2017-2018 AP Chemistry Results Commentary (7/5/2018)

I hope that each of you are enjoying your summer! I had another extremely informed experience this year in Salt Lake City by participating in the exam reading. I'll share my thoughts sometime when/if I see you next school year.  
   
First, take a look at the **global** scoring data:  
  
 5 4 3 2 1  
2018 12.6% 17.3% 25.0% 24.1% 21.0%

2017 9.2% 15.7% 26.1% 27.0% 22.0%

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 you can see above, the 2018 global percentages improved somewhat from recent years, reversing a trend that started around 2014 with fewer 4's and 5's. I expect the global mean for 2018 to come in at between 2.65 and 2.75.

How about **Nordonia** scores?   
  
I am excited to report that, as in prior years, Nordonia scores stood out. Compared to the global percentages above, we achieved higher percentages of 5's, 4's, and 3's, and significantly lower percentages of 2's and 1's. Our passing rate (3 and above) was 80% as compared to the global passing rate of 55%. The mean for both of our classes was 3.29. I don't yet have any breakdowns yet between MC vs. FR, but will post them when I do, so check back.

Thank you again for your hard work! As you reflect on your individual score, please continue to always keep in mind the difficulty of the course and the exam, and the global distribution of scores above. You are all champions, and, regardless of whether you earn credit for your score or not, you will be rewarded in college and your careers from having taken the course and the exam.   
  
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