\bigtriangleup	89	(0.7)	▲	39	(1.1)		35	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	47	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	3	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown
Chinese Taipei	56	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	17	(0.8)	▼	67	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	43	(0.7)	\bigtriangleup	84	(0.7)		32	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	7	(0.4)	
Colombia	71	(0.9)		49	(1.3)	\triangle	90	(0.5)		57	(0.9)		41	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	44	(0.8)	\bigtriangleup	3	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown
Cyprus	69	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	55	(0.9)		71	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	35	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	39	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	67	(1.0)	▲	9	(0.5)	\triangle
Czech Republic †	52	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	54	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	74	(1.9)		21	(0.9)	▼	29	(0.9)	▼	31	(1.0)	▼	9	(0.8)	\triangle
Denmark †	43	(1.4)	▼	57	(1.2)		73	(1.1)	\bigtriangledown	44	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	20	(0.8)	▼	49	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	9	(0.6)	\triangle
Dominican Republic	62	(1.3)		66	(1.5)		61	(1.5)	▼	59	(1.1)		49	(1.2)	\triangle	58	(1.2)		6	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown
England ‡	62	(1.3)		48	(1.5)	\bigtriangleup	79	(1.2)	\triangle	55	(1.5)		37	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	40	(1.2)		8	(0.6)	
Estonia	73	(1.2)		36	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	75	(1.8)		24	(1.2)	▼	25	(1.3)	▼	32	(1.5)	▼	7	(0.6)	
Finland	61	(1.2)		59	(1.2)		83	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	15	(0.7)	▼	23	(1.0)	▼	35	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	6	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown
Greece	61	(1.4)		40	(1.1)	\bigtriangledown	85	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	57	(1.1)		74	(1.4)	▲	68	(1.5)	▲	4	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown
Guatemala ¹	76	(1.0)		56	(2.0)	▲	94	(0.8)	▲	63	(1.0)		51	(1.2)	\triangle	56	(1.2)	▲	1	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown
Indonesia	55	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	41	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	72	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	57	(1.3)		85	(1.0)	▲	26	(1.0)	▼	3	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown
Ireland	58	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	66	(1.3)	▲	76	(2.2)		38	(1.3)		28	(1.1)	▼	25	(0.9)	▼	6	(0.7)	
Italy	67	(1.1)	\triangle	50	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	49	(2.3)	▼	34	(1.5)	\bigtriangledown	24	(1.5)	▼	21	(1.3)	▼	8	(0.6)	
Korea, Republic of ¹	23	(0.7)	▼	33	(0.9)	▼	76	(0.7)		33	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	26	(0.6)	▼	33	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	18	(0.6)	▲
Latvia	77	(1.2)		55	(1.6)	▲	67	(2.5)	\bigtriangledown	31	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown	31	(1.5)	▼	39	(1.6)		6	(0.6)	
Liechtenstein	48	(2.9)	▼	54	(2.6)	\triangle	74	(2.5)		27	(2.6)	▼	42	(2.5)		49	(2.5)	\bigtriangleup	8	(1.4)	
Lithuania	63	(1.1)	\bigtriangleup	23	(0.9)	▼	84	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	35	(1.1)	\bigtriangledown	38	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	30	(1.1)	▼	6	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown
Luxembourg	46	(0.7)	▼	19	(0.6)	▼	63	(0.8)	▼	25	(0.6)	▼	31	(0.7)	▼	36	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	17	(0.8)	▲
Malta	70	(1.3)	\triangle	30	(1.1)	▼	62	(1.2)	▼	29	(1.0)	▼	*			24	(0.9)	▼	12	(0.9)	\triangle
Mexico	59	(0.8)		48	(1.1)	\bigtriangleup	74	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	54	(0.9)	▲	41	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	36	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	8	(0.4)	
New Zealand †	64	(1.2)	\triangle	42	(1.4)		75	(1.4)		48	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	43	(1.1)		38	(1.1)	\bigtriangledown	10	(0.7)	\triangle
Norway †	61	(1.3)		62	(1.3)		90	(0.8)	▲	58	(1.6)	▲	52	(1.3)	\triangle	62	(1.0)	▲	4	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown
Paraguay ¹	73	(0.9)		39	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown	87	(1.0)	▲	56	(1.2)		54	(1.4)	▲	58	(1.3)	▲	3	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown
Poland	60	(1.3)		32	(1.2)	▼	95	(0.5)	▲	57	(1.1)		67	(1.1)	▲	59	(0.9)	▲	2	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown

Table 1Percentage of students' reported participation in different civic
activities at school

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Russian Federation	67	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	34	(1.2)	▼	76	(1.4)		32	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	45	(1.1)		28	(1.1)	▼	8	(0.6)	
Slovak Republic ²	60	(1.2)		49	(1.5)	\bigtriangleup	73	(2.3)		28	(1.2)	▼	81	(1.0)	A	43	(1.5)		5	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown
Slovenia	65	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	41	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	84	(0.8)	\bigtriangleup	28	(1.2)	▼	35	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	59	(1.1)		6	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown
Spain	65	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	50	(1.5)	\bigtriangleup	87	(1.0)		48	(1.2)	\bigtriangleup	38	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown	55	(1.2)		4	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown
Sweden	59	(1.4)		42	(1.6)		85	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	54	(1.1)		53	(1.1)	\bigtriangleup	40	(1.0)		6	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown
Switzerland †	56	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown	56	(1.5)		60	(2.0)	▼	28	(1.3)	▼	40	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	34	(1.4)	\bigtriangledown	9	(0.8)	\bigtriangleup
Thailand †	64	(1.1)	\bigtriangleup	36	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown	79	(0.9)	\triangle	46	(1.1)	\triangle	52	(1.1)	\triangle	36	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	6	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown
ICCS average	61	(0.2)		44	(0.2)		76	(0.2)		40	(0.2)		43	(0.2)		42	(0.2)		7	(0.1)	
Countries not meeting sampling	ng re	quirements																			
Hong Kong SAR	70	(1.4)		35	(1.3)		74	(1.5)		28	(1.3)		34	(1.2)		32	(1.3)		10	(0.8)	
Netherlands	47	(2.1)		20	(2.8)		52	(4.5)		27	(2.5)		11	(0.9)		22	(2.5)		24	(2.7)	

National percentage

more than 10 percentage\ points above ICCS average	A
significantly above ICCS average	Δ
significantly below ICCS average	\bigtriangledown
more than 10 percentage points below ICCS average	•

* Data not available.

() Standard errors appear in parentheses.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Source: ICCS International report

These results indicate that only 7.6 percent of students said they had not participated in any of these activities. On average, 76 percent of students reported having voted for class representative or school parliament. Lower percentages of students became candidate for class representative or school parliament. Only in Austria, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Greece, Guatemala, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Slovenia, and Spain these percentages were higher than 50 percent.

61 percent of students reported voluntary participation in school-based music or drama activities outside regular lessons. Lower percentages of students reported ever having been involved in any of the other activities listed in the question (less than 50%).

However, there are differences between countries. In Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Latvia Liechtenstein, Norway, Spain, and Switzerland the percentages of students that reported having been actively involved in debates are equal to or above 50 percent. We have the same figures in the percentages of students that reported participation in discussions at student assemblies in Chile, Greece, Guatemala, Indonesia, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, and Switzerland. Only in eleven countries (Colombia, Dominican Republic, England, Greece, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, and Sweden), majorities of students said that they had taken part in decision-making about how their school was run.

ICCS also used the following five items to measure students' perceptions of the value of student participation at school ("strongly agree", "agree", "disagree", "strongly disagree") :

- Lots of positive changes can happen in schools when students work together
- Organizing groups of students to express their opinions could help solve problems in schools
- Students can have more influence on what happens in schools if they act together rather than alone
- Student participation in how schools are run can make schools better
- All schools should have a school parliament

Table 2 shows the average scale scores across countries.

Table 2National averages for students' perceptions
of the value of participation at school
overall and by gender

Perceptions of the value of participation at school by gender

Δ11	students	Females				Males	Diffe (ma	rences Iles -
<u> </u>	students	_	1 01	laico		Males	Term	103)
46	(0.2)	•	46	(0.3)	45	(0.3)	-1	(0.4)
50	(0.2)		50	(0.3)	50	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
49	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	50	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	-2	(0.4)
56	(0.2)		57	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	-2	(0.3)
51	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	51	(0.3)	51	(0.3)	0	(0.4)
54	(0.2)		54	(0.2)	54	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
51	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	53	(0.3)	48	(0.3)	-5	(0.4)
47	(0.2)	▼	48	(0.2)	46	(0.3)	-1	(0.3)
50	(0.2)		50	(0.2)	50	(0.3)	0	(0.4)
54	(0.3)		55	(0.3)	54	(0.3)	-1	(0.4)
48	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	49	(0.4)	47	(0.3)	-1	(0.5)
50	(0.3)		52	(0.4)	48	(0.3)	-4	(0.4)
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Finland	50	(0.2)		51	(0.2)	48	(0.3)	-3	(0.3)
Greece	53	(0.3)	\triangle	54	(0.3)	51	(0.4)	-3	(0.4)
Guatemala ¹	56	(0.2)	A	56	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	-1	(0.4)
Indonesia	52	(0.2)	\triangle	52	(0.3)	51	(0.2)	-1	(0.3)
Ireland	51	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	53	(0.3)	50	(0.3)	-3	(0.4)
Italy	49	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	50	(0.2)	49	(0.2)	-1	(0.3)
Korea, Republic of ¹	46	(0.2)	▼	47	(0.2)	45	(0.3)	-2	(0.4)
Latvia	48	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	50	(0.3)	47	(0.3)	-3	(0.4)
Liechtenstein	47	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	48	(0.7)	47	(0.8)	-1	(0.9)
Lithuania	48	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	49	(0.2)	46	(0.3)	-2	(0.3)
Luxembourg	47	(0.2)	•	48	(0.2)	46	(0.3)	-2	(0.4)
Malta	51	(0.3)	\triangle	52	(0.5)	50	(0.3)	-2	(0.6)
Mexico	51	(0.2)	\triangle	52	(0.2)	50	(0.2)	-2	(0.3)
New Zealand †	48	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	50	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	-3	(0.5)
Norway †	52	(0.2)	\triangle	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	-1	(0.4)
Paraguay ¹	54	(0.2)		54	(0.3)	53	(0.3)	-1	(0.3)
Poland	51	(0.3)	\triangle	52	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	-3	(0.4)
Russian Federation	50	(0.3)		51	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	-2	(0.4)
Slovak Republic ²	47	(0.2)	•	47	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	-1	(0.4)
Slovenia	50	(0.3)		51	(0.3)	49	(0.4)	-3	(0.4)
Spain	51	(0.2)	\triangle	52	(0.3)	50	(0.3)	-2	(0.4)
Sweden	49	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	50	(0.3)	48	(0.3)	-2	(0.4)
Switzerland †	46	(0.3)	•	47	(0.4)	46	(0.4)	-1	(0.4)
Thailand †	51	(0.2)	Δ	52	(0.2)	50	(0.3)	-2	(0.3)
ICCS average	50	(0.0)		51	(0.1)	49	(0.1)	-4	(0.1)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Hong Kong SAR	48	(0.3)	48	(0.4)	48	(0.4)	0	(0.6)
Netherlands	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.7)	1	(0.7)

National average

more than 3 score points above ICCS average	
significantly above ICCS average	\bigtriangleup
significantly below ICCS average	\bigtriangledown
more than 3 score points below ICCS average	▼

 * Statistically significant (p<.05) gender differences in **bold**.

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

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² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Source: ICCS International report

The highest country averages were found in Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Paraguay. In Austria, Czech Republic, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Slovak Republic and Switzerland the national averages were more than 3 score points below ICCS average. In most countries females tended to agree more than males that participation at school is valuable. This result is similar to that of CIVED.

Students were also asked to rate the extent to which their opinions were taken into consideration when it was needed to make decisions about the school and if and the extent to which they considered important their taking part in the decision-making about how their school was run. Students were also asked about the extent ("to a large extent", "to a moderate extent", "to a small extent", "not at all") to which their opinion was taken into account when decisions were made about the following issues: what is taught in classes, teaching and learning materials, the timetable, classroom rules, school rules.

Table 3 shows the average scale scores across countries.

Table 3National scale score averages for
student perceptions of influence on
decisions about school overall and by
gender

Country	All	students		Fe	males	N	lales	D	ifferences (males - řemales)*
Austria	47	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	48	(0.3)	47	(0.3)	- 1	(0.3)
Belgium (Flemish) †	48	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	47	(0.3)	48	(0.4)	1	(0.4)
Bulgaria	50	(0.3)		49	(0.4)	50	(0.5)	1	(0.5)
Chile	53	(0.2)		53	(0.3)	54	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
Chinese Taipei	52	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	52	(0.2)	52	(0.2)	1	(0.2)
Colombia	56	(0.2)		56	(0.2)	56	(0.2)	0	(0.2)
Cyprus	49	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	49	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	1	(0.4)
Czech Republic †	46	(0.2)	▼	46	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	0	(0.4)
Denmark †	45	(0.2)	▼	45	(0.2)	45	(0.2)	0	(0.2)
Dominican Republic	58	(0.2)		58	(0.3)	59	(0.2)	1	(0.3)
England ‡	46	(0.3)	▼	45	(0.3)	46	(0.4)	1	(0.4)
Estonia	47	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	46	(0.3)	48	(0.3)	2	(0.4)
Finland	46	(0.2)	▼	45	(0.2)	47	(0.2)	2	(0.3)
Greece	47	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	47	(0.3)	48	(0.4)	1	(0.4)
Guatemala ¹	57	(0.3)	A	57	(0.4)	57	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
Indonesia	59	(0.3)		60	(0.3)	59	(0.3)	1	(0.3)
Ireland	44	(0.3)	•	44	(0.4)	44	(0.5)	0	(0.6)
Italy	51	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	51	(0.3)	51	(0.2)	1	(0.3)
Korea, Republic of ¹	43	(0.2)	▼	43	(0.2)	44	(0.2)	1	(0.3)
Latvia	49	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	49	(0.4)	49	(0.3)	0	(0.5)
Liechtenstein	46	(0.4)	▼	45	(0.5)	46	(0.7)	0	(0.8)
Lithuania	52	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	51	(0.3)	53	(0.3)	2	(0.4)
Luxembourg	50	(0.1)	\bigtriangledown	50	(0.2)	50	(0.2)	0	(0.3)
Malta	51	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	50	(0.3)	51	(0.4)	1	(0.5)
Mexico	55	(0.1)		55	(0.2)	55	(0.2)	0	(0.2)

ICCS average	50	(0.0)		50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	1	(0.1)
Thailand †	58	(0.1)		59	(0.2)	58	(0.2)	0	(0.2)
Switzerland †	46	(0.3)	•	46	(0.3)	46	(0.4)	0	(0.4)
Sweden	49	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	49	(0.2)	50	(0.2)	0	(0.3)
Spain	48	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	48	(0.4)	48	(0.4)	0	(0.4)
Slovenia	47	(0.3)	▼	46	(0.3)	47	(0.3)	2	(0.4)
Slovak Republic ²	49	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	48	(0.3)	50	(0.4)	1	(0.4)
Russian Federation	57	(0.4)		56	(0.5)	57	(0.4)	1	(0.4)
Poland	45	(0.2)	•	45	(0.3)	45	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
Paraguay ¹	55	(0.2)		55	(0.3)	56	(0.3)	1	(0.4)
Norway †	52	(0.2)	\bigtriangleup	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
New Zealand †	47	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	47	(0.3)	48	(0.4)	1	(0.4)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Hong Kong SAR	52	(0.2)	52	(0.2)	52	(0.3)	0	(0.3)
Netherlands	49	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	49	(0.5)	1	(0.5)

National average
more than 3 score points above ICCS average

significantly above ICCS average
significantly below ICCS average
more than 3 score points below ICCS average

* Statistically significant (p<.05) gender differences in **bold**.

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

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‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired

Population.

Source: ICCS International report

The highest country averages were found in Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Paraguay, Russian Federation, and Thailand. The average scale scores for the Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Poland, Slovenia, and Switzerland were three or more points lower than the ICCS average.

A similar set of items was included in the Teacher Questionnaire¹. The highest country averages were found in Colombia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Paraguay, Poland and Thailand whereas in Chile, Cyprus, Finland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Malta, the Slovak Republic, and Spain the national averages were more than 3 score points below ICCS average.

The above findings show the presence of significant differences across the ICCS countries. Data on student perceptions of their capacity to engage in decisions about school and on the importance they give to participation at school seem to show higher self-confidence in a number

¹ The four-item scale proved to have a reliability coefficient (Cronbach Alpha) of 0.76. Here are the four items: teaching/learning materials, timetable, classroom rules, school rules.

of Latin American countries (Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Paraguay). In two of them (Colombia and Paraguay) student and teacher perception were found to be consistent.

2. Students' participation in civic related activities in the community

ICCS investigated the extent to which students were engaged in civic related activities in the local community. The assumption was that the involvement in these activities may be seen not only as an indicator of civic engagement, but also as a resource for future engagement because of its "social network" facility – accordingly with Putnam theory of social capital (Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Kerr, Losito, 2010). Students were asked to to state whether they had participated in the following organizations or activities ("within the last 12 months," "more than a year ago," or "never"): political youth organizations; environmental organizations; human rights organizations based on ethnicity; groups campaigning for an issue.

Table 4 shows the percentages of students who reported they participated in these groups or organisations.

Table 4	Percentage of students' reported participation in different civic activities outside of														of s	choo								
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Country	Y orga affiliat politica	Youth organisation affiliated with a political party or union organisation organisation organisation union organisation organisation union organisation organisation union organisation organisation union organisation organisation organisation union organisation organisation organisation union organisation organisati														f le for	None acti	of the	se					
Austria	11	(0.6)		19	(0.9)	▼	13	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	35	(1.2)		51	(1.6)		14	(0.8)		33	(1.0)	\triangle	30	(1.3)	\bigtriangledown
Belgium (Flemish) †	5	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown	15	(0.9)	▼	7	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown	23	(0.9)	▼	60	(1.1)		11	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	17	(0.8)	▼	32	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown
Bulgaria	9	(0.7)		41	(1.3)		21	(1.0)	\triangle	37	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	40	(1.6)		17	(1.0)	\triangle	37	(1.3)	\triangle	27	(1.5)	\bigtriangledown
Chile	9	(0.7)		31	(1.2)		16	(0.9)		40	(1.1)	\bigtriangleup	40	(0.9)		10	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	42	(0.9)		29	(1.1)	\bigtriangledown
Chinese Taipei	4	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	9	(0.5)	▼	3	(0.3)	▼	20	(0.7)	▼	17	(0.7)	▼	10	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	6	(0.4)	▼	65	(0.9)	
Colombia	14	(0.6)	\triangle	55	(1.1)		36	(1.2)		57	(0.8)		41	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	17	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	45	(0.9)		17	(0.8)	▼
Cyprus	18	(0.7)	\triangle	38	(1.0)	\triangle	22	(0.9)	\triangle	26	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	53	(1.1)		18	(0.7)	\triangle	25	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	29	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown
Czech Republic †	4	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	21	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	9	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	13	(0.7)	▼	29	(1.1)	▼	6	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown	19	(0.8)	▼	50	(1.2)	
Denmark †	4	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown	3	(0.3)	▼	3	(0.3)	▼	12	(0.7)	▼	36	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	6	(0.5)	\bigtriangledown	13	(0.7)	▼	55	(1.1)	
Dominican Republic	25	(0.9)		58	(1.1)		50	(1.1)		70	(0.9)		54	(1.0)		33	(1.0)		58	(1.1)		9	(0.7)	▼
England ‡	15	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	18	(1.1)	▼	8	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	39	(1.4)	\bigtriangleup	46	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	12	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	17	(1.0)	▼	36	(1.4)	
Estonia	9	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	19	(1.0)	▼	8	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	44	(1.3)		15	(0.6)	▼	10	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	30	(1.0)		37	(1.3)	
Finland	3	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	9	(0.5)	▼	1	(0.2)	▼	14	(0.6)	▼	20	(0.9)	▼	2	(0.3)	▼	10	(0.6)	▼	64	(0.9)	
Greece	8	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	43	(1.6)		17	(1.1)		21	(0.9)	▼	37	(1.2)		16	(0.8)	\bigtriangleup	27	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	35	(1.3)	
Guatemala ¹	22	(1.0)		55	(1.3)		34	(1.4)		64	(1.0)		55	(1.4)		28	(1.4)		62	(1.4)		11	(0.7)	▼
Indonesia	14	(0.7)	\bigtriangleup	61	(1.0)		31	(1.2)		40	(1.0)	\bigtriangleup	50	(1.1)		24	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	21	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	18	(0.9)	▼
Ireland	8	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	10	(0.7)	▼	9	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	50	(1.1)		43	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	10	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	20	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	33	(1.1)	
Italy	5	(0.4)	\bigtriangledown	26	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	14	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	23	(1.0)	▼	24	(0.9)	▼	11	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	23	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	43	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup
Korea, Republic of ¹	4	(0.3)	\bigtriangledown	5	(0.3)	▼	2	(0.2)	▼	18	(0.7)	▼	8	(0.7)	▼	2	(0.2)	▼	10	(0.6)	▼	74	(0.9)	
Latvia	9	(0.8)		33	(1.5)	\bigtriangleup	13	(0.8)	\bigtriangledown	38	(1.2)	\bigtriangleup	22	(1.3)	▼	14	(0.8)		38	(1.5)	\bigtriangleup	32	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown
Liechtenstein	11	(1.6)		17	(2.2)	▼	14	(1.8)		26	(2.4)	\bigtriangledown	58	(2.7)		11	(1.7)		35	(2.6)	\bigtriangleup	28	(2.4)	\bigtriangledown
Lithuania	11	(0.6)		35	(1.3)	\bigtriangleup	15	(0.8)		23	(0.9)	▼	31	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown	17	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	25	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown	34	(1.2)	
Luxembourg	11	(0.4)		26	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	17	(0.6)		28	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	52	(0.9)		14	(0.4)		35	(0.8)	\triangle	31	(0.9)	\bigtriangledown
Malta	14	(0.9)	\triangle	23	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	9	(0.7)	\bigtriangledown	36	(1.3)		28	(1.3)	▼	16	(0.9)		17	(1.0)	▼	38	(1.4)	\bigtriangleup
Mexico	15	(0.7)	\bigtriangleup	40	(1.1)		25	(0.8)	\bigtriangleup	46	(1.0)		44	(1.1)	\triangle	22	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	39	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	23	(0.8)	▼
New Zealand †	13	(0.9)	\triangle	21	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	7	(0.6)	\bigtriangledown	40	(1.4)	\bigtriangleup	47	(1.2)	\bigtriangleup	23	(1.1)	\triangle	14	(0.8)	▼	32	(1.2)	\bigtriangledown

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Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Hong Kong SAR	8 (0.6)	29 (1.3)	6 (0.6)	33 (1.4)	34 (1.4)	8 (0.6)	9 (0.6)	46 (1.6)
Netherlands	6 (1.3)	14 (1.6)	7 (0.8)	24 (2.3)	60 (2.6)	7 (1.6)	12 (0.9)	31 (2.6)

National percentage

more than 10 percentage\ points above ICCS average	A
significantly above ICCS average	\bigtriangleup
significantly below ICCS average	\bigtriangledown
more than 10 percentage points below ICCS average	▼

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Source: ICCS International report

On average, in the ICCS countries as a whole, 35 percent of students reported ever having participated in the groups and associations/organizations listed in the question. Nevertheless, the highest rate of participation was found in organizations collecting money for a social cause (39 percent), voluntary groups doing something to help the community (34 percent), environmental organizations (29 percent) and in groups of young people campaigning for an issue (29 percent). The findings show that only small minorities of students reported participation in formal political organizations, such as youth groups of parties or unions (10 percent). Larger numbers of students reported their civic engagement in a number of Latin American countries (Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, and Paraguay) as well as in Indonesia and in Thailand.

It is likely that the low rate of student engagement across the ICCS countries may be credited to the age group studied in ICCS. Similar findings were found also in CIVED '99 (Torney-Purta et al., 2001).

Principals and teachers² were asked about target grade students' participation in civic related activities organized by the school in the community (activities related to the environment, geared to the local area; human rights projects; activities related to underprivileged people or groups; cultural activities; multicultural and intercultural activities within the local community; campaigns to raise people's awareness, such as AIDS World Day, World No Tobacco Day; activities related to improving facilities for the local community; participating in sport events).

The response categories were "all or nearly all," "most of them," "some of them," "none or hardly any"³.

Principals' answers are generally consistent with those of teachers. The slight differences that we observed between the data obtained from the teacher questionnaire and those obtained from the school questionnaire were probably related to the subjects the teachers taught. Some teachers, because of their subject specialties, may have had few, if any, opportunities, to participate with their students in civic-related activities in the community.

According to teachers and principals (see Tables A1 e A2 in the Appendix), the participation of target grade students in civic-related activities in the community turned out to be quite widespread across ICCS countries. In most of the participating countries, less than 10 percent of the participating teachers said that they had not participated in any of these initiatives with their target-grade classes.

Among the listed activities, the most common were found to be participation in sport events and cultural activities.

Besides, participation in national campaigns on specific issues (such as AIDS World Day, No Tobacco Day) and activities in the local area related to the environment appeared, as well, to be fairly widespread.

Only minorities of teachers and principals reported school-based student involvement in human rights projects or activities to help the underprivileged.

In this case as well, it is likely that the outcomes are associated with target grade and students' age (Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Kerr, Losito, 2010).

The student questionnaire asked students about their expected participation in informal political activities. One of the items included in this question asked students about their willingness, in the future, to volunteer time to help people in the local community.

Table 5 shows the national percentages of students who reported that they would "certainly" or "probably" volunteer their time in this way.

 $^{^{2}}$ The questions included in both questionnaires were basically the same in content, even though partially different in layout.

³ For principals an additional category was made available: activity "not offered at school."

Table 5

Student expectations to volunteer time to help people in the local community overall and by gender

Percentages of students who will certainly/problably volunteer time to help people in the local community

Country	All students		Females	Males	Differences (males - females)
Austria	56 (1.1)	▼	57 (1.7)	54 (1.4)	-3 (2.2)
Belgium (Flemish) †	51 (1.1)	▼	58 (1.4)	44 (1.7)	-13 (2.3)
Bulgaria	81 (1.0)		84 (1.2)	78 (1.4)	-6 (1.7)
Chile	76 (0.9)	\bigtriangleup	80 (1.1)	72 (1.2)	-8 (1.5)
Chinese Taipei	75 (0.8)	\bigtriangleup	80 (0.9)	70 (1.0)	-10 (1.2)
Colombia	89 (0.6)		91 (0.6)	85 (1.0)	-6 (1.0)
Cyprus	77 (1.0)		80 (1.1)	75 (1.5)	-5 (1.7)
Czech Republic †	44 (0.9)	▼	48 (1.3)	40 (1.0)	-8 (1.6)
Denmark †	36 (1.1)	▼	42 (1.4)	29 (1.4)	-13 (1.7)
Dominican Republic	93 (0.6)		94 (0.7)	92 (0.8)	-2 (0.9)
England ‡	59 (1.0)	\bigtriangledown	66 (1.2)	51 (1.6)	-14 (2.1)
Estonia	61 (1.2)	\bigtriangledown	66 (1.5)	56 (1.6)	-10 (2.0)
Finland	29 (0.9)	▼	34 (1.3)	24 (1.2)	-10 (1.7)
Greece	78 (0.8)	A	82 (1.1)	75 (1.2)	-7 (1.5)
Guatemala ¹	91 (0.6)		93 (0.7)	88 (0.9)	-4 (1.0)
Indonesia	96 (0.4)		96 (0.5)	95 (0.6)	-1 (0.7)
Ireland	68 (1.1)		78 (1.2)	59 (1.6)	-19 (1.8)
Italy	69 (1.0)	\bigtriangleup	77 (1.4)	61 (1.3)	-17 (1.8)
Korea, Republic of ¹	62 (0.9)	\bigtriangledown	66 (1.1)	59 (1.2)	-8 (1.5)
Latvia	65 (1.3)		68 (1.4)	62 (1.7)	-6 (1.9)
Liechtenstein	41 (2.5)	▼	43 (3.6)	40 (3.8)	-2 (5.1)
Lithuania	69 (0.8)	\bigtriangleup	72 (1.0)	66 (1.3)	-6 (1.7)
Luxembourg	54 (0.8)	▼	56 (1.2)	53 (1.3)	-3 (1.9)
Malta	63 (1.4)	\bigtriangledown	60 (2.2)	65 (1.7)	5 (2.7)
Mexico	85 (0.6)		86 (0.7)	84 (0.7)	-2 (1.0)
New Zealand †	60 (1.2)	\bigtriangledown	66 (1.8)	53 (1.7)	-12 (2.6)
Norway †	51 (1.0)	▼	56 (1.8)	47 (1.4)	-9 (2.6)
Paraguay ¹	87 (0.7)		89 (0.9)	85 (1.0)	-4 (1.3)
Poland	66 (1.1)		71 (1.5)	62 (1.5)	-9 (2.0)
Russian Federation	86 (0.7)		89 (0.9)	82 (0.9)	-8 (1.2)
Slovak Republic ²	59 (1.2)	\bigtriangledown	63 (1.5)	55 (1.4)	-7 (1.7)
Slovenia	72 (1.1)	\bigtriangleup	76 (1.3)	69 (1.6)	-7 (1.9)
Spain	67 (1.0)		71 (1.4)	62 (1.2)	-10 (1.7)
Sweden	47 (1.0)	▼	52 (1.3)	43 (1.5)	-9 (2.0)
Switzerland †	44 (1.0)	▼	49 (1.7)	39 (1.7)	-10 (2.7)
Thailand †	90 (0.5)		89 (0.6)	91 (0.7)	1 (0.8)
ICCS average	67 (0.2)		70 (0.2)	63 (0.2)	-7 (0.3)
Countries not meeting san	npling requirement	ts			
Hong Kong SAR	71 (1.2)		75 (1.5)	67 (1.5)	- 8.2 (2.0)
Netherlands	52 (2.3)		62 (2.9)	41 (2.2)	-22 (2.4)
National average					

* Statistically significant (p<.05) gender differences in **bold**.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Source: ICCS International report

In almost all countries, majorities of students said they were willing to volunteer. In Bulgaria, Colombia, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Guatemala, Indonesia, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, and Thailand, the percentages were more than 10 percentage points above the international average.

These findings appear to confirm what found with regard to a number of Latin American countries, Indonesia and in Thailand.

The findings presented so far appear to indicate a certain degree of openness of the schools towards civic related activities in the local community. The types of activities the students have the opportunity to engage in refer to their age and target grade. Not unexpectedly, differences between countries emerged. It is worthy investigating the socio-political and cultural context of the Latin American and Asian countries in which the highest percentages of student participation in civic related activities outside school were found. It is to be noted that in some of these countries, a larger opportunity to participate in civic related activities is linked to a higher student self-confidence in influencing decisions about school.

3. Civic participation at school and in the community, and student attitudes and dispositions towards participation

We performed several types of analyses on data from student, school and teacher questionnaire in order to better understand which school characteristics are associated, on the one hand, with higher or lower levels of student participation in civic related activities at school and in the wider community and, on the other hand, with student perceptions of their influence, through direct participation, on decision-making at school.

- 1. First, we attempted to investigate the relationship between student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school and different levels of the openness of schools to student participation in decision-making as measured by principals' answers to a few questions included in the school questionnaire. Following the same type of analysis used in the ICCS International report, we identified three tertile groups of schools in each country. The same analyses were carried out for student participation at school and in the wider community.
- 2. Secondly, we performed a multi-level analysis (at student and school levels) with the aim to investigate the factors which, at the school level, could possibly influence student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school.
- 3. Lastly, we analyzed at a school aggregate level correlations between student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school and a number of constructs and variables used for the teacher questionnaire.

We tried to identify (through different types of analyses) whether and the extent to which it would be possible to associate student participation with some features of a higher or lower degree of openness of schools to students' active participation (measured by principals' and teachers'

⁽⁾ Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

answers). Of course, we are aware that these features correspond to principal and teacher perceptions (with any implied limits deriving from this).

3.1 Students' perceptions of influence on decisions about schools and principals' perceptions of participation at school

In Table 6, student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school are compared with principal perceptions of student perception and with principal perception of teacher participation in school governance. Here the assumption is that what has been detected by principals may be considered "a measure" of the level of openness of the school to students' and teachers' active participation (from principals' perspective).

In order to explore the relations between student and principal perceptions we calculated national tertiles for schools with low, medium, or high average of principal perceptions on both students' influence on decision about school and teacher participation in school governance. We, then, compared the student average scale scores across the tertile groups.

Table 6 shows the average scale score for student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school in schools where principal perceptions of said student influence is high, medium or low and in school where principal perceptions of teacher participation in school governance is low, medium, or high. As it can be seen in Table 6, on average, across the ICCS participating countries no overall association was found in either cases. When comparing differences across tertile groups within countries, we found a statistically significant difference between the lowest and the highest tertile for principal perceptions of teacher participation in school governance in Estonia and in Sweden.

	Princip	als' per on de	ceptions	s of stu about s	dent infl chool	uence	e Principals' perceptions of teacher participation in school governance								
	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hig	gh	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hig	gh			
Country	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)			
Austria	47	(0.5)	48	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	48	(0.6)	47	(0.5)			
Belgium (Flemish) †	47	(0.4)	47	(0.5)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.4)			
Bulgaria	49	(0.7)	50	(0.8)	50	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	50	(0.6)	51	(1.0)			
Chile	53	(0.4)	54	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	54	(0.4)			
Chinese Taipei	52	(0.3)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.2)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.4)			
Colombia	56	(0.3)	56	(0.3)	56	(0.3)	56	(0.3)	57	(0.3)	56	(0.3)			
Cyprus	49	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	49	(0.7)	48	(0.7)	49	(0.3)			
Czech Republic †	46	(0.4)	46	(0.4)	46	(0.5)	46	(0.5)	46	(0.4)	46	(0.4)			
Denmark †	45	(0.3)	45	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	45	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.4)			
Dominican Republic	59	(0.2)	59	(0.3)	58	(0.5)	59	(0.3)	58	(0.4)	59	(0.3)			
England ‡	46	(0.6)	46	(0.5)	45	(0.4)	46	(0.5)	45	(0.5)	46	(0.4)			
Estonia	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.6)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)			
Finland	46	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	47	(0.4)	45	(0.3)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.3)			
Guatemala ¹	57	(0.4)	57	(0.3)	57	(1.0)	57	(0.3)	57	(0.4)	57	(0.9)			
Indonesia	59	(0.7)	60	(0.3)	59	(0.6)	60	(0.5)	59	(0.5)	59	(0.6)			
Ireland	43	(0.5)	45	(0.4)	45	(0.7)	45	(0.7)	44	(0.4)	44	(0.7)			

Table 6. "Student perception of influence on decisions about school" by national tertile groups of schools with low, medium, high average of

Italy	51	(0.4)	51	(0.3)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	51	(0.4)	51	(0.3)
Korea, Republic of ¹	43	(0.3)	44	(0.3)	43	(0.3)	43	(0.3)	43	(0.3)	44	(0.3)
Latvia	49	(0.6)	49	(0.7)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	50	(0.6)
Liechtenstein	47	(3.3)	44	(0.5)	49	(2.1)	44	(0.0)	47	(1.9)	46	(2.4)
Lithuania	51	(0.5)	52	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	51	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.4)
Luxembourg	50	(0.9)	51	(1.2)	49	(1.4)	49	(1.6)	50	(1.1)	50	(1.0)
Malta	51	(0.9)	51	(0.6)	50	(0.6)	51	(0.6)	51	(0.8)	50	(0.7)
Mexico	55	(0.4)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	56	(0.3)
New Zealand †	47	(0.8)	47	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	47	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.7)
Norway †	51	(0.4)	52	(0.6)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	51	(0.7)	53	(0.4)
Paraguay ¹	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	56	(0.4)	55	(0.4)	55	(0.3)	56	(0.3)
Poland	45	(0.5)	45	(0.4)	44	(0.4)	45	(0.4)	44	(0.4)	45	(0.4)
Russian Federation	57	(0.5)	56	(0.8)	57	(0.6)	57	(0.6)	56	(0.5)	58	(0.8)
Slovak Republic ²	48	(0.6)	50	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.6)
Slovenia	47	(0.5)	46	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	46	(0.5)	47	(0.4)
Spain	47	(0.7)	47	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.7)
Sweden	49	(0.4)	50	(0.4)	50	(0.3)	49	(0.4)	50	(0.3)	50	(0.3)
Switzerland †	46	(0.5)	45	(0.6)	46	(0.8)	46	(0.6)	46	(0.6)	45	(1.1)
Thailand †	58	(0.2)	59	(0.2)	59	(0.2)	59	(0.2)	58	(0.2)	58	(0.3)
ICCS Average	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Honk Kong SAR

Netherlands

Notes:

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may

appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

²National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

We decided to carry out the same type of analyses on principal perceptions of students, teachers, and no-teaching staff sense of belonging to the school. In this case, as well, a statistically significant difference across tertile groups for principal perceptions of student sense of belonging to school was found only in three countries (Czech Republic, Ireland, and Switzerland). The association seems to be negative (average scale scores are bigger in the lowest tertile groups)⁴.

3.2 Students' civic participation at school and in the wider community and teachers' perceptions

As for this analysis, we used data from the Teacher Questionnaire. We calculated national tertiles for schools with low, medium, or high average of teacher participation in school governance and of teacher reports of student participation in class activities. We, then, compared across the tertile groups the average scale scores for the two following scales:

⁴ See Table A3 in the Appendices.

student civic participation at school and student civic participation in the wider community. The results are shown in Tables 7 and 8.

	Teache	ers' part	icipation	in scho	ool gover	nance	Teache	r reports	s of stude activ	nt partic ities	ticipation in class	
	Lo	w	Medi	um	Hig	gh	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hig	ıh
Country	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)
Bulgaria	48	(0.5)	47	(0.6)	47	(0.9)	47	(0.7)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.6)
Chile	52	(0.4)	52	(0.3)	53	(0.4)	51	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	53	(0.4)
Chinese Taipei	49	(0.3)	50	(0.3)	50	(0.5)	49	(0.3)	50	(0.3)	50	(0.3)
Colombia	53	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	54	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	54	(0.4)	54	(0.4)
Cyprus	51	(0.6)	52	(0.5)	52	(0.6)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.6)	52	(0.6)
Czech Republic †	48	(0.7)	48	(0.6)	47	(0.6)	47	(0.7)	47	(0.6)	49	(0.6)
Dominican Republic	53	(0.5)	53	(0.3)	54	(0.6)	53	(0.3)	53	(0.6)	53	(0.5)
Estonia	47	(0.7)	47	(0.4)	49	(0.9)	46	(0.6)	47	(0.6)	49	(0.7)
Finland	47	(0.4)	49	(0.3)	49	(0.5)	48	(0.4)	48	(0.5)	49	(0.3)
Guatemala ¹	55	(0.3)	56	(0.4)	56	(0.7)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.5)	56	(0.6)
Indonesia	52	(0.4)	53	(0.3)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	53	(0.4)
Ireland ‡	50	(0.5)	50	(0.5)	51	(0.8)	49	(0.6)	50	(0.7)	51	(0.5)
Italy	47	(0.5)	48	(0.6)	47	(0.7)	46	(0.7)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.6)
Korea, Republic of ¹	46	(0.4)	45	(0.4)	45	(0.4)	45	(0.3)	45	(0.4)	46	(0.4)
Latvia	49	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	50	(0.7)	49	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	50	(0.9)
Liechtenstein	48	(1.1)	50	(0.7)	48	(1.2)	48	(0.9)	47	(0.3)	51	(0.5)
Lithuania	48	(0.5)	49	(0.4)	48	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	48	(0.4)	49	(0.3)
Malta	45	(0.8)	46	(1.0)	49	(1.0)	46	(0.9)	45	(1.1)	48	(0.7)
Mexico	49	(0.3)	50	(0.4)	52	(0.7)	50	(0.3)	50	(0.4)	50	(0.6)
Paraguay ¹	55	(0.4)	54	(0.5)	55	(0.5)	54	(0.3)	55	(0.4)	54	(0.6)
Poland	54	(0.4)	54	(0.4)	54	(0.5)	54	(0.3)	54	(0.4)	55	(0.5)
Russian Federation	48	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	50	(0.7)	48	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	51	(0.6)
Slovak Republic ²	52	(0.5)	51	(0.7)	53	(0.7)	51	(0.5)	53	(0.8)	52	(0.6)
Slovenia	51	(0.5)	50	(0.4)	52	(0.6)	51	(0.4)	50	(0.4)	52	(0.5)
Spain	52	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	53	(0.7)	52	(0.5)	53	(0.5)	52	(0.4)
Sweden †	50	(0.5)	50	(0.7)	52	(0.6)	50	(0.5)	50	(0.4)	53	(0.7)
Thailand †	49	(0.4)	50	(0.5)	51	(0.6)	50	(0.5)	50	(0.4)	50	(0.5)
ICCS Average	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	49	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	51	(0.1)
Countries not meetin	ig sampli	ing requ	uirements	;								
Austria	50	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.7)	50	(0.4)
Belgium (Flemish) †	45	(1.1)	47	(0.6)	46	(0.5)	45	(0.7)	45	(0.7)	48	(0.5)
Demmerlet	40	(0, 0)	40		50	(0,0)	40	(0,0)	40		40	(0, 0)

Table 7. "Students' civic participation at school" by national tertile groups of schools with low, medium, high average of

Austria	50	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.7)	50	(0.4)
Belgium (Flemish) †	45	(1.1)	47	(0.6)	46	(0.5)	45	(0.7)	45	(0.7)	48	(0.5)
Denmark †	48	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	50	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.6)
England ‡	49	(0.6)	50	(0.7)	52	(0.8)	50	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	52	(0.8)
Luxembourg	46	(1.7)	45	(0.7)	46	(1.4)	44	(0.4)	46	(0.7)	45	(1.0)
New Zealand †	48	(0.6)	49	(0.7)	51	(0.8)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	52	(1.0)
Norway †	53	(0.5)	55	(1.3)	54	(0.5)	55	(0.6)	53	(0.4)	55	(1.1)
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Switzerland †		48	(0.6)	48	(0.7)	47	(0.9)	47	(0.7)	47	(0.6)	49	(0.8)
Notes:	I		I		ļ		ļ		I		I		

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Table 8. "Students' civic participation in the wider community" by national tertile groups of schools with low,medium, high average of

	Те	achers	achers' participation in school governance				Teach	er repo ir	reports of stude in class activi		nt participation	
	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hi	gh	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hi	gh
Country	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)
Bulgaria	52	(0.4)	52	(0.6)	50	(0.8)	52	(0.5)	52	(0.6)	52	(0.5)
Chile	51	(0.3)	51	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	51	(0.3)	51	(0.4)	52	(0.5)
Chinese Taipei	44	(0.3)	44	(0.2)	44	(0.4)	43	(0.3)	44	(0.3)	44	(0.3)
Colombia	55	(0.5)	56	(0.5)	54	(0.5)	54	(0.4)	56	(0.5)	56	(0.5)
Cyprus	52	(0.5)	51	(0.5)	51	(0.5)	51	(0.4)	52	(0.5)	51	(0.8)
Czech Republic †	46	(0.4)	46	(0.3)	47	(0.4)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.4)	47	(0.5)
Dominican Republic	59	(0.4)	60	(0.5)	60	(0.7)	60	(0.3)	59	(0.5)	60	(0.6)
Estonia	48	(0.4)	48	(0.4)	49	(0.7)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.4)	48	(0.6)
Finland	43	(0.3)	43	(0.2)	43	(0.3)	43	(0.2)	44	(0.3)	44	(0.3)
Guatemala ¹	57	(0.3)	58	(0.7)	59	(0.4)	58	(0.4)	57	(0.7)	59	(0.6)
Indonesia	54	(0.6)	55	(0.4)	55	(0.4)	54	(0.5)	55	(0.4)	55	(0.4)
Ireland ‡	49	(0.4)	49	(0.4)	50	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	50	(0.5)	50	(0.4)
Italy	47	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	48	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.4)
Korea, Republic of ¹	42	(0.2)	42	(0.2)	43	(0.5)	42	(0.2)	42	(0.3)	43	(0.3)
Latvia	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	50	(0.4)	50	(0.5)	49	(0.4)	50	(0.5)
Liechtenstein	49	(0.6)	52	(1.0)	48	(1.9)	48	(1.2)	49	(0.8)	53	(0.4)
Lithuania	49	(0.4)	49	(0.4)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.4)
Malta	48	(0.5)	50	(0.5)	49	(0.7)	48	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.7)
Mexico	52	(0.3)	53	(0.3)	55	(1.4)	53	(0.3)	53	(0.5)	53	(0.5)
Paraguay ¹	58	(0.5)	57	(0.5)	56	(0.5)	57	(0.5)	57	(0.4)	58	(0.7)
Poland	51	(0.5)	52	(0.4)	51	(0.6)	51	(0.5)	51	(0.5)	52	(0.5)
Russian Federation	52	(0.6)	53	(0.5)	53	(0.6)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.5)	54	(0.5)
Slovak Republic ²	47	(0.7)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.7)	46	(0.4)	47	(0.7)	49	(0.5)
Slovenia	50	(0.4)	49	(0.4)	50	(0.5)	50	(0.4)	49	(0.4)	50	(0.5)

Spain Sweden †	47 44	(0.3) (0.4)	47 44	(0.4) (0.4)	48 45	(0.5) (0.4)	47 44	(0.4) (0.4)	48 44	(0.5) (0.4)	47 45	(0.4) (0.3)
ICCS Average	58 50	(0.4)	58 50	(0.4)	58 50	(0.5)	59 50	(0.5)	58 50	(0.3)	59 51	(0.5)
Countries not meeting sampling requirements												
Austria	51	(0.5)	51	(0.4)	50	(0.7)	51	(0.4)	51	(0.7)	51	(0.5)
Belgium (Flemish) †	48	(0.4)	50	(0.3)	49	(0.4)	49	(0.4)	49	(0.4)	48	(0.4)
Denmark †	45	(0.6)	45	(0.3)	45	(0.5)	45	(0.3)	45	(0.4)	45	(0.7)
England ‡	50	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	50	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.4)	50	(0.6)

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Luxembourg	50	(1.4)	50	(0.9)	51	(0.3)	49	(0.5)	50	(1.0)	51	(0.2)
New Zealand †	49	(0.5)	50	(0.6)	50	(0.6)	50	(0.4)	49	(0.8)	51	(0.6)
Norway †	48	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	49	(0.7)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.6)
Switzerland †	49	(0.4)	49	(0.5)	48	(0.4)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.4)	48	(0.5)

Notes:

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may

appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

The tables show that, on average, across ICCS no association was found for any of the scales taken into consideration. When comparing the differences across tertile groups within countries the following results were found.

As for student civic participation at school:

only in Malta, Mexico, and Sweden a statistically significant difference could be observed between schools with a low and a high average of teacher participation in school governance score;
a statistically significant difference could be observed between schools with a low and a high average of teacher reports of student participation in class activities score in Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Finland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Russian Federation, and Sweden.

As for student civic participation in the wider community:

- only in Liechtenstein, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic a statistically significant difference was observed between schools with a low and a high average of teacher reports of student participation in class activities score.

3.3 A multi-level analysis of student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school

The two previous surveys on civic and citizenship education carried out by IEA allowed the recognition of the factors associated with student civic knowledge.

Multilevel analyses carried out for the ICCS international report⁵ showed that a number of variables related to the learning context at school are associated with student knowledge. There was some evidence that there is a positive association with student perception of openness in classroom discussions (about a third of the ICCS participating countries). As for school-level variables, indicators for school characteristics, the existence of issues of social tension in the local community was negatively associated with student knowledge, exclusively for two countries (Czech Republic and Estonia).

No significant associations were found in any other country. Principal perceptions of students sense of belonging to the school had a significant positive association with student knowledge in five countries (Bulgaria, the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Korea, Malta, and Poland) and a significant negative association in one country (Mexico).

The average student socioeconomic background was the most important school characteristic in term of effect on civic knowledge.

In general, student attitudes and dispositions are not considered as dependent variables when considered for analysis, even though the building and development of attitudes and dispositions consistent with a democratic society and its principles are part of the objectives of civic and citizenship education (Birzea et al., 2004; Eurydice, 2005).

The ICCS framework also underlines that both student knowledge and student attitudes and dispositions are influenced both by the wider community (at local, national, and supra-national levels) and by school and classroom contexts (Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Losito, Kerr 2008).

We, therefore, opted to investigate whether and the extent to which student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school are associated with other variables, especially school context variables.

The assumption is that the belief in the ability to influence the life of the school may in itself be a result of the experience that students have at school (school and classroom) and the opportunity

⁵ See Schulz, Ainley, Fraillon, Kerr, Losito, 2010, chapter 8.

they have to actively participate in the school life. In turn, this may also have an impact on the willingness of students to engage in civic and citizenship activities in the wider community. The analysis took place in three steps.

Firstly, it was estimated the variance between schools and within schools⁶ in relation to the attitudes identified as dependent variables (Model 0, with no explanatory variables).

Secondly, the model was modified by introducing student level variables (Model 1, where the effects on student level were treated as a fixed, assuming no variation across schools).

The following step consisted in introducing school-level variables in the model (Model 2).

The model was completed by adding the school average index of socio-economic background (Model 3).

The variables used at a student level were as follows:

- Gender (individual student level)
- Student socio-economic background (student home background). The index of socioeconomic background was standardized to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1 within each country (as in ICCS).

The variables used at a school level were as follows:

- Principals' perceptions of teacher participation in school governance
- Principals' perceptions of student opportunities to participate in community activities
- Principals' perceptions of student influence on decision about school
- Principals' perceptions of teachers' sense of belonging to the school
- Principals' perceptions' of student sense of belonging to the school
- Principals' perceptions' of non-teaching staff sense of belonging to the school

We used the software package HLM 6.0 to estimate the models and data. Countries not meeting ICCS sample requirements or countries where there were less than 50 schools were excluded from the analyses.⁷

⁶ Given the sample design adopted in ICCS, it is not possible to make a distinction between classroom-level and school-level variance.

⁷ The adopted criterion applies to the one adopted for the multilevel analyses carried out for the International Report. Hong Kong SAR, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg and the Netherlands were excluded. Data were weighted according to the criteria adopted in the analyses carried out for the International Report. The tables indicate the countries reporting a missing data percentage above 15%.

		Studen	t level		School level													
Country	Gen (fem	ider iale)	Inde so ecor backg	ex of cio- nomic ground	Teac partici in sc govern	cher pation hool nance	Stuc opport to part in comm activ	dent unities icipate n nunity ities	Princ perce of st influe scl	cipals' eption udent ence at	Princi percep of tead sens belong sch	ipals' otions chers' se of jing to ool	Princ percep of stud sens belong sch	ipals' otions dents' ie of jing to ool	Princi percer of n teacl staff's of belo to sc	ipals' otions on- hing sense onging hool	Inde soo econ backg	x of xio- omic round
Austria <	-1.0	(0.4)	0.9	(0.3)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	2.7	(0.5)
Belgium (Flemish) +	1.2	(0.4)	0.5	(0.3)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	4.0	(0.7)
Bulgaria BGR?	0.4	(0.5)	0.9	(0.3)	0.1	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	-0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.1)	5.4	(0.5)
Chile (CHL)	0.7	(0.3)	0.6	(0.2)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	3.0	(0.3)
Chinese Taipei	0.8	(0.3)	0.7	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.7	(0.4)
Colombia	0.5	(0.2)	0.3	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	2.0	(0.3)
Cyprus^ <	1.0	(0.5)	1.3	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	2.2	(1.0)
Czech Republic +	0.4	(0.3)	0.8	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	2.2	(0.7)
Denmark + <	0.0	(0.3)	0.0	(0.2)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.5)
Dominican Republic <	0.5	(0.3)	0.1	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.5	(0.4)
England ++ <	1.1	(0.5)	0.8	(0.3)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	2.8	(0.5)
Estonia	1.9	(0.4)	0.8	(0.3)	-0.1	(0.1)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	3.5	(0.9)
Finland	2.1	(0.3)	1.0	(0.2)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.9	(0.5)
Greece	1.1	(0.4)	1.3	(0.2)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	1.4	(0.6)
Guatemala ¹	-0.2	(0.3)	0.6	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	2.8	(0.6)
Indonesia	-1.3	(0.3)	0.0	(0.2)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.7	(0.7)
Ireland	0.7	(0.6)	1.2	(0.3)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	3.1	(0.7)
Italy	-0.5	(0.3)	0.4	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	2.4	(0.4)
Korea, Republic of ¹	1.9	(0.4)	0.7	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	1.2	(0.5)
Latvia	-0.1	(0.5)	0.4	(0.3)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.1)	4.0	(0.9)
Lithuania (LTU)	1.8	(0.4)	1.1	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	3.3	(0.4)
Malta	-0.9	(2.5)	0.1	(0.4)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	4.4	(0.5)
Mexico	0.1	(0.3)	0.5	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	2.0	(0.2)

Table 9. Results from multilevel analysis of students' perceptions of influence on decision about school (full model)

New Zeland + <	1.5	(0.4)	0.8	(0.3)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	4.2	(0.9)
Norway + <	0.0	(0.4)	1.1	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.2	(0.1)	1.9	(0.6)
Paraguay ^{1 <}	0.9	(0.6)	0.1	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.6	(0.3)
Poland	-0.1	(0.4)	0.6	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	1.5	(0.4)
Russian Federation	0.5	(0.4)	1.3	(0.3)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	4.9	(0.8)
Slovak Republic ²	1.0	(0.4)	1.1	(0.2)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	4.9	(0.5)
Slovenia	1.6	(0.5)	1.5	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.9	(0.9)
Spain	0.2	(0.3)	1.5	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	3.2	(0.5)
Sweden	0.6	(0.3)	1.0	(0.2)	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.8	(0.5)
Switzerland + (CHE)	0.0	(0.4)	1.5	(0.3)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	(0.1)	0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	-0.1	(0.0)	4.5	(0.6)
Thailand +	-0.2	(0.2)	0.1	(0.2)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.7	(0.3)
ICCS average	0.5	(0.1)	0.8	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)	2.5	(0.1)

Notes:

Statistically significant (p < 0.05) coefficient in **bold**

() Standard errors appear in parentheses

+ Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included

++ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included

The percentage of cases included in the analysis was below 85 percent

^School census data with two classrooms per school

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population

In Table 9 the full model is presented. As can be seen from the table, at the student level gender and socio-economic background are positively (alto very moderately) associated with student perception in fourteen countries. In Austria this association is a negative one.

Only negligeable associations can be observed for the school variables in a very limited number of countries. For most of the countries no association can be observed. A (very) moderate positive association is observed for the school index of socio-economic background in a majority of countries.

3.4 Results of the analyses carried out at an aggregate school level

Un terzo tipo di analisi che abbiamo provato a realizzare è stato a livello aggregato scuola.

We also tried to explore the relation between

- student perception of influence on decision about school
- student civic participation at school
- student participation in the wider community

and two school context variables as measured by the Teacher Questionnaire:

- teachers' participation in school governance
- teacher report of student participation in class activities.

These analyses aimed at investigating whether and the extent to which student perceptions of their influence on decisions about school were, at the individual school level, associated with some features related to teacher and student participation measured by the Teacher Questionnaire.

In particular, with reference to the considered variables, the student average score was associated with the teacher average score.

Results are shown in Tables 10, 11, 12.

	Teache participati school gove	rs' on in ernance	Teacher reports of student participation in class activities			
Bulgaria	0.55	(0.1)	-0.18	(0.1)		
Chile	0.10	(0.1)	-0.09	(0.1)		
Chinese Taipei	0.12	(0.1)	0.09	(0.0)		
Colombia	0.09	(0.0)	0.08	(0.0)		
Cyprus	-0.09	(0.0)	-0.20	(0.0)		
Czech Republic †	0.17	(0.0)	-0.14	(0.0)		
Dominican Republic	-0.01	(0.1)	0.14	(0.0)		
Estonia	0.07	(0.1)	-0.20	(0.1)		
Finland	0.11	(0.0)	0.09	(0.1)		
Guatemala ¹	0.08	(0.0)	0.21	(0.1)		
Indonesia	-0.15	(0.0)	0.01	(0.0)		
Ireland	0.08	(0.1)	-0.02	(0.1)		
Italy	0.09	(0.0)	-0.07	(0.0)		
Korea, Republic of ¹	0.27	(0.1)	0.20	(0.1)		
Latvia	-0.19	(0.0)	0.03	(0.1)		
Liechtenstein	0.31	(0.0)	-0.05	(0.0)		
Lithuania	-0.04	(0.1)	0.11	(0.2)		

Table 10. Correlation between "Student perceptions of influence on decisions about school" and

Malta	-0.36	(0.1)	-0.48	(0.0)
Mexico	-0.04	(0.1)	0.09	(0.1)
Paraguay ¹	0.12	(0.1)	0.10	(0.1)
Poland	0.34	(0.0)	0.15	(0.0)
Russian Federation	0.10	(0.1)	0.18	(0.1)
Slovak Republic ²	0.15	(0.1)	0.14	(0.0)
Slovenia	0.04	(0.1)	0.04	(0.1)
Spain	-0.09	(0.1)	-0.08	(0.1)
Sweden	0.20	(0.1)	0.26	(0.1)
Thailand †	0.29	(0.1)	-0.03	(0.1)
ICCS Average	0.09	(0.0)	0.01	(0.0)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Austria	0.16	(0.0)	0.14	(0.1)
Belgium (Flemish) †	-0.01	(0.0)	-0.04	(0.0)
Denmark †	-0.14	(0.1)	-0.33	(0.0)
England ‡	-0.14	(0.0)	-0.11	(0.0)
Luxembourg	-0.32	(0.0)	-0.59	(0.0)
New Zealand †	0.00	(0.0)	0.19	(0.0)
Norway †	-0.04	(0.1)	-0.55	(0.1)
Switzerland †	0.18	(0.0)	0.23	(0.1)

Notes:

Statistically significant (p < 0.05) coefficient in **bold**

() Standard errors appear in parentheses.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

²National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Table 10 shows

- a significant correlation between student perception and teachers participation in school governance in 13 countries. The overall correlation is, however, rather weak (both when negative and positive). It is stronger in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, andThailand. In Indonesia, Latvia and Malta the correlation is negative;

- a significant correlation was found in fourteen countries. The correlation is stronger in Cyprus (negative correlation), Guatemala, Republic of Korea (negative correlation), Malta, Poland, Russian Federation, and Sweden.

Table 11. Correlation between	"Students' civic
participation at school" and	

	Teache participati school gove	rs' on in rnance	Teacher reports of student participation in class activities			
Bulgaria	-0.01	(0.1)	0.10	(0.1)		
Chile	0.09	(0.1)	0.26	(0.2)		
Chinese Taipei	0.26	(0.1)	0.13	(0.0)		

Colombia	0.14	(0.0)	0.05	(0.0)
Cyprus	0.19	(0.1)	0.10	(0.0)
Czech Republic †	-0.04	(0.0)	0.19	(0.0)
Republic	0.24	(0.1)	-0.01	(0.1)
Estonia	0.10	(0.0)	-0.06	(0.1)
Finland	0.10	(0.0)	0.20	(0.0)
Guatemala ¹	0.23	(0.1)	0.18	(0.1)
Indonesia	-0.07	(0.0)	-0.04	(0.0)
Ireland	0.08	(0.1)	0.13	(0.1)
Italy	0.05	(0.1)	0.08	(0.2)
Korea, Republic of	-0.07	(0.0)	0.14	(0.0)
Latvia	0.15	(0.1)	0.20	(0.1)
Liechtenstein	-0.09	(0.1)	0.43	(0.1)
Lithuania	0.06	(0.1)	0.16	(0.1)
Malta	0.36	(0.1)	0.23	(0.1)
Mexico	0.08	(0.1)	-0.03	(0.1)
Paraguay ¹	-0.13	(0.1)	-0.12	(0.1)
Poland	-0.03	(0.1)	0.25	(0.1)
Russian Federation	0.20	(0.1)	0.08	(0.1)
Slovak Republic ²	0.16	(0.1)	-0.03	(0.0)
Slovenia	0.10	(0.1)	0.01	(0.1)
Spain	0.26	(0.1)	-0.07	(0.1)
Sweden	0.19	(0.1)	0.15	(0.0)
Thailand †	0.01	(0.1)	0.11	(0.1)
ICCS Average	0.10	(0.0)	0.10	(0.0)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Austria	-0.05	(0.0)	0.11	(0.0)
Belgium (Flemish) †	0.25	(0.1)	0.06	(0.0)
Denmark †	-0.21	(0.1)	0.06	(0.0)
England ‡	0.32	(0.0)	0.10	(0.1)
Luxembourg	-0.45	(0.0)	-0.14	(0.0)
New Zealand †	0.06	(0.0)	-0.13	(0.1)
Norway †	-0.14	(0.1)	-0.24	(0.1)
Switzerland †	0.19	(0.0)	0.13	(0.1)

Notes:

Statistically significant (p < 0.05) coefficient in **bold**

() Standard errors appear in parentheses.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

²National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Table 11 shows

- a significant correlation between student civic participation at school and teacher participation in school governance in twelve countries. The correlation is stronger in Chinese Taipei, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Latvia, Malta, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, and Spain;
- a significant correlation between students' civic participation at school and teacher reports of student participation in class activities in twelve countries. The correlation is stronger in Czech Republic, Finland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Poland, and Sweden.

	Teache participati	rs' on in	Teacher rep	orts of
	school gove	rnance	in class act	ivities
Bulgaria	-0.17	(0.1)	-0.02	(0.1)
Chile	0.11	(0.1)	0.06	(0.2)
Chinese Taipei	0.16	(0.0)	0.17	(0.1)
Colombia	0.09	(0.1)	-0.02	(0.1)
Cyprus	-0.02	(0.0)	-0.10	(0.0)
Czech Republic †	0.16	(0.0)	0.05	(0.0)
Dominican Republic	0.08	(0.0)	0.11	(0.1)
Estonia	0.05	(0.0)	-0.26	(0.1)
Finland	0.12	(0.0)	0.10	(0.0)
Guatemala ¹	0.21	(0.1)	0.25	(0.1)
Indonesia	-0.06	(0.0)	-0.14	(0.0)
Ireland	0.14	(0.1)	0.03	(0.0)
Italy	0.10	(0.0)	0.07	(0.0)
Korea, Republic of ¹	0.03	(0.0)	0.24	(0.0)
Latvia	-0.08	(0.1)	-0.18	(0.1)
Liechtenstein	-0.45	(0.0)	0.66	(0.0)
Lithuania	0.03	(0.1)	0.06	(0.1)
Malta	0.10	(0.1)	-0.06	(0.1)
Mexico	0.11	(0.1)	0.17	(0.1)
Paraguay ¹	0.00	(0.1)	0.04	(0.1)
Poland	-0.05	(0.1)	0.24	(0.0)
Russian Federation	0.14	(0.1)	0.18	(0.1)
Slovak Republic ²	0.15	(0.0)	0.31	(0.0)
Slovenia	0.06	(0.1)	-0.01	(0.0)
Spain	0.43	(0.0)	0.04	(0.1)
Sweden	0.00	(0.1)	0.03	(0.1)
Thailand †	-0.17	(0.1)	0.14	(0.1)
ICCS Average	0.05	(0.0)	0.08	(0.0)

Table 12. Correlation between "Students' civicparticipation in the wider community" and

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

	<u> </u>			
Austria	-0.19	(0.06)	0.27	(0.07)
Belgium (Flemish) †	0.24	(0.03)	-0.13	(0.02)
Denmark †	-0.28	(0.08)	-0.31	(0.03)

England ‡	0.33	(0.04)	-0.03	(0.05)
Luxembourg	0.50	(0.00)	0.29	(0.00)
New Zealand †	-0.02	(0.05)	-0.09	(0.03)
Norway †	-0.03	(0.15)	-0.33	(0.11)
Switzerland †	0.03	(0.13)	0.11	(0.10)

Notes:

Statistically significant (p < 0.05) coefficient in **bold**

() Standard errors appear in parentheses.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

²National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.

Table 12 shows

- a significant correlation between student civic participation in the wider community and teachers' participation in school governance in 12 countries. The correlation is stronger in Bulgaria (negative), Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Guatemala, Liechtenstein (negative), Slovak Republic, and Spain;

- a significant correlation between student civic participation in the wider community and teacher reports of student participation in class activities in 13 countries. The correlation is higher in Chinese Taipei, Estonia (negative), Guatemala, Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Poland, Russian Federation, and Slovak Republic.

4. Discussion

The results presented in this paper show significant differences among the ICCS participating countries in relation to the characteristics and the extent of student participation in civic related activities at school and in the wider community.

As for participation at school, the results related to student perceptions of influence on decision about school and the importance given by students to their participation at school show significant differences among the ICCS participation countries. This finding appears to show that in a few Latin American countries students has a higher degree of self-confidence in exercising influence on decisions about school. There were no results allowing to associate the countries belonging to the other two "regions" within which we can group the ICCS participating countries (Europe and Asia).

As for student participation in civic related activities in the wider community, findings show a certain degree of openness of schools in relation to civic related activities in the wider community. The types of activities students have the opportunity to engage in are associated with target grade and their age. The ICCS findings show that the opportunity to engage in civic related activities at school is likely to be particularly widespread in a number of Latin American countries and in two Asian countries (Indonesia and Thailand). This finding, however, should be investigated with reference to the social, political and cultural contexts of each country. Particularly noteworthy is that, in those countries, a greater opportunity to participate in civic related activities is associated with a higher level of self-confidence in the ability to influence decisions about school.

With regard to the findings illustrated in the second part of this paper, the clear-cut result is the difficulty of identifying strong enough associations between students' attitudes and dispositions towards participation at school and in the wider community and school context variables.

As it was highlighted with regard to civic knowledge, (see ICCS International report), school context variables seem to have a partial effect – or even negligible – on student outcomes related to attitudes and dispositions⁸.

There is a need to investigate this aspect, even by means of secondary research studies based on data from a number of International comparative surveys. Subsequent analyses could be concerned with the types of variables and constructs related to school context that are actually used in those surveys and with their relationship with student outcomes, even in association with the findings on school effectiveness.

⁸ Similar to the findings from the study we presented at 2011 AERA Annual Conference (Caponera, Losito, 2011).

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Appendices

ICCS scales

PARTCOM Students' civic participation in the wider community

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IS2P14A Youth organisation affiliated with a political party or union
- IS2P14B Environmental organisation
- IS2P14C Human Rights organisation
- IS2P14D A voluntary group doing something to help the community
- IS2P14E An organisation collecting money for a social cause
- IS2P14F A cultural organisation based on ethnicity
- IS2P14H A group of young people campaigning for an issue

PARTSCHL Students' civic participation at school

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IS2G15A Voluntary participation in school-based music or drama activities outside of regular lessons
- IS2G15B Active participation in a debate
- IS2G15C Voting for <class representative> or <school parliament>
- IS2G15D Taking part in decision-making about how the school is run
- IS2G15E Taking part in discussions at a <student assembly>
- IS2G15F Becoming a candidate for <class representative> or <school parliament>

STUDINF Student perceptions of influence on decisions about school

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IS2G17A The way classes are taught
- IS2G17B What is taught in classes
- IS2G17C Teaching and learning materials
- IS2G17D The timetable
- IS2G17E Classroom rules
- IS2G17F School rules

VALPARTS Students' perceptions of the value of participation at school

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IS2P19A Student participation in how schools are run can make schools better
- IS2P19B Lots of positive changes can happen in schools when students work together
- IS2P19C Organising groups of students to express their opinions could help solve problems in schools
- IS2P19D All schools should have a <school parliament>
- IS2P19E Students can have more influence on what happens in schools if they act together rather than alone

SCTCPART <u>Principals' perceptions of teacher participation in school governance</u>

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IC2G05B make their own contribution to solving school problems?
- IC2G05C put forward useful suggestions for improving school governance?
- IC2G05E contribute to establishing school priorities?
- IC2G05F support good discipline throughout the school even with students not belonging to their own class or classes?
- IC2G05G act to resolve conflict situations arising among the students in the school?
- IC2G05H actively take part in school <development/improvement activities>?
- IC2G05I encourage students' active participation in school life?

CSTUDINF <u>Principals' perceptions of student influence on decisions about school</u>

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IC2G10A Teaching/learning materials
- IC2G10B The timetable

IC2G10C Classroom rules

IC2G10D School rules

SCSTUDOP <u>Principals' perceptions of student opportunities to participate in community activities</u>

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

IC2G06A	Activities related to the environment, geared to the local area
IC2G06B	Human rights projects
IC2G06C	Activities related to underprivileged people or groups
IC2G06D	Cultural activities (for example, theatre, music, cinema)
IC2G06E	Multicultural and intercultural initiatives within the <local community=""></local>
IC2G06F	Campaigns to raise people's awareness, such as <aids day,="" no="" td="" tobacco<="" world=""></aids>
Day>	
IC2G06G	Activities related to improving facilities for the <local community=""> (for example, public gardens, libraries, health centres, recreation centres, community hall)</local>

TSCSBEL Principals' perceptions of teachers' sense of belonging to school

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IC2G12A The teachers have a positive attitude towards the school
- IC2G12B The teachers feel they belong to the school community
- IC2G12C Teachers work with enthusiasm
- IC2G12D Teachers take pride in this school

SSCSBEL Principals' perceptions of students' sense of belonging to school

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IC2G12E Students enjoy being in school
- IC2G12F Students work with enthusiasm
- IC2G12G Students take pride in this school
- IC2G12H Students feel part of the school community

NSCSBEL Principals' perceptions of non-teaching staff's sense of belonging to school

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IC2G12I Non-teaching staff feel part of the school community
- IC2G12J Non-teaching staff care about how well the school operates
- IC2G12K Non-teaching staff work with enthusiasm
- IC2G12L Non-teaching staff have a positive attitude towards the school

TCHPART <u>Teachers' participation in school governance</u>

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IT2G11A support good discipline throughout the school even with students not belonging to their own class or classes?
- IT2G11B work collaboratively with one another in devising teaching activities?
- IT2G11C act to resolve conflict situations arising among students in the school?
- IT2G11D take on tasks and responsibilities in addition to teaching (tutoring, school projects, etc.)?
- IT2G11E actively take part in school <development/improvement activities>?
- IT2G11F encourage students' active participation in school life?
- IT2G11G cooperate in defining and drafting the <school development plan>?

TSTCLACT <u>Teacher reports of student participation in class activities</u>

(IRT WLE scores with mean of 50 and standard deviation of 10 for equally weighted countries)

- IT2G19A suggest class activities?
- IT2G19B negotiate the learning objectives with the teacher?
- IT2G19C propose topics/issues for class discussion?
- IT2G19D freely state their own views on school problems?
- IT2G19E know how to listen to and respect opinions even if different from their own?
- IT2G19F freely express their opinion even if different from those of the majority?
- IT2G19G feel comfortable during class discussions because they know their views will be respected?
- IT2G19H discuss the choice of teaching/learning materials?

Table A.1 Teachers' reports on participation of target grade classes in community activities

Percentages of teachers reporting to have taken part with their target grade classes in:

Country	Activities related to the environment, geared to the local area	Human rights projects	Activities related to underprivileged people or groups	Cultural activities (for example, theatre, music, cinema)	Multicultural and intercultural activities within the <local community></local 	Campaigns to raise people's awareness, such as <aids world<br="">Day, World No Tobacco Day></aids>	Activities related to improving facilities for the <local community></local 	Participating in sports events	not in any of these activities
Bulgaria	43 (2.4) \bigtriangledown	9 (1.0)	23 (2.1) ▽	73 (2.2) △	44 (2.6) [△]	70 (2.0)	37 (2,4) [△]	79 (1.6) [△]	7 (0.8) \bigtriangledown
Chile	35 (2,3) ▼	15 (1.5)	27 (2.0) ▽	50 (1.8) V	27 (1.8)	34 (2,1) ▼	14 (1.7)	49 (2.2)	20 (1.4)
Chinese Taipei	19 (1.5)	10 (0.8)	23 (1.3) ▽	52 (1.4) ▼	17 (1.0)	38 (1.5) ▼	16 (1.0)	67 (1.1) [▽]	19 (1.0) [△]
Colombia	60 (1.7)	43 (2.0)	33 (1.7)	76 (1.9) [△]	59 (2.1)	39 (1.7) 🔻	33 (1.6)	82 (1.5)	4 (0.7) ▽
Cyprus	28 (1.6)	22 (1.4)		50 (1.8) V	27 (1.5) \bigtriangledown	22 (1.7)	19 (1.5) 🔻	44 (1.7)	21 (1.5)
Czech Republic †	35 (1.7) 🔻	22 (1.2)	16 (1.2) ▼	71 (1.4)	31 (1.5) \bigtriangledown	46 (2.0)	19 (1.3) 🔻	54 (1.3) 🔻	14 (1.0) $ riangle$
Dominican Republic	75 (2.7)	58 (3.3)	52 (2.9)	74 (2.4) [△]	75 (2.2)	73 (3.2)	55 (2.5)	78 (2.5) $ riangle$	2 (0.5) \bigtriangledown
Estonia	54 (1.9) ⁽	8 (1.0)	6 (0.8) ▼	80 (1.3) 🔺	24 (1.8) 🔻	54 (1.7) $ riangle$	45 (1.7) 🔺	87 (1.0) 🔺	6 (0.8) \bigtriangledown
Finland	16 (1.1) V	5 (0.7)	1 9 (1.0) ▼	50 (1.3) V	13 (1.1) 🔻	60 (1.3)	20 (1.7) 🔻	56 (1.4) 🔻	14 (0.8) $ riangle$
Guatemala	45 (2.0)	31 (2.3)	30 (2.2)	61 (2.8) \bigtriangledown	42 (2.5) [△]	34 (1.7) 🔻	35 (2.6)	78 (1.9) $ riangle$	9 (1.7)
Indonesia	75 (2.0)	54 (2.0)	• 73 (2.6) ▲	52 (2.4) 🔻	43 (2.2) [△]	42 (2.3) \bigtriangledown	44 (1.7) 🔺	89 (1.2)	3 (0.8) \bigtriangledown
Ireland ‡	29 (1.3) 🔻	24 (1.2) \bigtriangledown	25 (1.2) ▽	41 (1.3) 🔻	13 (0.9) 🔻	21 (1.1) 🔻	12 (0.8) 🔻	57 (1.4) 🔻	24 (1.2)
Italy	40 (1.9) \bigtriangledown	40 (2.0) 🛆	° 39 (1.6) △	80 (1.4)	34 (1.6)	44 (1.6) \bigtriangledown	19 (1.3) 🔻	65 (1.6) \bigtriangledown	7 (0.7) \bigtriangledown
Korea, Republic of	58 (1.8) [△]	13 (0.8)	′ 39 (1.6) [△]	57 (2.0) V	23 (1.2) 🔻	43 (1.6) \bigtriangledown	33 (1.7)	55 (1.5) 🔻	15 (0.8) $ riangle$
Latvia	59 (2.2)	21 (1.5) \bigtriangledown	22 (2.0) ▼	80 (1.3) 🔺	37 (2.2)	39 (2.2) \bigtriangledown	56 (2.4)	81 (1.5) 🔺	7 (0.8) \bigtriangledown
Liechtenstein	23 (4.2)	23 (4.4)	20 (4.6)	54 (5.1) 🔻	2 (1.2) 🔻	29 (4.0) 🔻	9 (2.7) 🔻	55 (4.5) 🔻	21 (4.3)
Lithuania	46 (1.8)	26 (1.7) \bigtriangledown	28 (1.9) ▽	76 (1.4) [△]	50 (1.8)	65 (1.9) 🔺	54 (1.6) 🔺	72 (1.1)	7 (0.7) \bigtriangledown
Malta	45 (1.9)	29 (1.8)	41 (1.8) [△]	75 (1.9) [△]	29 (1.5) \bigtriangledown	39 (2.1) 🔻	19 (1.4) 🔻	78 (1.8) [△]	8 (1.3)
Mexico	65 (1.9) 🔺	47 (1.8)	32 (2.7)	66 (1.8)	41 (2.4) [△]	55 (1.7) ⁽⁾	36 (1.9) ⁽	74 (1.5) [△]	5 (0.5) \bigtriangledown
Paraguay	73 (2.5)	35 (2.3) 🛆	• 42 (2.7) [△]	80 (2.0) 🔺	59 (2.8)	59 (2.3)	59 (2.0)	89 (1.4) 🔺	2 (0.7) \bigtriangledown
Poland	46 (1.5)	28 (1.8)	41 (1.5) [△]	65 (1.7) \bigtriangledown	24 (1.2) 🔻	65 (1.5) 🔺	16 (1.0) 🔻	56 (1.4) 🔻	10 (0.9)
Russian Federation	66 (2.2)	38 (1.9) 🛆	43 (2.5)	70 (1.8)	42 (2.2) [△]	70 (1.6)	36 (2.3)	69 (1.7)	7 (0.9) \bigtriangledown
Slovak Republic ¹	77 (1.7)	50 (2.0)	30 (1.7)	96 (0.7) 🔺	57 (2.1)	72 (1.6)	48 (2.1)	96 (0.9) 🔺	1 (0.2) \bigtriangledown
Slovenia	46 (1.5)	27 (1.1) \bigtriangledown	23 (1.5) ▽	74 (1.1) [△]	38 (1.2)	47 (1.3)	17 (0.9) 🔻	70 (1.3)	10 (0.7)
Spain	41 (2.1) ^{\(\not\)}	42 (1.6)	• 41 (1.8) [△]	74 (1.5) [△]	27 (1.5) \bigtriangledown	50 (1.7)	12 (1.0) 🔻	55 (2.1) V	10 (0.8)
Sweden †	19 (1.5) 🔻	27 (2.0)	17 (1.4) 🔻	80 (1.5) 🔺	16 (1.3) 🔻	18 (1.2) 🔻	16 (1.4) 🔻	69 (1.4)	11 (1.1)
Thailand †	94 (0.8)	71 (1.5)	66 (2.3)	91 (1.3) 🔺	79 (1.8)	96 (0.7)	87 (1.4)	98 (0.4)	0 (0.2) \bigtriangledown
ICCS average	49 (0.4)	30 (0.4)	32 (0.4)	68 (0.4)	36 (0.4)	49 (0.4)	32 (0.3)	70 (0.3)	10 (0.2)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Austria	31	(1.5)	22	(1.8)	23	(2.1)	64	(2.0)	16	(1.5)	27	(1.6)	19	(1.6)	56	(2.0)	16	(1.3)
Belgium (Flemish)	49	(2.5)	35	(2.2)	51	(2.0)	83	(1.3)	32	(1.7)	51	(2.6)	14	(1.2)	78	(1.3)	6	(0.8)
Denmark	12	(1.2)	14	(1.4)	15	(1.9)	55	(2.3)	6	(0.8)	14	(1.4)	13	(1.5)	43	(2.1)	27	(1.8)
England	32	(1.7)	27	(1.4)	37	(1.6)	51	(1.7)	21	(1.2)	35	(1.5)	17	(1.3)	60	(1.6)	17	(1.2)
Hong Kong SAR	36	(1.7)	10	(1.0)	27	(1.4)	59	(1.7)	36	(1.8)	38	(1.7)	27	(1.4)	59	(1.6)	21	(1.4)
Luxembourg	17	(2.8)	22	(2.6)	21	(2.7)	34	(3.4)	17	(2.3)	40	(3.4)	12	(2.7)	35	(3.5)	32	(3.4)
New Zealand	36	(1.9)	20	(1.2)	32	(1.7)	49	(1.3)	29	(1.4)	40	(1.5)	17	(1.3)	68	(1.6)	15	(0.9)
Norway	15	(2.6)	17	(2.7)	22	(2.6)	87	(1.5)	17	(2.1)	45	(4.9)	23	(3.8)	74	(4.4)	8	(1.0)
Switzerland	18	(2.0)	11	(1.5)	11	(1.1)	47	(1.9)	8	(0.9)	22	(1.6)	8	(1.1)	55	(3.3)	25	(2.0)

National percentage	
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significantly below ICCS average	\bigtriangledown
more than 10 percentage points below ICCS average	•

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population. Source: ICCS International report

Table A.2Principals' reports on participation of target grade classes in community activities (in national percentages of students)

Percentages of students at schools where principals reported that all, nearly all or most students at their school had the opportunity to take part in:

Country	Activities related to the environment, geared to the local area			Activities related to the environment, geared to the local Human rights area projects			Activities related to underprivileged people or groups			Cultural activities (for example, theatre, music, cinema)			Multicultural and intercultural initiatives within the <local community=""></local>			Campaigns to raise people's awareness, such as <aids world<br="">Day, World No Tobacco Day></aids>			ies relate ving facil the <loc nmunity:</loc 	ed to lities al >	Participating in sports events		
Austria	32 (4.2	2) 🔻	27	(4.3)		33	(4.6)		87	(3.2)		18	(3.6)	▼	65	(4.3)		11	(3.0)	▼	84	(3.5)	
Belgium (Flemish)†	63 (4.	1) 🔺	45	(4.8)		68	(4.7)		95	(1.5)		33	(4.8)		73	(3.5)	▲	12	(2.5)	▼	88	(2.6)	\bigtriangleup
Bulgaria	46 (4.0	6)	8	(2.6)	▼	24	(3.5)	▼	75	(3.7)		36	(4.8)		76	(3.4)	▲	37	(4.2)	\triangle	85	(3.1)	
Chile	40 (3.8	8) 🔻	15	(2.8)	▼	35	(3.7)		57	(3.7)	▼	31	(3.5)		40	(4.1)	▼	9	(1.9)	▼	74	(3.5)	\bigtriangledown
Chinese Taipei	34 (4.1	1) 🔻	24	(3.9)	▼	31	(4.1)		53	(4.1)	▼	30	(4.1)		53	(4.8)		35	(4.3)		75	(3.6)	\bigtriangledown
Colombia	57 (4.0	0)	40	(3.3)		16	(2.7)	▼	55	(3.4)	▼	36	(3.4)		41	(3.3)	▼	22	(3.2)		76	(3.3)	\bigtriangledown
Cyprus	21 (0.2	2) 🔻	19	(0.2)	▼	11	(0.1)	▼	41	(0.3)	▼	26	(0.2)	\bigtriangledown	19	(0.2)	▼	13	(0.2)	▼	46	(0.3)	▼
Czech Republic †	74 (4.1	1) 🔺	42	(5.0)		34	(4.7)		98	(1.0)		51	(4.8)		77	(4.1)		29	(4.3)		87	(2.9)	
Denmark† Dominican	22 (3.	7) 🔻	24	(3.8)	▼	25	(3.8)	▼	80	(3.1)		18	(3.6)	▼	18	(3.5)	▼	26	(3.8)		74	(3.9)	\bigtriangledown
Republic	66 (6.	7)	38	(5.3)		41	(4.7)		53	(6.2)	•	52	(6.3)		74	(4.3)		30	(4.1)		77	(3.9)	
England ‡	49 (5.3	3)	47	(5.1)		70	(3.9)		89	(3.3)		40	(5.5)		66	(4.7)		24	(4.6)		96	(2.2)	
Estonia	76 (3.8	8) 🔺	23	(3.7)	▼	15	(2.9)	▼	99	(1.1)		40	(3.9)		78	(3.5)		56	(4.7)		99	(0.9)	
Finland	39 (3.3	3) 🔻	15	(3.2)	▼	48	(4.2)		82	(2.9)	\bigtriangleup	28	(3.7)		88	(2.6)		32	(3.9)		86	(2.5)	
Greece	25 (3.5	5) 🔻	10	(2.8)	▼	13	(3.4)	▼	41	(4.1)	▼	11	(2.8)	▼	22	(3.4)	▼	6	(2.1)	▼	50	(4.9)	▼
Guatemala ¹	59 (4.0	6)	40	(4.8)		30	(4.1)		69	(4.3)		46	(4.8)		44	(4.7)	▼	37	(4.7)	\bigtriangleup	90	(2.1)	\bigtriangleup
Indonesia	67 (4.2	2) 🔺	18	(3.1)	▼	47	(4.5)		34	(4.1)	▼	17	(3.4)	▼	19	(3.6)	▼	34	(4.0)		79	(3.9)	
Ireland	40 (3.1	7) 🔻	39	(4.6)		33	(4.3)		52	(4.4)	▼	18	(3.4)	▼	21	(3.5)	▼	10	(2.7)	▼	79	(3.9)	
Italy	60 (4.3	3) 🛆	66	(3.6)		44	(3.8)	\bigtriangleup	82	(3.1)	\bigtriangleup	47	(3.7)		56	(3.8)		24	(3.6)		81	(2.8)	
Korea, Republic of ¹	32 (3.0	6) 🔻	22	(3.4)	▼	32	(3.9)		28	(3.8)	▼	16	(3.0)	▼	42	(3.8)	▼	24	(3.4)		38	(4.3)	▼
Latvia	43 (4.2	2)	30	(4.1)		31	(4.9)		96	(1.8)		47	(4.4)		53	(4.8)		65	(4.2)		98	(1.2)	
Liechtenstein	32 (0.4	4) 🔻	59	(0.4)		59	(0.4)		87	(0.3)		0	(0.0)	▼	75	(0.4)		13	(0.3)	▼	87	(0.4)	\bigtriangleup
Lithuania	55 (4.3	3)	28	(4.2)		20	(3.3)	▼	76	(3.4)		51	(3.5)		67	(4.1)	\bigtriangleup	63	(3.9)		97	(1.5)	
Luxembourg	23 (1.4	4) 🔻	32	(2.2)		39	(2.3)		63	(2.2)	▼	35	(2.2)		74	(1.9)		0	(0.0)	▼	75	(2.3)	\bigtriangledown
Malta	42 (0.9	9) 🗸	38	(0.9)	\bigtriangleup	48	(0.9)		65	(1.0)	\bigtriangledown	19	(0.6)	▼	39	(0.9)	▼	13	(0.4)	▼	94	(0.1)	
Mexico	66 (3.4	4) 🔺	47	(3.7)		32	(3.0)		54	(3.4)	▼	40	(3.6)		60	(3.2)		32	(3.0)		67	(3.5)	▼
New Zealand†	46 (5.	1)	40	(5.2)		54	(5.7)		81	(4.2)		51	(4.5)		62	(4.5)		17	(3.9)	\bigtriangledown	97	(0.6)	▲
Norway †	38 (4.8	8) 🔻	31	(4.1)		37	(4.5)		90	(2.8)		21	(3.6)	▼	57	(5.2)		21	(4.1)		80	(3.3)	

Paraguay ¹	82	(3.0)	A	49	(5.0)		50	(4.2)	A	84	(3.0)		59	(4.3)	A	61	(4.2)		53	(4.4)	A	94	(2.0)	▲
Poland	63	(4.1)		51	(4.3)		50	(4.1)		88	(2.7)		33	(4.3)		92	(2.1)		22	(3.6)		92	(2.2)	
Russian Federation	80	(3.1)		36	(3.0)		49	(2.8)		91	(1.9)		42	(3.2)	\bigtriangleup	81	(2.8)		32	(3.6)		95	(1.2)	
Slovak Republic ²	74	(3.6)		50	(4.5)		34	(4.1)		93	(2.2)		53	(4.5)	A	63	(4.2)		36	(4.3)	\bigtriangleup	94	(1.9)	
Slovenia	68	(3.4)		49	(4.6)		39	(4.4)		90	(2.2)		46	(3.7)	A	85	(2.8)		31	(3.4)		89	(2.7)	\bigtriangleup
Spain	63	(4.3)		52	(4.2)		44	(3.9)		86	(2.3)		34	(4.1)		72	(4.0)		14	(2.9)	▼	76	(3.9)	
Sweden	35	(4.1)	▼	47	(4.1)		34	(4.1)		92	(2.2)		27	(3.3)	\bigtriangledown	30	(4.2)	▼	20	(3.5)	\bigtriangledown	81	(3.3)	
Switzerland †	38	(6.1)	▼	15	(3.2)	▼	12	(3.2)	▼	85	(3.0)		13	(2.5)	▼	52	(4.8)		13	(2.8)	▼	94	(2.1)	۸
Thailand†	66	(4.3)		45	(4.1)		46	(4.7)		71	(3.5)		59	(4.1)		82	(3.4)		69	(4.4)		92	(2.2)	
ICCS average	50	(0.7)		35	(0.6)		37	(0.6)		74	(0.5)		34	(0.6)		58	(0.6)		27	(0.6)		82	(0.5)	
Countries not meeting	sam	pling req	luiremer	nts																				
Hong Kong SAR	38	(6.5)		14	(5.1)		34	(6.5)		67	(6.4)		34	(5.5)		45	(7.4)		29	(6.2)		87	(4.9)	
Netherlands	25	(9.4)		24	(7.2)		42	(8.8)		82	(7.7)		23	(9.3)		29	(10.3)		16	(5.2)		82	(5.1)	

National percentage

more than 10 percentage points above ICCS average significantly above ICCS average \triangle significantly below ICCS average ∇ more than 10 percentage points below ICCS ▼

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included.

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	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hig	gh	Lo	w	Med	ium	Hig	gh	Lo	w	Medi	ium	Hig	h	
Country	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	Mean score	(S.E.)	
Austria	48	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.5)	48	(0.4)	48	(0.6)	47	(0.4)	48	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	
Belgium (Flemish) †	48	(0.5)	48	(0.4)	47	(0.4)	48	(0.4)	48	(0.7)	47	(0.5)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.4)	47	(0.5)	
Bulgaria	50	(0.6)	49	(0.7)	49	(0.7)	52	(1.1)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.7)	49	(0.6)	50	(0.7)	49	(0.7)	
Chile	53	(0.5)	54	(0.3)	53	(0.4)	53	(0.4)	54	(0.3)	53	(0.6)	53	(0.4)	53	(0.3)	53	(0.6)	
Chinese Taipei	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.3)	53	(0.4)	52	(0.3)	
Colombia	57	(0.3)	56	(0.4)	56	(0.3)	56	(0.4)	56	(0.3)	56	(0.3)	57	(0.3)	56	(0.4)	56	(0.3)	
Cyprus	49	(0.7)	48	(0.6)	50	(0.4)	49	(0.5)	48	(0.7)	50	(0.4)	48	(0.7)	49	(0.7)	50	(0.4)	
Czech Republic †	46	(0.4)	46	(0.4)	45	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	46	(0.4)	45	(0.4)	46	(0.3)	45	(0.8)	45	(0.4)	
Denmark †	46	(0.2)			45	(0.3)	45	(0.2)	46	(0.4)	45	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.4)	45	(0.3)	
Dominican Republic	59	(0.3)	58	(0.3)			58	(0.4)			59	(0.2)	58	(0.3)	58	(0.6)	59	(0.2)	
England ‡	45	(0.6)	46	(0.3)			45	(0.6)			46	(0.3)	46	(0.6)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	
Estonia	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.7)	47	(0.4)	47	(0.6)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.6)	
Finland	46	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.4)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.3)	46	(0.4)	46	(0.2)	46	(0.3)	
Guatemala ¹	57	(0.3)	57	(0.4)			57	(0.4)	55	(1.4)	58	(0.3)	57	(0.3)	57	(0.5)	58	(0.3)	
Indonesia	59	(0.3)	60	(0.9)	59	(0.4)	59	(0.5)	59	(0.5)	59	(0.5)	59	(0.4)	59	(0.8)	59	(0.5)	
Ireland	45	(0.8)	44	(0.3)			46	(0.8)	44	(0.5)	43	(0.5)	45	(0.6)	44	(1.0)	43	(0.5)	
Italy	51	(0.3)	51	(0.6)	51	(0.3)	51	(0.4)	51	(0.4)	51	(0.3)	51	(0.3)	51	(0.4)	51	(0.3)	
Korea, Republic of ¹	44	(0.4)	43	(0.3)	43	(0.2)	43	(0.3)	44	(0.6)	43	(0.2)	43	(0.3)	43	(0.3)	43	(0.2)	
Latvia	49	(0.7)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	51	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	50	(0.8)	50	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	
Liechtenstein	45	(2.7)	47	(0.4)	46	(1.5)	45	(0.7)	47	(1.8)	43	(2.1)	46	(5.1)	46	(1.4)	43	(2.1)	
Lithuania	52	(0.6)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.5)	52	(0.4)	52	(0.4)	53	(0.5)	52	(0.6)	52	(0.4)	53	(0.5)	
Luxembourg	50	(0.5)	47	(1.6)	50	(0.9)	50	(0.6)	50	(2.9)	49	(0.9)	50	(1.0)	50	(1.5)	49	(0.9)	
Malta	52	(0.6)	50	(0.9)	49	(0.5)	52	(0.7)	49	(0.6)	51	(0.6)	52	(0.6)	50	(0.9)	51	(0.6)	
Mexico	55	(0.2)	54	(0.5)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.2)	55	(0.3)	54	(0.3)	55	(0.2)	

Table A3. "Student perception of influence on decisions about school" by national tertile groups of schools with low, medium, high average of

New Zealand †	47	(0.6)	49	(1.0)	47	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	46	(0.8)	47	(0.7)	49	(0.8)	46	(0.8)
Norway †	52	(0.5)	53	(0.4)	52	(0.3)	51	(0.6)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.4)	51	(0.6)	52	(0.3)	52	(0.4)
Paraguay ¹	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	56	(0.4)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.3)	55	(0.4)	55	(0.3)
Poland	45	(0.5)	44	(0.4)	45	(0.4)	45	(0.5)	45	(0.3)	44	(0.4)	44	(0.6)	45	(0.6)	44	(0.4)
Russian Federation	57	(0.6)	57	(0.8)	56	(0.5)	57	(0.6)	57	(0.8)	56	(0.5)	57	(0.5)	57	(0.7)	56	(0.5)
Slovak Republic ²	49	(0.6)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	50	(0.8)	49	(0.5)	48	(0.5)	49	(0.6)	49	(0.5)	48	(0.5)
Slovenia	47	(0.6)	46	(0.3)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	46	(0.5)	47	(0.4)	46	(0.4)	46	(0.5)
Spain	48	(0.5)	47	(0.9)	47	(0.6)	48	(0.5)	48	(0.7)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.6)	48	(0.6)
Sweden	49	(0.3)	50	(0.4)	50	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	50	(0.3)	49	(0.3)	50	(0.4)	50	(0.3)
Switzerland †	46	(0.6)	46	(0.7)	45	(1.0)	48	(0.8)	46	(0.5)	45	(0.7)	47	(0.8)	46	(0.5)	45	(0.7)
Thailand †	59	(0.2)	60	(0.4)	58	(0.2)	59	(0.3)	58	(0.2)	58	(0.2)	59	(0.2)	59	(0.4)	58	(0.2)
ICCS Average	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.2)	50	(0.1)	50	(0.1)

Countries not meeting sampling requirements

Honk Kong SAR

Netherlands

Notes:

() Standard errors appear in parentheses. Because results are rounded to the nearest whole number, some totals may

appear inconsistent.

† Met guidelines for sampling participation rates only after replacement schools were included.

‡ Nearly satisfied guidelines for sample participation only after replacement schools were included.

¹ Country surveyed the same cohort of students but at the beginning of the next school year.

² National Desired Population does not cover all of International Desired Population.