

EQAO Grade 9 Mathematics Results

The Lambton Kent District School Board today released system-wide results for the 2005 – 2006 Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics. Grade 9 students in all publicly funded secondary schools in Ontario wrote the assessment. The assessment for first semester mathematics students was administered during the January 5-25, 2006 time period. Students studying mathematics in the second semester and those in full-year courses wrote the assessment during the May 23-June 21, 2006 time frame.

The Ministry of Education identifies Level 1 as a passable level of achievement on the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics with Level 3 being the provincial standard. In the Lambton Kent District School Board, 99% of all students in the Academic Program achieved a passable level with 71% achieving the provincial standard or higher. This represented a 5% increase over the previous year. In the Applied Program, 86% of all students achieved a passable level of achievement with 36% achieving the provincial standard. A substantial increase was seen in the percentage of applied students who were able to achieve the provincial standard or higher. The Applied results must be viewed in the context of the significant changes made last year in the grades 9 and 10 applied courses.

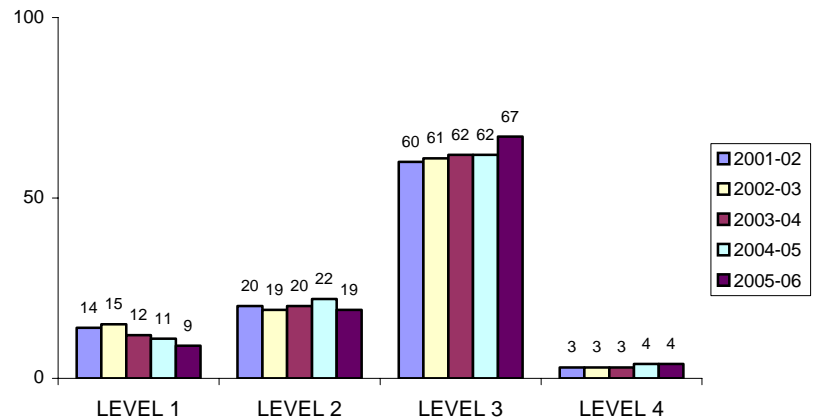
Director of Education Gayle Stucke stated, “We are pleased to receive this information in time for our back-to-school planning and goal-setting. Schools across the district have developed effective strategies guided by reliable facts about learning. Our students’ increasing success is evidence of their concerted efforts inspired by our highly competent and motivated staff.”

While the Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment is a snapshot of student performance at a specific point in time, Joy Badder, Superintendent of Program, remarked, “The data provided by these assessments allow feeder school families of schools to identify trends and make modifications to teaching practices to improve student learning for both students entering and exiting grade 9.”

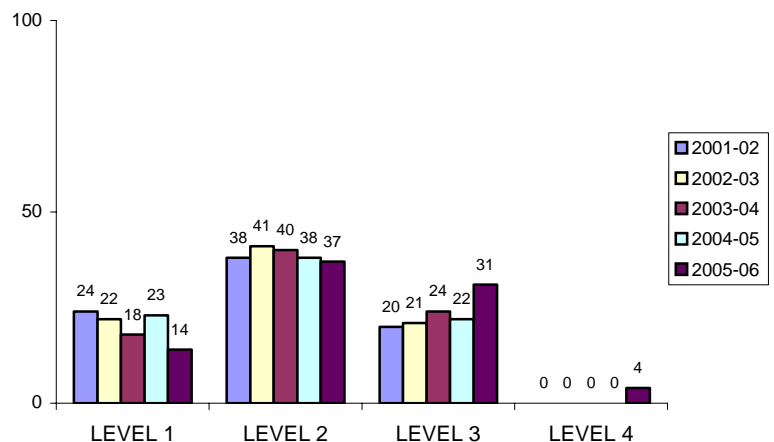
All parents will receive an Individual Student Report about their child’s results from this year’s test. The provincial results and further information are available on the EQAO web site at www.eqao.com.

Percentage of All Students At Each Performance Level*

ACADEMIC STUDENTS



APPLIED STUDENTS



*Provincial Standard: Level 3