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Backgrounder

EQAO Results Show Steady Improvement in Reading and Writing

EQAO – or the [Education Quality and Accountability Office](#) – is an independent agency of the Ontario government. Its provincial assessment program for primary, junior and secondary students provides parents, teachers and the public with information about student achievement that will help improve teaching and learning.

EQAO assesses all students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 in reading, writing and mathematics.

There are also two secondary school assessments:

- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) taken annually in March; and
- Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics taken in January by students enrolled in first-semester mathematics courses and in May/June to students enrolled in second-semester and full-year courses.

In 2012-13, the percentage of Grade 3 students who performed at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4) increased 3% in reading (65% to 68%), remained the same in writing (77% to 77%), and decreased 1% in mathematics (70% to 69%) compared to last year.

In 2012-13, the percentage of Grade 6 students who performed at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4) increased 3% in reading (74% to 77%) and 4% in writing (75% to 79%), and remained the same in mathematics (62% to 62%) compared to last year.

Over the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13), the percentage of all Grade 3 students who performed at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4), increased 10% in reading (58% to 68%) and 11% in writing (66% to 77%), and remained the same in mathematics (69%).

Over the past five years (2008-09 to 2012-13), the percentage of all Grade 6 students who performed at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4), increased 10% in reading (67% to 77%) and 12% in writing (67% to 79%), and decreased 1% in mathematics (63% to 62%).

Learn More

- View [A Parent's Guide to EQAO Tests](#).
- Visit our [website](#) for a full list of TDSB results.
- Read our [Literacy](#) and [Mathematics and Numeracy](#) Fact Sheets for more information.

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