2016 AP Chemistry Results Commentary (7/6/2016)

I hope that each of you are enjoying your summer! By now I also hope you have received your AP Chem score.   
  
First, take a look at some **global** scoring data:  
  
 5 4 3 2 1  
2016 9.7% 15.1% 27.5% 25.3% 22.4%

2015  8.4%  15.2%  28.1%  25.5%  22.8%

2014  10.1%  16.6%  25.7%  25.8%  21.8%

2013  18.2%  21.3%  19.0%  15.1%  26.4%

2012  15.3%  19.1%  20.2%  15.0%  30.4%

As noted above, the 2016 percentages mirror those of 2015 closely, though the trend toward fewer 4's and 5's that started in 2014 with the new exam continued. The global mean in 2016 was 2.64. At this time, no additional information has been obtained with regard to the percentage cut-offs for each score.

How about Nordonia?   
  
As in prior years, you stood way out from the crowd in 2016! I am pleased to report that the 2016 Nordonia scores were the best in many, many years (perhaps the best ever, certainly the best since in my teaching career!). Over 50% of you earned a 4 or 5!!! While only 9.7% of students globally received 5's, nearly 37% of you earned 5's, and nearly 16% earned 4's. Our mean was 3.79. Thank you for your hard work, as it certainly paid off, and you should be proud! As you reflect on your individual score, please continue to keep in mind the difficulty of the course and exam, and the global distribution of scores. You are all champions, and will be rewarded in college and your careers from having taken the course and the exam. Stay in touch!  
  
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