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Peel District School Board EQAO scores increase up to 39% over five years

EQAO test scores for grades 3 and 6 students at the Peel District School Board have risen as much as 16 per cent over last year in some areas. Five-year trends show significant increases of up to 39 per cent.

“We’re pleased to see our EQAO results in literacy continue to rise, and know the tremendous effort it takes to improve by several percentage points. We all share in the pride of this accomplishment—a credit to our dedicated staff,” says Tony Pontes, director of education. “At the same time, our grade 3 and 6 scores in mathematics have fallen steadily over the last five years. To help address this, we have created *EngageMath*, our three-year, focused, balanced, comprehensive strategy to help our students achieve numeracy greatness.”

Overall, this is how grade 3 students performed:

	All students – levels 2, 3, 4			All students – levels 3, 4		
	2013-14 Peel	2013-14 province	2012-13 Peel	2013-14 Peel	2013-14 province	2012-13 Peel
reading	94%	93%	93%	71%	70%	69%
writing	97%	96%	97%	78%	78%	78%
math	93%	93%	94%	66%	67%	66%

Overall, this is how grade 6 students performed:

	All students – levels 2, 3, 4			All students – levels 3, 4		
	2013-14 Peel	2013-14 province	2012-13 Peel	2013-14 Peel	2013-14 province	2012-13 Peel
reading	96%	95%	95%	78%	79%	75%
writing	97%	96%	96%	79%	78%	77%
math	83%	84%	85%	52%	54%	54%

“To continue to raise the bar on student engagement and achievement, especially in the area of numeracy, we will strengthen our organizational focus on the implementation of targeted strategies and supports to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of our students,” says Jeff deFreitas, superintendent of curriculum and instruction support services.

The five-year trends show significant gains:

- Grade 3 English language learners (ELL) have made significant gains in reading and writing. Over five years, ELL reading and writing scores are each up by 28 and 17 per cent, respectively.
- Grade 3 students are performing 12 per cent higher in reading and eight per cent higher in writing.

- Grade 6 students are performing nine per cent higher in reading and eight per cent higher in writing.
- Grade 6 English language learners have made significant gains in reading, writing and math. Over five years, ELL reading scores are up by 39 per cent, writing scores are up by 32 per cent and math scores are up by 16 per cent.
- Over the past five years, grade 3 boys' scores in reading and writing have increased by 12 and 9 per cent, respectively, and there was a two per cent decrease in math scores.

Other highlights of the report include the following:

- Grade 3 ELLs have made gains in reading and math. In one year, ELL reading scores increased three per cent, ELL writing scores remained the same and math scores went up by one per cent.
- Grade 6 ELLs reading scores are up by three per cent, writing scores are up by two per cent and math scores went down by one per cent compared to last year.
- Grade 6 boys' scores in both reading and writing have increased by eight per cent over the past five years.

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Note to media:

The following reports can be found online at <http://www.peelschools.org/parents/EQAO>:

Peel board report—primary and junior division

EQAO reports for Peel board—primary and junior division

school-by-school results—primary division, junior division