

Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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EQAO RESULTS FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has released the results of the Primary and Junior Assessment of reading, writing and mathematics, as well as Grade 9 academic and applied mathematics assessment of Ontario students during the 2008-2009 school year.

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is proud to share the results of these assessments. Throughout the course of the 2008-2009 school year, teachers and principals, in collaboration with Ministry personnel, were engaged in professional development activities detailing high yield strategies and their implementation in an attempt to increase student learning. We celebrate the efforts that our students, teachers and principals have put forth in implementing these strategies and continuing to increase student learning as demonstrated in the results of this year's EQAO assessments.

EQAO Assessment achievement in Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board schools meets or exceeds the provincial average in all but one area. Our teachers and principals continue to focus their efforts in the area of literacy and numeracy skill development. Specific strategies include a more focused school-based approach to professional development.

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board continues to focus on student achievement as a priority in our system. Specific strategies implemented in the area of literacy and numeracy instruction in both the elementary and secondary panels, will be showcased today at the designated locations as the staff and students celebrate our successful 2008-2009 provincial testing results.

"I wish to congratulate our Catholic school communities for the tremendous commitment they have demonstrated to learning. We will continue to work together to improve our students' literacy and numeracy skills." stated Joseph Berthiaume, Director of Education.

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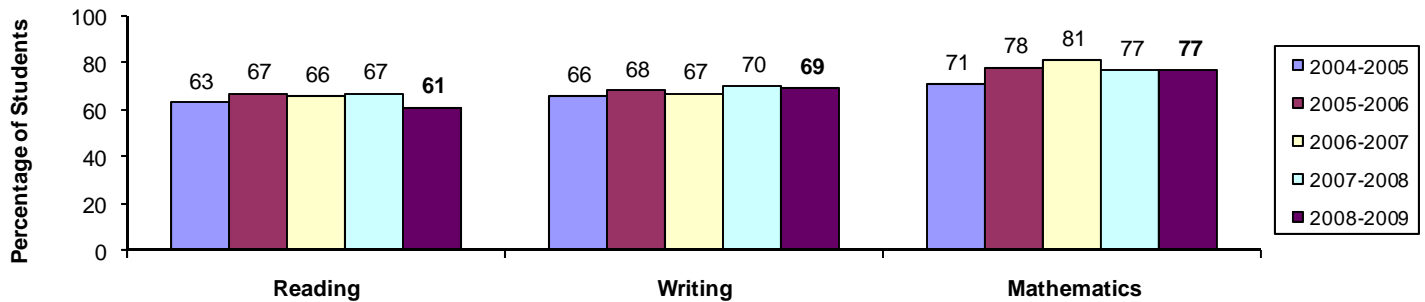
"Learning together in faith and service"

Highlights of EQAO Results (2008-2009)

Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1—3)

- 1 630 Grade 3 students wrote between May 25 and June 5, 2009.
- The primary division assessment is based on *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8*.

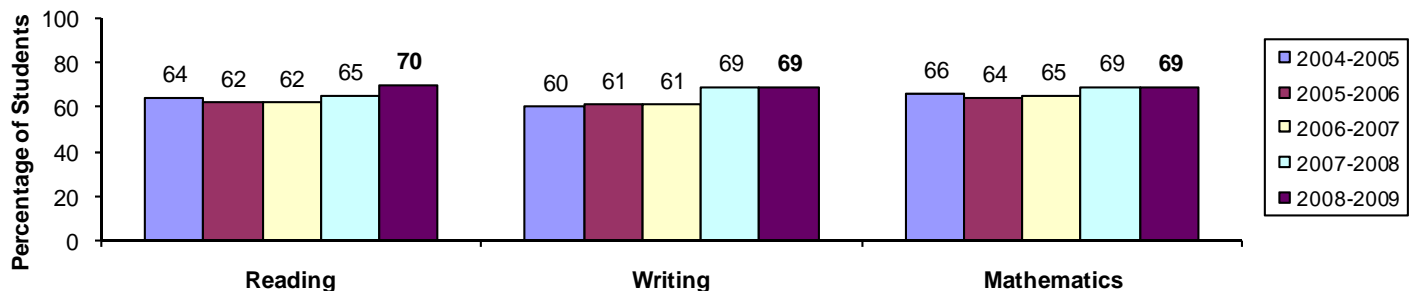
Primary EQAO – Percentage of All Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) Over Time



Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Junior Division (Grades 4—6)

- 1 687 Grade 6 students wrote between May 25 and June 5, 2009.
- The junior division assessment is based on *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8*.

Junior EQAO – Percentage of All Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) Over Time



Grade 9 Assessment Mathematics

- 1 290 students in the academic programs and 719 students in applied programs wrote between January 8 & 23 and June 4 & 19, 2009.
- The grade 9 assessment is based on *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 and 10: Mathematics (revised 2005)*.

Percentage of All Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) Over Time

