

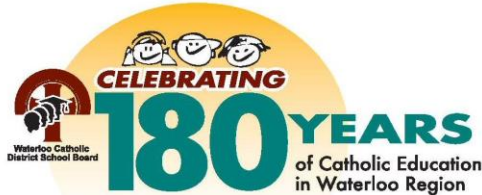


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WCDSB Students Meet or Exceed Provincial Average in all Grade 3, 6, 9 & 10 EQAO Assessment Categories

**Grade 3 Math surpasses province by 5%; Grade 6 Math is 2% ahead;
Grade 9 Applied Level Math is 4% ahead; Grade 10 OSSLT results also top province**

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board today released its 2015-16 *Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)* assessment results for reading, writing and mathematics in grades three, six, nine and ten. Grade nine students are only assessed in mathematics. Grade 10 students participate in the *Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)*.

QuickFacts

- ✓ The [Grade 3 WCDSB to Ontario comparison](#) shows WCDSB ahead of the province by +4% in reading (76%), +3% in writing (77%) and +5% in math (68%).
- ✓ The [Grade 6 WCDSB to Ontario comparison](#) shows WCDSB reading and writing scores level with the province (at 81% and 80% respectively) -- while math (52%) stands +2% above the provincial average.
- ✓ The [Grade 9 WCDSB to Ontario comparison](#) shows WCDSB's Applied Level Mathematics students ahead of the province by +4% (at 49%) -- while the board's Academic Level Mathematics students match the provincial average of 83%.
- ✓ English Language Learners in Applied Level Mathematics scored 46% -- nine percent ahead of the rest of the province.
- ✓ Students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) in Applied Level Mathematics scored 43% -- six percent ahead of the rest of the province -- while students with IEPs in Academic Level Mathematics scored 77% -- also six percent ahead of their provincial peers.
- ✓ The [WCDSB to Ontario comparison of OSSLT results](#) shows WCDSB students topped the provincial average by 1% -- with 82% of students achieving success.

Quotes

“EQAO scores are one of many tools we use to judge our progress as a school system. But they are just one snapshot in time and, recognizing the uniqueness of every school, need to be analyzed carefully. While we're pleased this year to have met or exceeded the provincial average in all measures, it is not our goal to simply be 'average'. This year's EQAO results tell us our foundation is strong and we are on the right track as we strive for nothing short of excellence for all students in all schools.”

~~ Loretta Notten, *Director of Education*

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