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2. Hong Kong	92	2. Japan	80
3. South Korea	91	3. Singapore	80
4. Japan	89	4. Hungary	79
5. Belgium-Flemish	85	5. Netherlands	79
6. Chinese Taipei	85	6. South Korea	77
7. Netherlands	81	7. Belgium-Flemish	76
8. Slovak Repub.	78	8. Hong Kong	75
9. Canada	77	9. Australia	74
10. Finland	75	10. Czech Republic	74
11. Hungary	74	11. Finland	74
12. Slovenia	74	12. Slovak Repub.	74
13. Australia	73	13. Canada	73
14. Russian	72	14. England	72
15. Czech Republic	69	15. Slovenia	71
16. Malaysia	69	16. Russia	68
17. Bulgaria	66	17. Bulgaria	65
18. Latvia-LSS	63	18. United States	62
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Student Achievement in Math and Science Declines with Years in the System

TIMSS Scores—Relative U.S. Performance Versus Other Countries



Source: Council on Competitiveness, U.S. Competitiveness 2001