



# Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board

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*Faith and Learning...Celebrating the Journey*

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### **Huron-Perth Catholic Grade 3, 6 and 9 Students Achieve Excellent EQAO Results: Surpass the Provincial Assessment Scores in all EQAO Testing Categories**

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The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board celebrates the continued success of our students in the province wide assessment in grades three, six and nine. The tests were conducted in May and June 2011 in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for grades three and six, and Mathematics for grade 9 Academic and Applied classes.

Grade 3 students in the Huron-Perth Catholic DSB out-performed the province in all three areas.

- 71% of the Grade 3 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in Reading compared to the provincial average of 65%.
- 77% of Grade 3 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in Writing compared to the provincial average of 73%.
- 78% of Grade 3 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in Mathematics compared to the provincial average of 69%.

Grade 6 students in the Huron-Perth Catholic DSB continue to out-perform the province in all areas.

- 85% of the Grade 6 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in Reading compared to the provincial average of 74%.
- 78% of Grade 6 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in Writing compared to the provincial average of 73%.
- 65% of Grade 6 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in Mathematics compared to the provincial average of 58%.

Grade 9 students in the Huron-Perth Catholic DSB achieved significant gains in Grade 9 Academic Mathematics. They continue to surpass the provincial average in Applied and Academic Courses.

- In Academic Mathematics 90% of our students scored at or above the provincial standard as compared to the provincial success rate of 83%.
- In Applied Mathematics 43% of our students scored at or above the provincial standard as compared to the provincial success rate of 42%.

We are very pleased to see significant gains in all of the testing categories for both our elementary and secondary students. Our Grade 6 Reading and Grade 9 Academic Math scores are among the highest in the province. We will build on these successes and identify growth opportunities for further academic achievement of our students. In order to accomplish this, we will strive to create conditions that enable all students to meet or exceed the provincial standard. Strategies for improved performance include the following:

1. Our school and board improvement teams have analyzed the results and will continue to develop strategies to achieve improved student performance.
2. Our schools will continue to implement their School Improvement Plan, which emphasizes strategies to improve all students' literacy and numeracy capabilities.
3. Our teachers and administrators are committed to collaboratively developing effective learning and assessment strategies for literacy and numeracy, including strategies that reinforce critical thinking and problem solving skills.

### Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO

Grade 3	Reading	Writing	Math	Grade 6	Reading	Writing	Math
HPCDSB	71%	77%	78%	HPCDSB	85%	78%	65%
Province	65%	73%	69%	Province	74%	73%	58%

### Grade 9 Mathematics

Grade 9	Academic	Applied
HPCDSB	90%	43%
Province	83%	42%

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#### **BOARD MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a Catholic School Board. We serve our students, working with the home, parish and school community to:

- *Nurture a Christ-centred environment;*
- *Provide student-focused learning opportunities;*
- *Support the growth of the whole person.*