



# News Release

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## Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools Show Improvement from 2014 to 2015 on EQAO Assessments

### Five year trend shows improvements as high as seven percent

Waterloo Region, ON – The Waterloo Catholic District School Board today released its 2014-15 *Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)* assessment results for reading, writing and mathematics in grades three and six.

#### QuickFacts

- ✓ The Grade three 2014 to 2015 comparison shows a gain of +3% in reading, no change in math at 67% and a decline of -4% in writing.
- ✓ The Grade six 2014 to 2015 comparison shows overall gains of +3% in reading, +3% in writing and +2% in math.

#### Primary (Grade 3)

\*no provincial data available for 2014-2015

		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
LE	Reading	Province 65 %	66 %	68 %	70 %	n/a
	WCDSB	67 % (1538)	67 % (1492)	69 % (1511)	69 % (1451)	72 % (1516)
LE	Writing	Province 73 %	76 %	77 %	78 %	n/a
	WCDSB	74 % (1538)	78 % (1492)	77 % (1511)	80 % (1451)	76 % (1516)
LE	Math	Province 69 %	68 %	67 %	67 %	n/a
	WCDSB	70 % (1538)	70 % (1492)	67 % (1511)	67 % (1451)	67 % (1517)

#### Junior (Grade 6)

\*no provincial data available for 2014-2015

		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
LE	Reading	Province 74 %	75 %	77 %	79 %	n/a
	WCDSB	74 % (1614)	75 % (1513)	76 % (1529)	78 % (1520)	81 % (1490)
LE	Writing	Province 73 %	74 %	76 %	78 %	n/a
	WCDSB	72 % (1614)	71 % (1513)	75 % (1529)	76 % (1520)	79 % (1490)
LE	Math	Province 58 %	58 %	57 %	54 %	n/a
	WCDSB	58 % (1612)	56 % (1513)	54 % (1529)	53 % (1520)	55 % (1491)

- ✓ The five year Grade three trend line shows an increase of 5% in reading, an increase of 2% in writing and a decrease of 3% in math.
- ✓ The five year Grade six trend line shows an increase of 7% in reading, an increase of 7% in writing and a decrease of 3% in math.
- ✓ English Language Learners have seen significant gains in both Primary and Junior reading and writing as well as Junior math – with increases over 2010-11 of as much as 17% (Grade six writing).
- ✓ Girls continue to outperform boys in all categories – although the differences in math are marginal compared with reading and writing. The board continues to employ strategies to narrow that gap.
- ✓ The five year trend line for students who received accommodations has seen significant increases in all categories with the exception of Grade six math.

#### Related Links

##### [Education Quality and Accountability Office \(EQAO\)](#)

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