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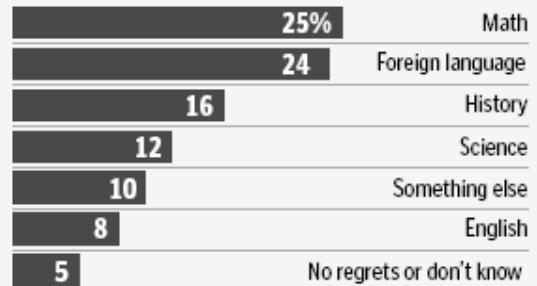
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High School Regrets

It's not reading or writing but arithmetic and foreign languages that Americans say they wish they had spent more time studying when they were in high school. And, kids, study now or regret it later: More than 9 out of 10 Americans said they were sorry they didn't spend more time on at least one subject.

Q: Looking back, which, if any, subject do you wish you had paid more attention to in high school?



Roughly equal proportions of men, women, the young and the not-so-young all regretted not paying more attention to the same subjects in school. The better-educated respondents, however, were slightly more likely to lament not spending time learning a foreign language.

Percentage of each group that regrets not spending more time on a particular subject:

	High School or Less	College Graduates
Math	27%	21
Foreign language	18	32%
History	11	14
Science	18	13
Something else	11	7
English	10	8
No regrets or don't know	5	5

SOURCE: Washington Post national telephone survey of 1,010 randomly selected adults conducted Aug. 16-20. Margin of sampling error is plus or minus four percentage points for the overall results. Interviewing was conducted by ICR of Media, Pa.