

Table 1: Summary statistics - formative assessment of students

		Dev7 countries		Vietnam	
Variable	Description	MS	Valid N	MS	Valid N
<i>Assessment used to</i>					
ASS_PROG	inform parents about child's progress	0.9695 (0.172)	40708	0.9928 (0.0844)	4882
ASS_PROM	decide on students retention or promotion	0.8988 (0.3016)	40483	0.9508 (0.2162)	4882
ASS_INSTR	group students for instructional purposes	0.6648 (0.4721)	40316	0.7378 (0.4399)	4882
ASS_NAT	compare school to national performance	0.7008 (0.4579)	40493	0.8785 (0.3267)	4882
ASS_SCH	monitor the schools yearly progress	0.9111 (0.2846)	40555	0.9799 (0.1403)	4882
ASS_TCH	make judgements on teachers' effectiveness	0.7764 (0.4166)	40400	0.9912 (0.0934)	4882
ASS_CUR	identify improvements in the curriculum	0.9017 (0.2977)	40586	0.9127 (0.2822)	4882
ASS_OTH	compare school with other schools	0.661 (0.4734)	40386	0.866 (0.3406)	4882
TCHBEHFA (<i>r</i>)	help students perform better	0.4634 (0.9934)	26245	0.005 (0.79)	3246

Notes: The variables relate to the questionnaires administered to principals (schools) and students in the rotated booklet. For a more detailed description of variables, please see Table xx. Items marked with (*r*) are taken from the rotated student questionnaire. The variable means of Dev7 and Vietnam are statistically different at the 5% significance level.