

# News Release



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## ***EQAO break-through for York Region public school students***

**Aurora, ON** – The results for the 2009 Grade 3, 6 and 9 assessments have been released by the Ontario’s [Education Quality and Accountability Office \(EQAO\)](#). As in previous years, results of [York Region public school students](#) remain among the top in the province. York Region students experienced a break-through this year by improving overall test results – particularly in Grade 3 writing and math.

“As families in York Region already know, literacy is a strong priority of the York Region District School Board,” said Diane Giangrande, Chair of the York Region District School Board, “This Board has had a long-standing commitment to improving student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics. Today’s results reflect the effectiveness of our Board plan for continuous improvement.”

Among Grade 3 students in York Region District School Board who wrote the test, 72% achieved the provincial standard in reading, 81% in writing and 83% in mathematics, compared to a provincial average of 63%, 71% and 73% respectively.

Among York Region’s Grade 6 public school students who wrote the test, 81% achieved the provincial standard reading, 81% in writing and 78% in mathematics, compared to provincial averages of 72%, 70% and 65% respectively.

For the Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment, 86% of York Region public secondary students in the ‘Academic’ stream who wrote the test and 45% of students in the ‘Applied’ stream achieved the provincial standard. This compares with a provincial average of 78% of ‘Academic’ stream students and 40% of ‘Applied’ stream students who achieved the standard.

“As our teachers and administrators meet to review the EQAO results, they will identify each school’s areas of strength and focus on the areas requiring improvement. It is a continuous process that engages all our staff,” said Dr. Beate Planche, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services.

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