

Metacognitive Awareness, Attitude and Academic Performance of Students in Mathematics

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ABSTRACT

This study examined the relationship between metacognitive awareness, attitude toward mathematics, and academic performance in mathematics among Grade 11 students in a senior high school in the Division of Bacolod City during the SY 2025-2026. A quantitative-descriptive correlational research design was employed involving 124 Grade 11 students. Data were gathered using a Metacognitive Awareness Inventory, an Attitude toward Mathematics Scale, and students' mathematics grades to measure academic performance. The findings revealed that students demonstrated high levels of metacognitive awareness and positive attitudes toward mathematics, while their academic performance was rated very satisfactory. The study further found significant positive relationships between metacognitive awareness and academic performance, as well as between attitude toward mathematics and academic performance. These findings indicate that students with higher metacognitive awareness and more positive attitudes toward mathematics tend to perform better academically. The results underscore the importance of developing students' metacognitive skills and fostering positive attitudes toward mathematics to enhance academic achievement.

INTRODUCTION

Mathematics remains one of the most essential yet challenging subjects, as many learners continue to experience difficulties in problem-solving, critical thinking, and conceptual understanding that adversely affect academic performance (Azizah et al., 2026; Chand et al., 2021). Metacognitive awareness, defined as learners' ability to plan, monitor, and evaluate their learning processes, has been consistently associated with improved mathematics achievement because it enables the use of effective learning and problem-solving strategies (Thi-Nga et al., 2024; Baguin & Janiola, 2024; Abdelrahman, 2020; Muncer et al., 2021). Likewise, students' attitudes toward Mathematics—including confidence, interest, motivation, and feelings toward the subject—significantly influence academic performance by fostering greater engagement and persistence (Wen & Dubé, 2022). International studies further confirmed that metacognitive awareness positively predicts mathematics achievement by enhancing self-regulation, strategic thinking, and adaptability, while positive attitudes toward Mathematics promote active participation, confidence, and persistence that contribute to better learning outcomes (Alivio & Tan, 2025; Özçakmak, 2021; Akbayir & Topçul, 2021; He et al., 2024; Güner & Erbay, 2021; Hassan et al., 2022; Yz, 2022; Rehman et al., 2025). In the Philippine context, many students continue to struggle with mathematical reasoning and higher-order thinking because of limited reflective learning strategies and negative perceptions of Mathematics (Rivera & Canoy, 2025; Ansari et al., 2021; Lapinid et al., 2022; Barete & Taja-on, 2024). Local research likewise demonstrated that metacognitive awareness and positive attitudes toward Mathematics significantly enhance students' achievement, confidence, participation, engagement, and persistence in learning (Anore et al., 2025; Asignacion et al., 2021; Benedicto & Andrade, 2022; Catador, 2024; Kurdal & Kaplan, 2023; Malimban, 2025; Tuburan et al., 2025; Bendol & Dalayap, 2025). Despite these findings, limited studies have simultaneously examined the relationships among metacognitive awareness, attitude toward Mathematics, and academic performance among Grade 11 students, prompting this study to determine the levels of these variables and examine their significant relationships.

Framework

Flavell's Theory of Metacognition and Ajzen's Theory of Planned Behavior provide the theoretical foundation for this study by explaining how students' metacognitive awareness and attitudes toward Mathematics influence

academic performance. Flavell (1979) described metacognition as “thinking about thinking,” emphasizing learners’ ability to plan, monitor, and evaluate their cognitive processes, while Ajzen (1991) explained that positive attitudes shape intentions and behaviors that promote achievement (Mughal, 2025). Metacognition consists of metacognitive knowledge and metacognitive regulation, enabling learners to become active participants who improve comprehension, problem-solving, and learning outcomes through planning, monitoring, and evaluation (Alam, 2023; Rivas et al., 2022; Bhardwaj et al., 2025). Likewise, the Theory of Planned Behavior highlights that students with positive attitudes toward Mathematics are more likely to engage actively, demonstrate confidence, persist in solving problems, and strengthen academic engagement (Roslan et al., 2021; Du et al., 2025). In mathematics education, strong metacognitive awareness enables students to identify effective learning strategies, regulate their thinking, recognize errors, and apply appropriate problem-solving methods, while positive attitudes reduce mathematics anxiety and encourage motivation and persistence (Ozturk, 2024; Zhang et al., 2024; Tay et al., 2024; L. Wang et al., 2022; Kadonsi, 2025). Together, these theories emphasize that cognitive regulation and favorable attitudes work simultaneously to enhance mathematics achievement and academic success.

The relevance of these theories to the present study lies in their explanation of how metacognitive awareness and attitudes toward Mathematics contribute to students’ academic performance. Flavell’s theory supports the assumption that learners who actively regulate their thinking achieve better mathematical understanding, while Ajzen’s Theory of Planned Behavior explains that positive perceptions of Mathematics encourage active participation, persistence, and confidence in learning (Ozturk, 2024; Srivastava, 2024; Fadillah et al., 2021; Scheibe et al., 2023; Wakhata et al., 2022). These perspectives are further supported by evidence that metacognitive awareness improves learning regulation and mathematics achievement, whereas positive attitudes foster motivation, persistence, and engagement in learning tasks (Belgaroui & Shili, 2025; Wang et al., 2024; Boaler et al., 2024; Armah et al., 2026). Moreover, both metacognitive awareness and attitudes toward Mathematics can be strengthened through appropriate instructional practices and meaningful learning experiences (Reyes & Reyes, 2024; Sercenia & Prudente, 2023). Accordingly, Flavell’s Theory of Metacognition provides the conceptual basis for examining the relationship between metacognitive awareness and academic performance, whereas the Theory of Planned Behavior explains the role of attitudes toward Mathematics in shaping achievement. Taken together, these complementary theories offer a comprehensive framework for examining the relationships among metacognitive awareness, attitude toward Mathematics, and academic performance among Grade 11 students.

Methods

This study employed a quantitative descriptive-correlational research design to examine the relationship between metacognitive awareness, attitude toward Mathematics, and academic performance among Grade 11 HUMSS students in one secondary school under the Schools Division of a particular city in Negros Occidental. Quantitative research enabled the systematic collection and statistical analysis of numerical data, while the descriptive component determined the levels of metacognitive awareness, attitude toward Mathematics, and academic performance, and the correlational component examined the strength and direction of the relationships among these variables without manipulation (Deckert & Wilson, 2023; Casteel & Bridier, 2021; Bhandari, 2021; Ghanad, 2023). The study population consisted of 178 Grade 11 students enrolled during School Year 2025–2026, from which 124 respondents were selected using Yamane’s Formula with a 95% confidence level and 5% margin of error. Stratified random sampling proportionate was employed by grouping students according to their sections or strands, followed by simple random sampling through the fishbowl method to ensure fair representation, minimize sampling bias, and enhance the reliability of the findings. These respondents were selected because they were enrolled in Mathematics subjects requiring critical thinking, problem-solving, and self-regulated learning.

Data were collected using three research instruments: the Metacognitive Awareness Inventory adopted from Li et al. (2024), the Attitude toward Mathematics instrument adopted from Naungayan (2022), and the respondents’ average Mathematics grades as the measure of academic performance. Since both instruments were fully adopted from previously validated studies, no additional validity and reliability testing was conducted by the researcher. The Metacognitive Awareness Inventory demonstrated strong validity and reliability, with the five-point Likert version showing the strongest validity evidence and Cronbach’s alpha coefficients ranging from 0.805 to 0.844,

while the version used by Li et al. (2024) reported an excellent reliability coefficient of 0.963 (Cale et al., 2025; Li et al., 2024). Likewise, the attitude toward Mathematics instrument exhibited good to excellent reliability, with Cronbach's alpha values ranging from 0.88 to 0.95, and the version validated by Naungayan (2022) obtained a content validity rating of 4.30 and a Cronbach's alpha of 0.92 (Wen & Dubé, 2022; Naungayan, 2022). These findings support the suitability of both instruments for assessing metacognitive awareness and attitudes toward Mathematics in educational research.

The researcher followed established ethical and procedural guidelines by obtaining a recommendation from the Dean of the Graduate School of La Carlota City College, securing approval from the Schools Division Superintendent, and requesting authorization from the public-school district supervisor with the assistance of the school principal before conducting the study. Participation was voluntary, confidentiality and anonymity were assured, academic performance was measured using the 4th Quarter Division Assessment of Learning Examination, and the metacognitive awareness and attitude questionnaires were administered through Google Forms, with respondents given 20–30 minutes to complete them under the researcher's supervision. The gathered data were analyzed using the mean and standard deviation to determine the levels of metacognitive awareness, attitude toward Mathematics, and academic performance, with interpretations based on a 5-point Likert scale and the grading scale prescribed in DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2015. Spearman's rho Correlation Coefficient was used to determine the significant relationship between metacognitive awareness and academic performance, as well as between attitude toward Mathematics and academic performance. These statistical procedures ensured the objective analysis and accurate interpretation of the study's findings.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents, analyzes, and explains the gathered data. To address the problem statement, the data are carefully organized using the relevant statistical tools.

Table 1 Level of Metacognitive Awareness of Students

Statements	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Declarative Knowledge	3.93	0.34	High
1. I understand my intellectual strengths and weaknesses.	3.81	0.42	High
2. I know what kind of information is most important to learn.	3.85	0.40	High
3. I am good at organizing information.	3.81	0.39	High
4. I know what the teacher expects me to learn.	4.03	0.69	High
5. I am good at remembering information.	4.02	0.68	High
6. I have control over how well I learn.	4.09	0.58	High
7. I am a good judge of how well I understand something.	4.02	0.66	High
8. I learn more when I am interested in the topic.	3.85	0.36	High
Procedural Knowledge	3.81	0.28	High
1. I try to use strategies that have worked in the past.	3.84	0.37	High
2. I have a specific purpose for each strategy I use.	3.77	0.42	High
3. I am aware of what strategies I use when I study.	3.82	0.38	High

4. I find myself using helpful learning strategies automatically.	3.81	0.42	High
Conditional Knowledge	3.96	0.40	High
1. I learn best when I know something about the topic.	4.09	0.65	High
2. I use different learning strategies depending on the situation.	4.02	0.63	High
3. I can motivate myself to learn when I need to.	3.81	0.39	High
4. I use my intellectual strengths to compensate for my weaknesses.	3.78	0.43	High
5. I know when each strategy I use will be most effective.	4.08	0.75	High
Knowledge About Cognition	3.91	0.32	High
Planning	3.99	0.39	High
1. I pace myself while learning in order to have enough time.	4.10	0.62	High
2. I think about what I really need to learn before I begin a task.	4.04	0.68	High
3. I set specific goals before I begin a task.	4.04	0.64	High
4. I ask myself questions about the material before I begin.	3.85	0.38	High
5. I think of several ways to solve a problem and choose the best one.	3.81	0.40	High
6. I read instructions carefully before I begin a task.	4.02	0.68	High
7. I organize my time to best accomplish my goals.	4.07	0.68	High
Information Management Strategies	4.06	0.44	High
1. I slow down when I encounter important information.	4.08	0.63	High
2. I consciously focus my attention on important information.	4.10	0.67	High
3. I focus on the meaning and significance of new information.	4.05	0.68	High
4. I create my own examples to make information more meaningful.	4.09	0.66	High
5. I draw pictures or diagrams to help me understand while learning.	4.06	0.65	High
6. I try to translate new information into my own words.	4.01	0.67	High
7. I use the organizational structure of the text to help me learn	4.06	0.59	High
8. I ask myself if what I'm reading is related to what I already know.	4.03	0.70	High
9. I try to break studying down into smaller steps.	4.10	0.66	High
10. I focus on overall meaning rather than specifics.	4.02	0.69	High
Comprehension Monitoring	4.06	0.46	High

1. I ask myself periodically if I am meeting my goals.	4.01	0.62	High
2. I consider several alternatives to a problem before I answer.	4.12	0.68	High
3. I ask myself if I have considered all options when solving a problem.	4.02	0.71	High
4. I periodically review to help me understand important relationships.	4.04	0.62	High
5. I find myself analyzing the usefulness of strategies while I study.	4.10	0.66	High
6. I find myself pausing regularly to check my comprehension.	4.06	0.65	High
7. I ask myself questions about how well I am doing while learning something new.	4.07	0.69	High
Debugging Strategies	4.01	0.47	High
1. I ask others for help when I don't understand something.	4.02	0.65	High
2. I change strategies when I fail to understand.	3.98	0.63	High
3. I re-evaluate my assumptions when I get confused	3.98	0.67	High
4. I stop and go back over new information that is not clear.	4.02	0.70	High
5. I stop and reread when I get confused.	4.06	0.66	High
Evaluation	4.07	0.43	High
1. I know how well I did once I finish a test.	4.15	0.66	High
2. I ask myself if there was an easier way to do things after I finish a task.	4.07	0.65	High
3. I summarize what I've learned after I finish.	4.00	0.64	High
4. I ask myself how well I accomplish my goals once I'm finished.	4.09	0.64	High
5. I ask myself if I have considered all options after I solve a problem.	4.03	0.64	High
6. I ask myself if I learned as much as I could have once, I finish a task.	4.07	0.65	High
Regulation of Cognition	4.04	0.40	High
Metacognitive Awareness as a Whole	4.00	0.36	High
<i>Legend: (4.21-5.00)-Very High; (3.41-4.20)-High; (2.61-3.40)-Moderate; (1.81-2.60)-Low; (1.00-1.80)- Very Low n=124</i>			

The findings revealed that students demonstrated a high level of metacognitive awareness in terms of knowledge about cognition ($M = 3.91$, $SD = 0.32$), indicating a strong awareness of their cognitive processes and consistent responses across respondents. Among its dimensions, conditional knowledge obtained the highest mean ($M = 3.96$, $SD = 0.40$), followed by declarative knowledge ($M = 3.93$, $SD = 0.34$), while procedural knowledge

recorded the lowest, though still within the high level ($M = 3.81$, $SD = 0.28$); indicator-level results likewise showed stronger performance in selected declarative and conditional knowledge items, with relatively lower scores in some procedural indicators. These findings suggest that students understand what they know, how to use learning strategies, and particularly when and why such strategies should be applied, reflecting well-developed metacognitive knowledge that supports effective learning (Tay et al., 2023; García-Pérez et al., 2020; Weinert & Kluwe, 2026; Abdelshiheed et al., 2023). Although procedural knowledge was comparatively lower, it may indicate that students are less confident in executing strategies than in recognizing or selecting them, highlighting the need for greater emphasis on strategy implementation and guided practice (Braithwaite & Sprague, 2021; Zepeda & Nokes-Malach, 2023; Wang et al., 2024; ElSayad, 2024; Cheng & Chan, 2021; Peng et al., 2025). Overall, the findings support metacognitive frameworks that conceptualize knowledge about cognition as comprising declarative, procedural, and conditional components, suggesting that strengthening procedural knowledge may further enhance self-regulated learning and mathematics achievement (Zheng, 2025; Chen, 2024; Dennis & Somerville, 2022; Ali, 2025).

The results further showed that students exhibited a high level of regulation of cognition ($M = 4.04$, $SD = 0.40$), indicating strong abilities to regulate and manage their learning processes, with evaluation obtaining the highest mean ($M = 4.07$, $SD = 0.43$), followed by information management strategies and comprehension monitoring ($M = 4.06$), while planning recorded the lowest mean ($M = 3.99$, $SD = 0.39$), although all dimensions remained high. Indicator-level findings revealed only slight variations, suggesting consistently strong metacognitive regulation across planning, information management, comprehension monitoring, debugging strategies, and evaluation. These results imply that students actively plan, monitor, evaluate, and modify their learning strategies, demonstrating effective self-regulated learning behaviors that support academic success, particularly through reflective evaluation and continuous monitoring of understanding (Raković et al., 2021; Tuononen et al., 2022; Wolters & Brady, 2020; Evendi & Verawati, 2021; Hellberg & Fauskanger, 2022; Harvey & Goudvis, 2023; Sholeh, 2023). Although planning obtained the lowest mean, students still regularly engage in goal setting and strategy selection, while their high debugging skills indicate an ability to identify errors and adjust ineffective approaches during learning (J. Wong et al., 2021; Rivers, 2020; Park & Cheon, 2024). These findings reinforce metacognitive theories emphasizing regulation of cognition as a key component of effective learning and highlight the importance of instructional practices that promote reflective thinking, self-monitoring, strategic planning, and self-assessment to further strengthen students' regulatory skills (Doo et al., 2023; Edisherashvili et al., 2022; Tee et al., 2020; Arvatz et al., 2025; Eriyantika & Hidayati, 2025; Dinsmore et al., 2008; Comings et al., 2023).

Overall, students demonstrated a high level of metacognitive awareness ($M = 4.00$, $SD = 0.36$), indicating that they are generally aware of and capable of regulating their cognitive processes, with consistent responses across the group. The findings suggest that students consciously plan, monitor, evaluate, and adjust their learning strategies, enabling them to become reflective, intentional, and self-regulated learners who effectively manage their academic tasks (Drigas & Mitsea, 2021; McGuire et al., 2023b; Basu & Dixit, 2021; Özçakmak, 2021). Such a high level of metacognitive awareness has been associated with improved problem-solving, self-regulation, learning effectiveness, and academic success, indicating that the respondents possess characteristics commonly observed among successful learners (Santangelo et al., 2021; Maksum et al., 2021; Morosanova et al., 2022). From an educational perspective, the results underscore the value of sustaining instructional practices that foster reflective thinking, self-assessment, goal setting, think-aloud activities, and other metacognitive strategies to further strengthen students' independent learning and lifelong learning skills (Zohar & Ben-Ari, 2022; Russell et al., 2020; DeJaeghere et al., 2023; Zarepour et al., 2024; Kontostavlou & Drigas, 2021). Furthermore, the findings support theoretical perspectives emphasizing metacognition as a critical determinant of academic success and provide a basis for future studies examining its relationship with academic performance, learning strategies, motivation, critical thinking, and mathematics achievement (Koyuncuoglu, 2023; Swanson et al., 2024; Srivastava, 2024; Gambo & Shakir, 2022; Soroosh & Pourhosein, 2024).

Table 2. Level of Attitude towards Mathematics of Grade 11 students when taken as a whole.

Statements	Mean	SD	Interpretation
1. I get a great deal of satisfaction out of solving a mathematics problem.	4.11	0.71	Very High
2. I have usually enjoyed studying mathematics in school.	3.98	0.58	Very High
3. Mathematics is fun and exciting.	4.09	0.70	Very High
4. I like to solve new problems in mathematics.	4.02	0.64	Very High
5. I would prefer to do an assignment in math than to write an essay	4.09	0.71	Very High
6. I like mathematics.	4.02	0.69	Very High
7. I am happier in a math class than in any other class.	3.98	0.72	Very High
8. Mathematics is a very interesting subject.	4.02	0.69	Very High
9. I am comfortable expressing my ideas on how to look for solutions to a difficult problem in math	3.96	0.71	Very High
10. I am comfortable answering questions in math class.	4.09	0.60	Very High
11. Mathematics is a very worthwhile and necessary subject.	4.01	0.68	Very High
12. I want to develop my mathematical skills.	4.02	0.58	Very High
13. Mathematics helps develop the mind and teaches a person to think.	4.05	0.62	Very High
14. Mathematics is important in everyday life.	4.12	0.72	Very High
15. Mathematics is one of the most important subjects for people to study.	4.06	0.65	Very High
16. High school math courses would be very helpful no matter what I decide to study.	4.13	0.66	Very High
17. I can think of many ways that I use math outside of school.	4.04	0.74	Very High
18. I think studying advanced mathematics is useful.	4.07	0.65	Very High
19. I believe studying math helps me with problem-solving in other areas	4.08	0.67	Very High
20. A strong math background could help me in my professional life.	4.00	0.69	Very High
21. Mathematics is not one of my most dreaded subjects.	4.10	0.66	Very High
22. I can think clearly when working with mathematics.	4.02	0.62	Very High
23. Studying mathematics does not make me feel nervous.	4.04	0.63	Very High
24. Mathematics makes me feel comfortable.	4.00	0.66	Very High
25. I am never under a terrible strain in math class.	4.10	0.67	Very High

26. When I hear the word mathematics, I have a feeling of enjoyment.	4.06	0.59	Very High
27. It makes me excited to even think about doing a mathematics problem.	3.81	0.40	Very High
28. Mathematics does not scare me at all.	3.79	0.45	Very High
29. I have a lot of self-confidence when it comes to mathematics.	3.85	0.36	Very High
30. I can solve mathematics problems without too much difficulty.	3.84	0.39	Very High
31. I expect to do fairly well in any math class I take.	3.85	0.35	Very High
32. I am never confused in my mathematics class.	3.85	0.38	Very High
33. I feel a sense of security when attempting mathematics.	3.81	0.44	Very High
34. I learn mathematics easily.	3.88	0.33	Very High
35. I believe I am good at solving math problems.	3.77	0.44	Very High
36. I am confident that I could learn advanced mathematics.	3.78	0.43	Very High
37. I would like to continue using mathematics in college.	4.01	0.73	Very High
38. I am willing to take more than the required amount of mathematics.	4.09	0.66	Very High
39. I plan to take as much mathematics as I can during my education.	4.06	0.65	Very High
40. The challenge of math appeals to me.	3.99	0.67	Very High
Overall Mean Attitude towards Mathematics	3.99	0.37	Very High
<i>Legend: (4.21-5.00)-Very High; (3.41-4.20)-High; (2.61-3.40)-Moderate; (1.81-2.60)-Low; (1.00-1.80)-Very Low n=124</i>			

The findings revealed that the respondents exhibited a high level of attitude toward Mathematics ($M = 3.99$, $SD = 0.37$), indicating that Grade 11 students generally possess a favorable and consistent disposition toward the subject, with indicator 16 obtaining the highest mean ($M = 4.13$, $SD = 0.66$) and indicator 35 the lowest ($M = 3.77$, $SD = 0.44$). This result supports the view that students hold positive beliefs, feelings, and predispositions toward learning Mathematics, enabling them to perceive the subject as valuable, relevant, and worthwhile (Perera-Rodríguez, 2026; Russo et al., 2023). Students with positive attitudes are also more likely to demonstrate confidence, interest, willingness to engage in mathematical tasks, and persistence in overcoming learning challenges, which contribute to improved motivation, engagement, and academic experiences (Suchayo et al., 2021; Madrilejos, 2025; Boaler, 2022). From an educational perspective, these findings suggest that the respondents' learning environment and instructional experiences may be fostering positive perceptions of Mathematics, which can serve as a foundation for improved academic performance through enhanced motivation, self-efficacy, and persistence (Madrilejos, 2025; Salani & Shimmy Sethukge, 2024). Teachers can further strengthen this positive disposition by implementing student-centered instruction, collaborative and problem-solving activities, and real-world mathematical applications, while educational stakeholders may develop programs that reinforce meaningful mathematical experiences and sustained engagement (Akmad, 2025; Agbata et al., 2024). Moreover, the findings support theoretical perspectives emphasizing the importance of affective factors in shaping students' learning behaviors and academic outcomes in Mathematics (Travero & Japos, 2024; Kiwanuka et al., 2020). Future studies may further examine the relationship between attitude toward Mathematics and variables such as learning strategies, mathematical self-efficacy, and problem-solving skills to

deepen understanding of factors influencing mathematics achievement and promote continued academic success (Misajon, 2025; Harefa, 2023; Langoban et al., 2023).

Table 3. Level of academic performance of Grade 11 students in Mathematics.

Level of Academic Performance	f	Mean	SD	Interpretation
Outstanding	7	87.74	4.94	Very Satisfactory
Very Satisfactory	106			
Satisfactory	11			
Fairly Satisfactory	0			
Did Not Meet Expectations	0			
Total	124			

Legend: (90-100)-Outstanding; (85-89)-Very Satisfactory; (80-84)-Satisfactory; (75-79)-Fairly Satisfactory; (Below 75)-Did Not Meet Expectation n=124

The findings revealed that Grade 11 students achieved a very satisfactory level of academic performance in Mathematics ($M = 87.74$, $SD = 4.94$), with 7 students rated Outstanding, 106 Very Satisfactory, and 11 Satisfactory, indicating that most respondents attained relatively high achievement with only moderate variation in grades. This suggests that students generally possess the knowledge, skills, and competencies required to meet Mathematics learning standards, demonstrating strong conceptual understanding and the ability to apply mathematical concepts, while only a small proportion may require additional academic support. Academic performance serves as a key indicator of learning outcomes and educational attainment, and the overall very satisfactory rating reflects competence, academic readiness, and the effectiveness of existing instructional practices, curriculum implementation, and learning support mechanisms (Bukhari et al., 2024; Suthish, 2025). The findings are also consistent with theoretical perspectives that view academic achievement as the product of cognitive, metacognitive, motivational, and environmental factors working together to support student success (Neyah & Vijayakumar, 2025; Ozcan, 2021). From an educational perspective, teachers and school administrators should continue implementing strategies that strengthen conceptual understanding, critical thinking, and problem-solving while providing enrichment opportunities for high-performing students and targeted interventions for those needing additional support (Naz & Qayyum, 2025; Dietrichson et al., 2021; Juliaha & Thaiba, 2025). Furthermore, these results provide a basis for future research examining how variables such as learning strategies, self-efficacy, and classroom environment contribute to mathematics achievement and inform evidence-based educational interventions (Alali & Wardat, 2024; Clement et al., 2024). Overall, the findings indicate that Grade 11 students are successfully meeting academic expectations in Mathematics, underscoring the importance of sustaining effective instructional practices while promoting continuous improvement for both high-achieving and struggling learners (Ziernwald et al., 2022).

Table 4. Relationship between the Metacognitive Awareness and Academic Performance in Mathematics.

Variable	Test Statistics (r_s)	p-value	Decision for H_0	Interpretation
Metacognitive Awareness Inventory (MAI) vs	0.602**	<0.001	Reject H_0	Significant
Academic Performance in Mathematics				

The Spearman's rank-order correlation analysis revealed a statistically significant, moderately strong positive relationship between metacognitive awareness and academic performance in Mathematics ($\rho = 0.602$, $p < 0.001$), leading to the rejection of the null hypothesis and indicating that higher metacognitive awareness is associated

with better academic performance among Grade 11 students. This finding suggests that learners who effectively plan, monitor, evaluate, and regulate their cognitive processes are more likely to achieve higher mathematics performance because they are better able to select appropriate learning strategies and reflect on their understanding (Zuo et al., 2024; An et al., 2024; Alivio & Tan, 2025; Scorțan, 2023). The results support metacognitive and self-regulated learning theories, which emphasize that students who actively regulate their cognition are better equipped to overcome learning difficulties, solve complex mathematical problems, and achieve academic success (Winne & Azevedo, 2022; Hamzah et al., 2023; Anthonysamy et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2026). From an educational perspective, the findings highlight the importance of integrating metacognitive instruction into mathematics classrooms through activities that promote planning, self-monitoring, evaluation, reflection, strategic thinking, and self-assessment to strengthen students' self-regulated learning and academic achievement (Yilmaz, 2022; Silver et al., 2023; Pokhrel et al., 2024; Astuti & Rozikin, 2024). The results also contribute to the growing body of literature identifying metacognitive awareness as a significant predictor of academic performance and provide empirical support for previous studies reporting similar associations (He et al., 2024; Bae & Kwon, 2019). However, the observed relationship does not establish causation, as academic performance is influenced by multiple factors, including motivation, attitude, prior knowledge, instructional quality, and the learning environment (Asvio, 2022). Overall, the findings underscore the importance of fostering metacognitive awareness in mathematics education and encourage future research to examine its interaction with other variables or its potential role as a mediator or predictor of mathematics achievement (Davor et al., 2026; Syaiful et al., 2022).

Table 5. Relationship between the Attitude Towards Mathematics and Academic Performance in Mathematics.

Variable	Test Statistics (r_s)	p-value	Decision for H_0	Interpretation
Attitude Towards Mathematics Inventory (ATMI)vs	0.606	<0.001	Reject H_0	Significant
Academic Performance in Mathematics				

The Spearman's rank-order correlation analysis revealed a statistically significant, moderately strong positive relationship between students' attitude toward Mathematics and their academic performance ($p = 0.606$, $p < 0.001$), leading to the rejection of the null hypothesis and indicating that students with more positive attitudes tend to achieve higher mathematics performance. This finding suggests that attitude toward Mathematics is an important factor associated with academic success, as positive attitudes reflect favorable beliefs, confidence, interest, enjoyment, and perceived value of the subject, whereas less favorable attitudes may be linked to lower achievement (Harun & Manaf, 2021; Chen, 2021; Shone et al., 2023; Segarra & Julià, 2021; Aguilar, 2021). From an educational perspective, the results highlight the importance of fostering positive learning experiences that enhance students' confidence, interest, and appreciation of Mathematics through active participation, collaborative learning, real-world applications, and meaningful problem-solving activities (Hashim et al., 2021; Vale & Barbosa, 2023). Likewise, creating supportive classroom environments that reduce mathematics anxiety and strengthen students' motivation and confidence may further improve academic performance, while school administrators and curriculum developers may integrate programs that reinforce these affective qualities (Poudel, 2023; Berdos, 2025). The findings also contribute to the growing body of literature emphasizing the role of affective factors in mathematics achievement by providing evidence that attitude toward Mathematics is significantly associated with academic performance and may serve as an important predictor of learning outcomes (Gjicali & Lipnevich, 2021; Dake et al., 2021). However, although the relationship is statistically significant, it does not imply causation because academic performance is also influenced by cognitive abilities, learning strategies, instructional quality, and environmental factors (Mulaudzi, 2025). Overall, the findings underscore the importance of cultivating positive attitudes toward Mathematics and encourage future studies to examine how attitude interacts with other variables or predicts academic performance using more advanced statistical approaches (De La Hera et al., 2023; Núñez et al., 2024).

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings, it is concluded that Grade 11 students generally exhibit a high level of metacognitive awareness, demonstrating strong abilities to understand, monitor, and regulate their cognitive processes in learning Mathematics. The respondents also possess positive attitudes toward Mathematics, reflecting favorable perceptions, interest, and dispositions toward the subject. Moreover, students achieved a very satisfactory level of academic performance, indicating a strong level of mathematical achievement. The study further established that higher levels of metacognitive awareness are significantly associated with better academic performance in Mathematics. Likewise, students with more positive attitudes toward Mathematics tend to demonstrate higher levels of academic performance, highlighting the importance of both cognitive and affective factors in mathematics learning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This research, as per the investigation, recommends the following:

Based on the findings, the Schools Division Superintendent may strengthen policies, professional development programs, learning enhancement initiatives, and monitoring mechanisms that promote the integration of metacognitive awareness in Mathematics instruction across senior high schools. Education Supervisors may provide technical assistance and instructional supervision that emphasize reflective learning, self-monitoring, problem-solving, motivational teaching practices, and regular monitoring to ensure effective implementation. School Principals may sustain students' high levels of metacognitive awareness and positive attitudes by fostering supportive learning environments, collaborative learning, Mathematics enrichment programs, and school-based professional development focused on improving academic performance. Mathematics teachers are encouraged to integrate explicit metacognitive strategies, such as goal setting, self-questioning, reflective journaling, think-aloud activities, self-assessment, and progress monitoring, while using engaging, learner-centered, and real-life mathematical applications to strengthen students' interest, confidence, and achievement. Students should continue developing positive attitudes toward Mathematics by embracing challenges, participating actively in learning activities, and seeking assistance when needed to further enhance their academic performance. Future researchers may replicate the study with larger and more diverse populations, examine additional variables such as motivation, self-efficacy, learning strategies, parental involvement, and classroom environment, and employ longitudinal, experimental, or mixed-method designs to better understand how metacognitive awareness and attitudes toward Mathematics influence academic success over time.

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