

Hmong Cultural Center
Qeej Program Evaluation Data
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“Learning the past to preserve the future”

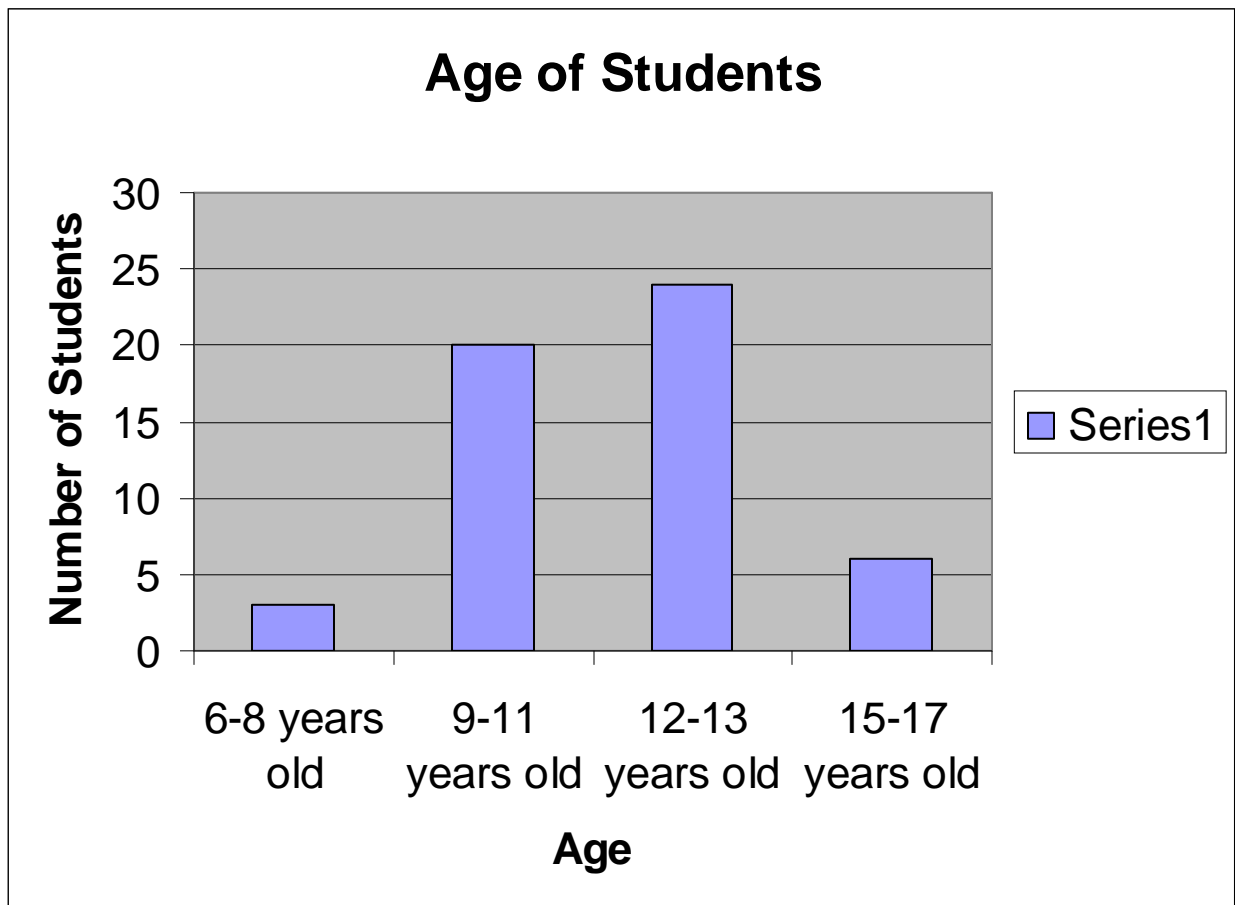
Students' Age

6-8 years old – 3

9-11 years old – 20

12-14 years old – 24

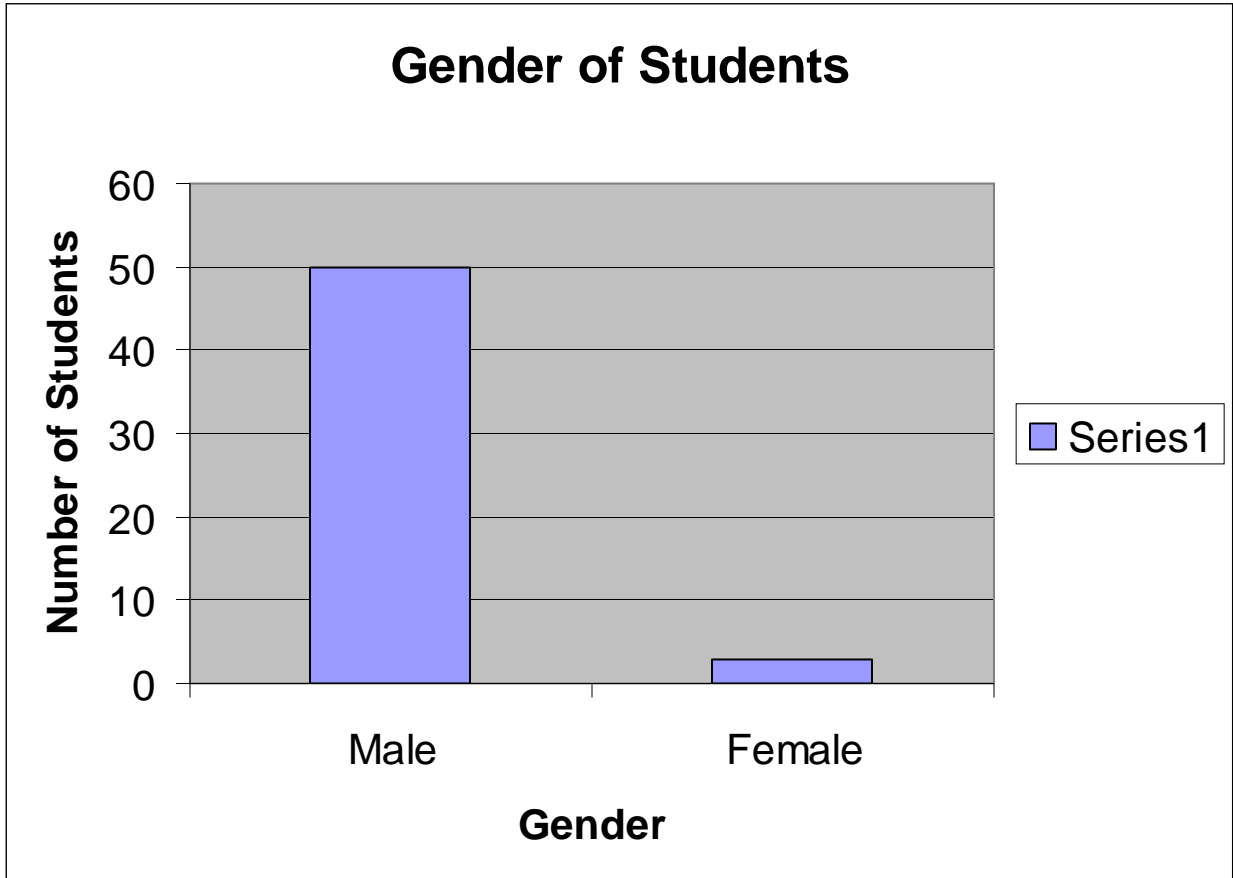
15-17 years old – 6



Gender

Male - 50

Female - 3



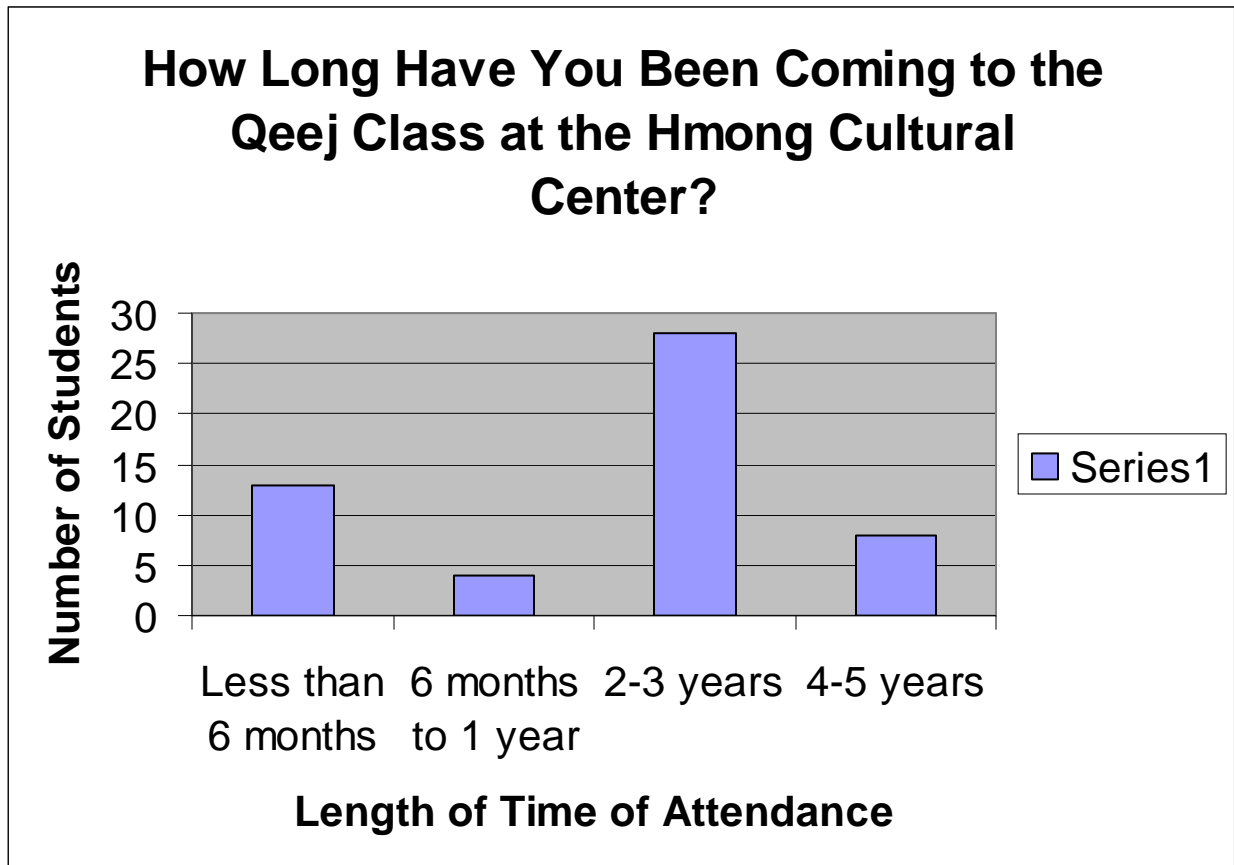
How long have you been coming to the Qeej Class at the Hmong Cultural Center?

Less than 6 months – 13

6 months to 1 year – 4

2-3 years – 28

4-5 years – 8



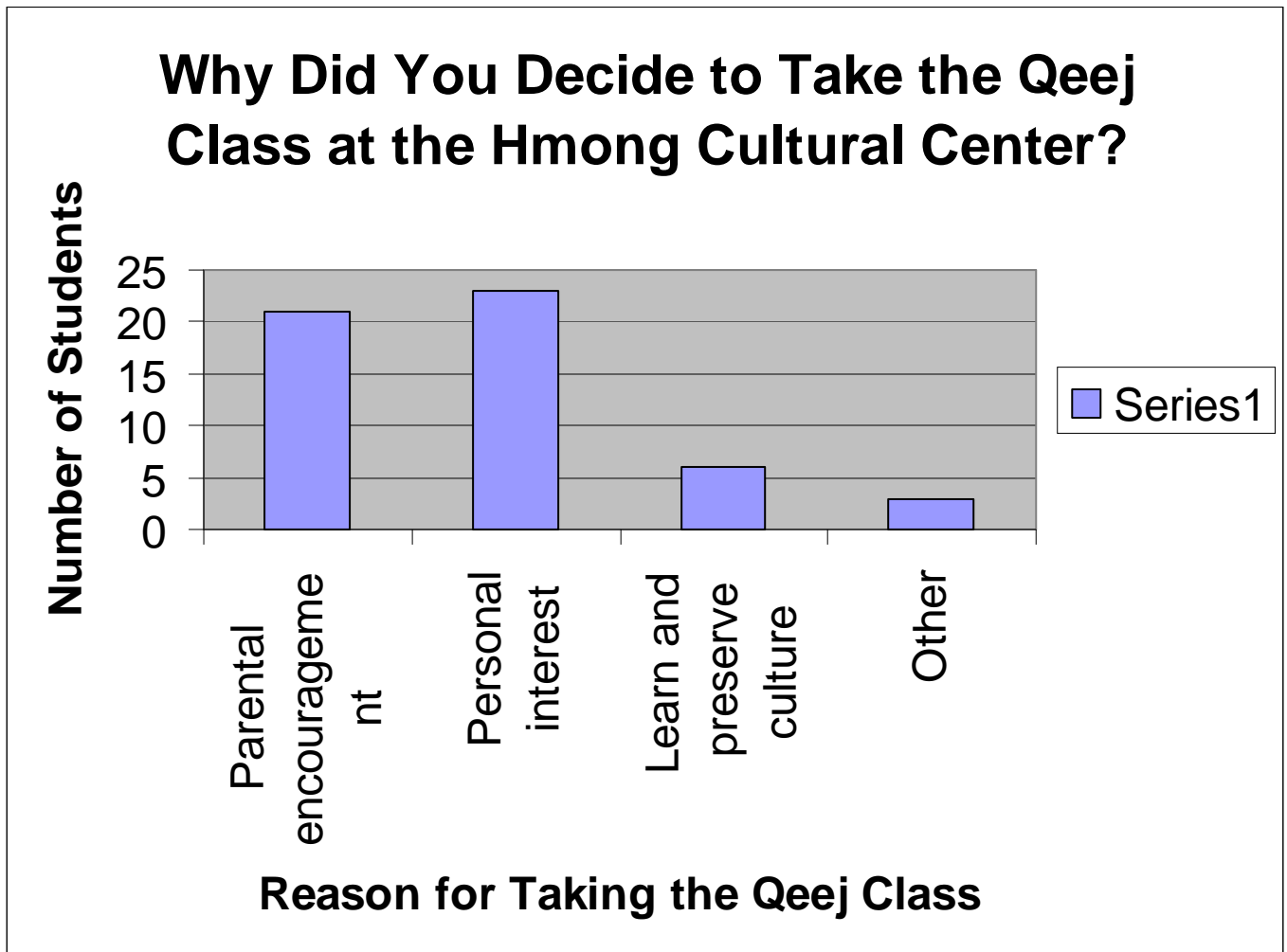
Why did you decide to take the Qeej Class at the Hmong Cultural Center?

Parental encouragement – 20

Personal interest – 23

Learn and preserve culture – 6

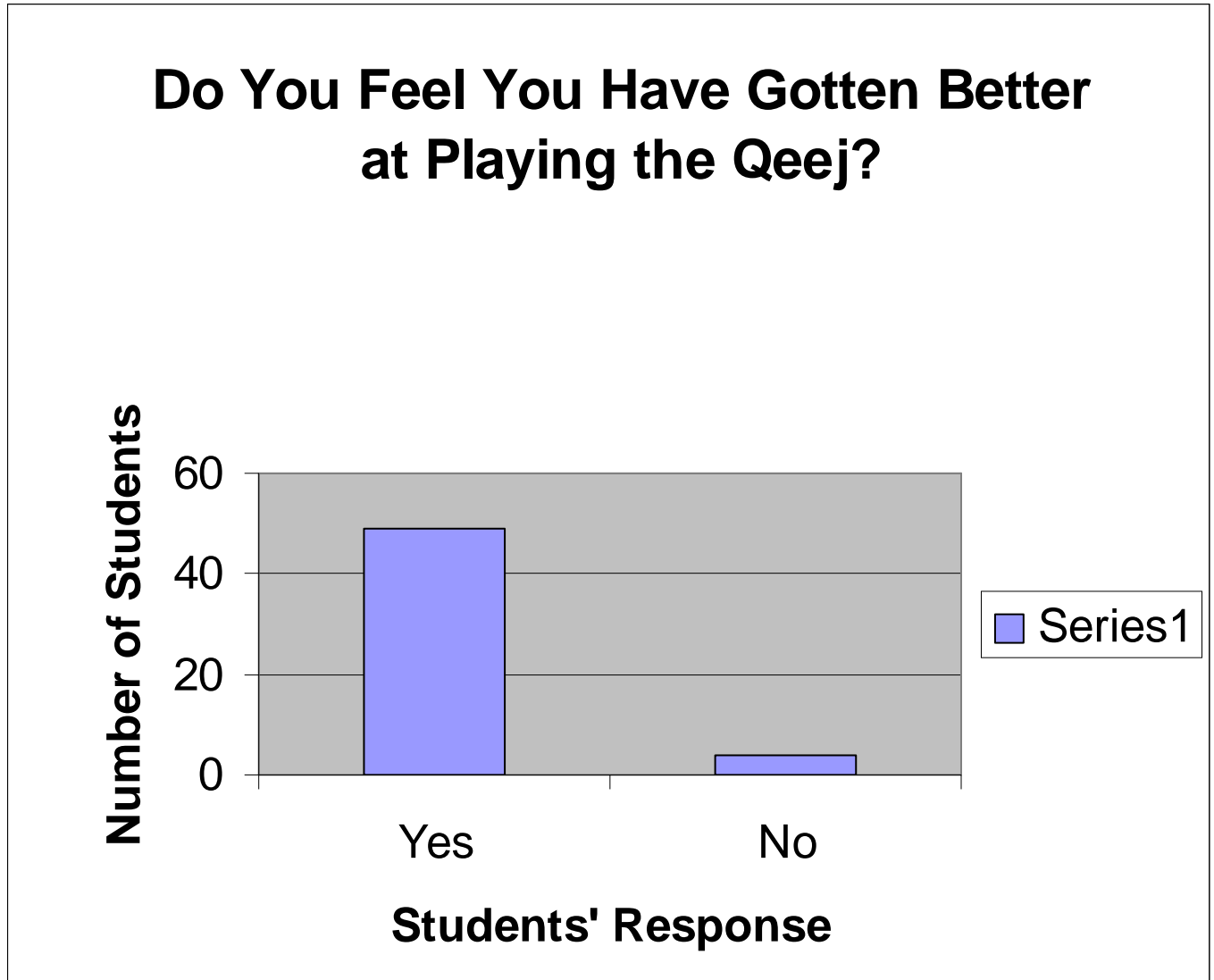
Other – 1



In the time that you have been coming to Qeej class, do you feel you have gotten better at playing the Qeej?

Yes – 49

No – 4



What parts of playing the Qeej do you think you have better at?
(i.e. knowing important songs, the dances, understanding the meaning of the Qeej in Hmong Culture etc?)

Dance – 11

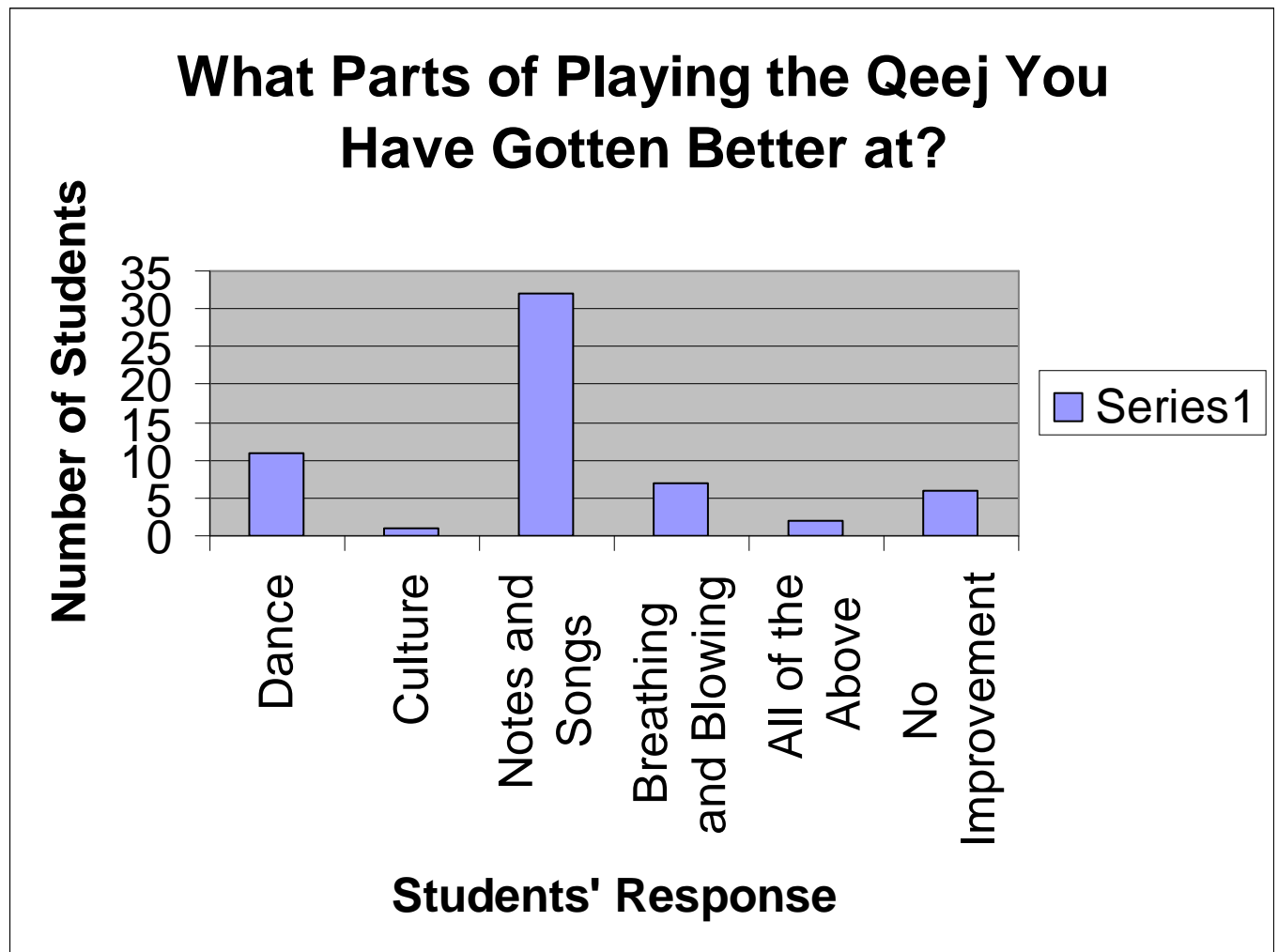
Culture – 1

Notes and Songs – 32

Breathing and Blowing – 7

All of the Above – 2

No Improvement – 6



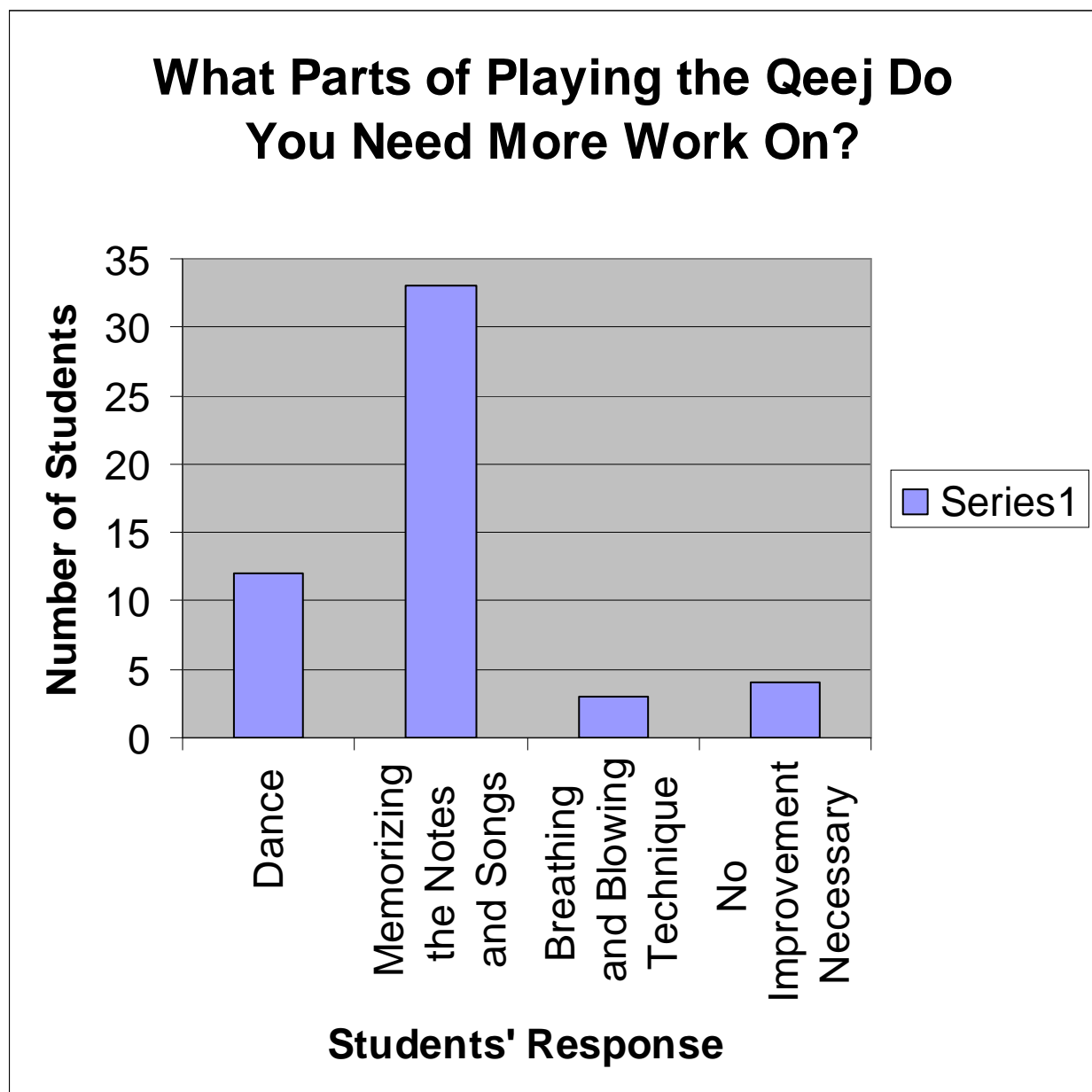
What parts of playing the Qeej do you think you need more work on?

Dance – 12

Memorizing the Notes and Songs – 33

Breathing and Blowing Technique – 3

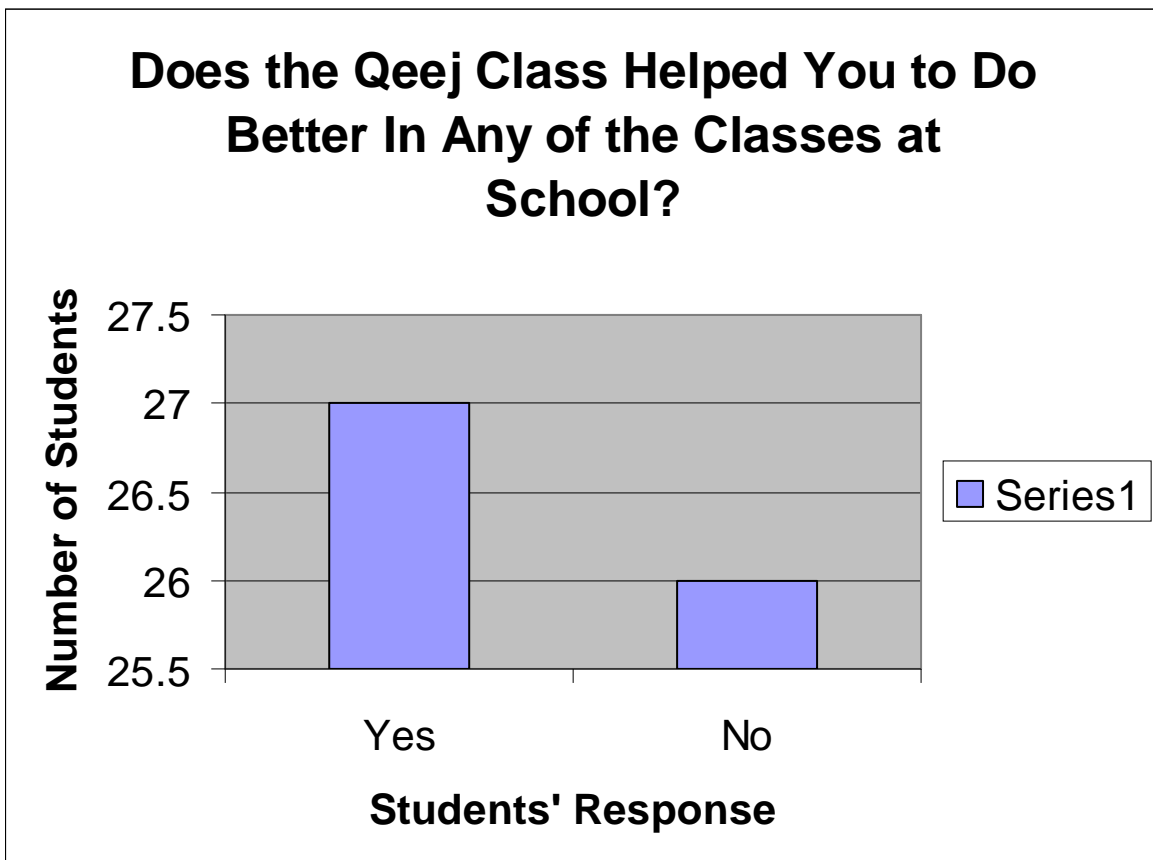
No Improvement Necessary – 4



Do you ever perform the Qeej in front of other people (outside of class)? If yes, do you think performing the Qeej in front of other people has helped you do other things too like public speaking in class at school? If yes, what kind of other things do you think you can do better now because you play the Qeej?

Yes – 27

No – 26

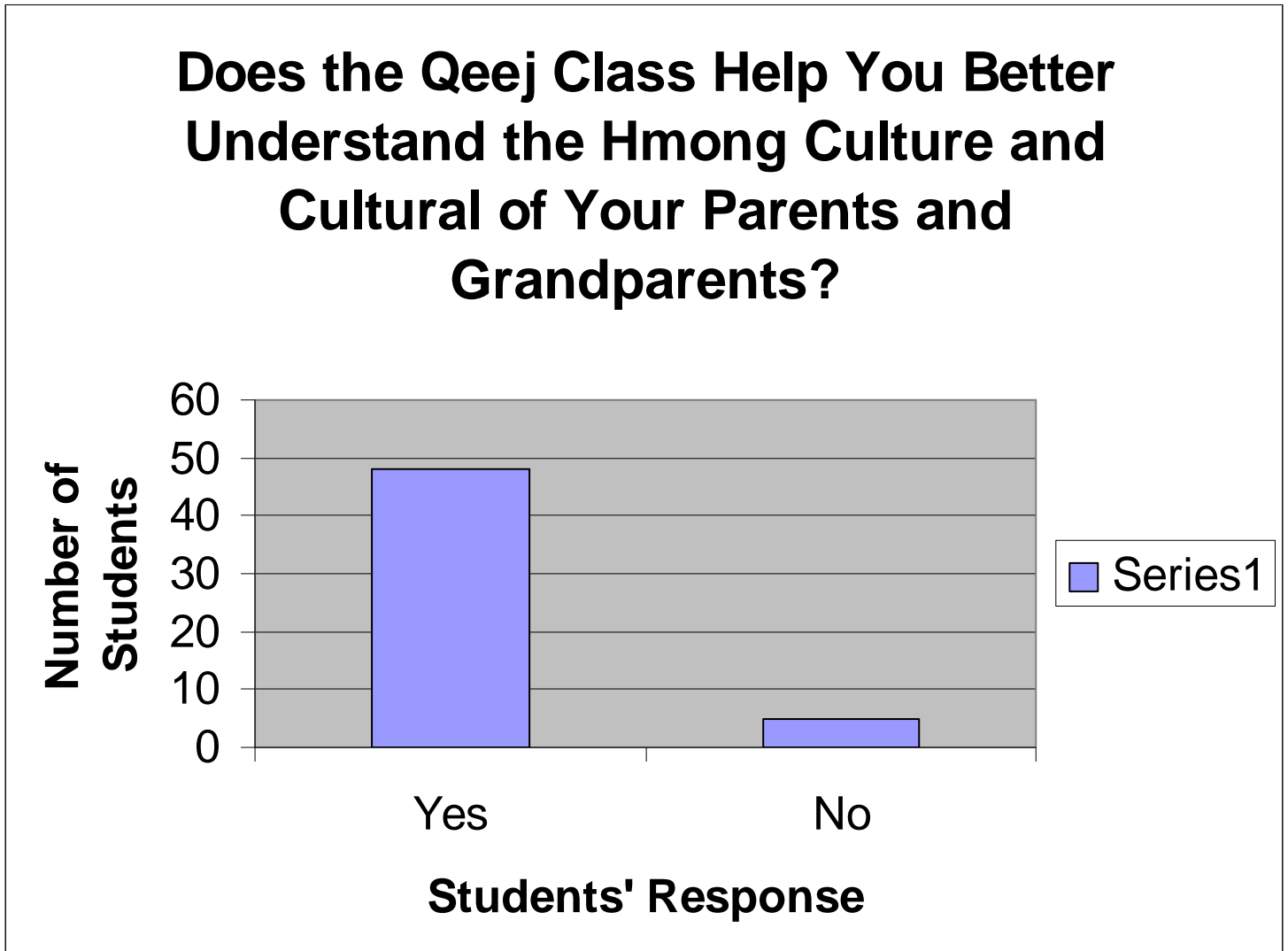


Some Qeej students asserted that the class has built their confidence in school environment and at community events. They are able to speak in front of a large group of people in public.

Do you think taking Qeej Class at the Hmong Cultural Center has helped you better understand the Hmong culture and culture of your parents and grandparents?

Yes – 48

No – 5

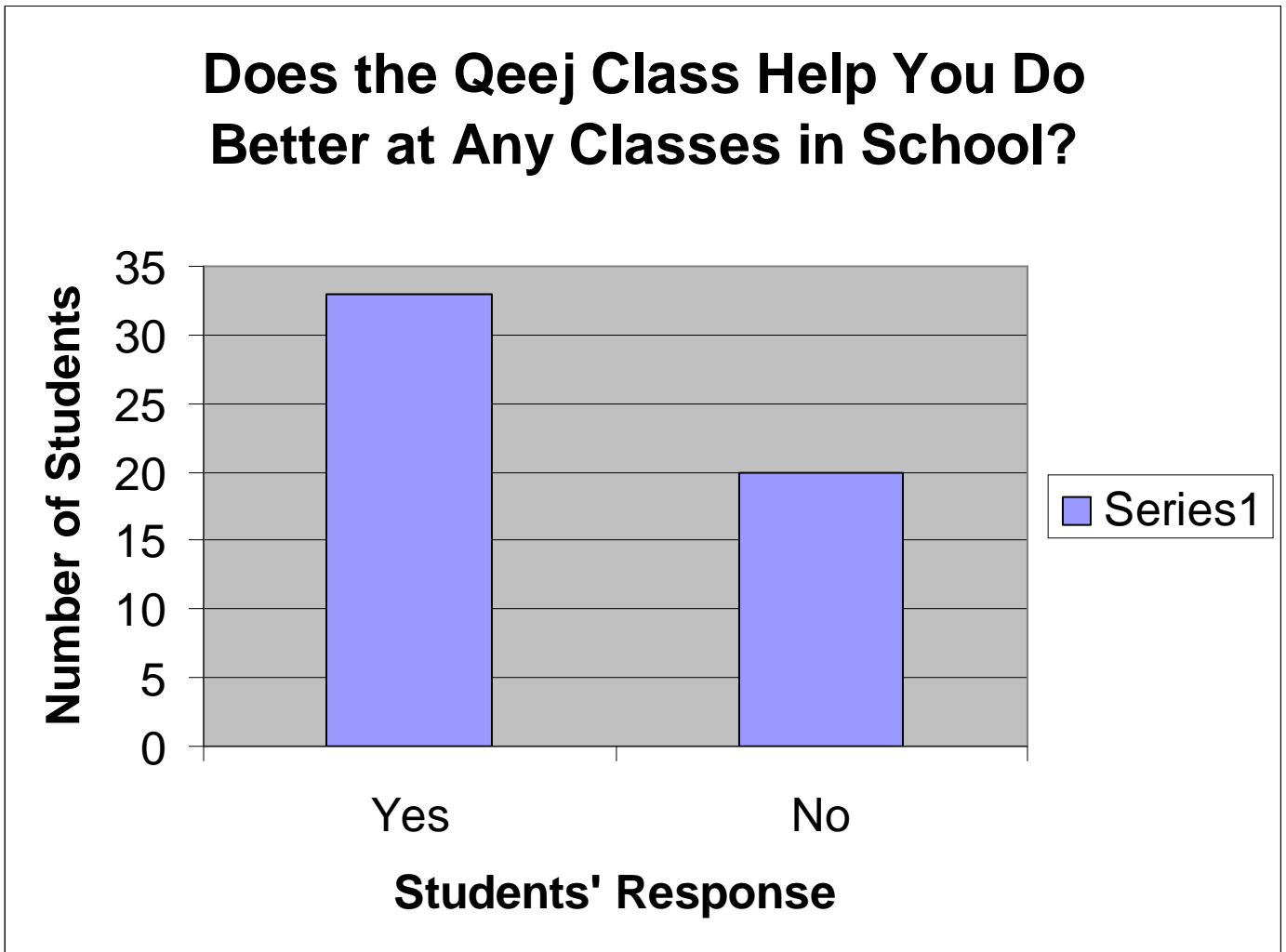


Majority of the students responded that taking the Qeej class at the Hmong Cultural Center has helped them to connect to their cultural heritage and understand about their elders.

Do you think taking Qeej Class at the Hmong Cultural Center has helped you do better at any classes in school?

Yes – 33

No – 20



How do you think the Qeej Class at the Hmong Cultural Center Could Improved?

Have Bigger Class Space – 24

Have More Instructors – 9

More Class Hours – 6

Offered Cultural Custom – 1

Have Break/Vacation – 3

No Response – 10

