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Primary & Junior EQAO Results

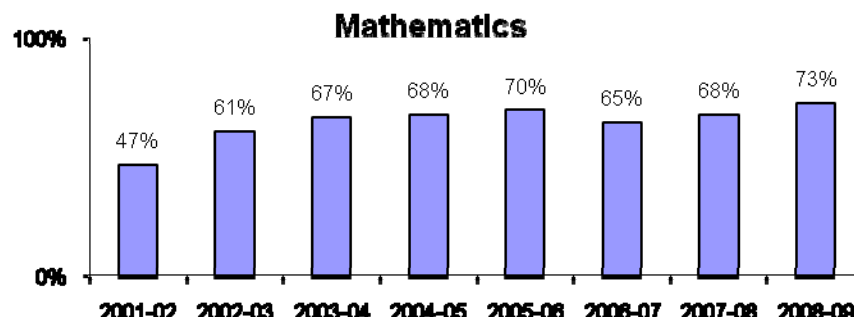
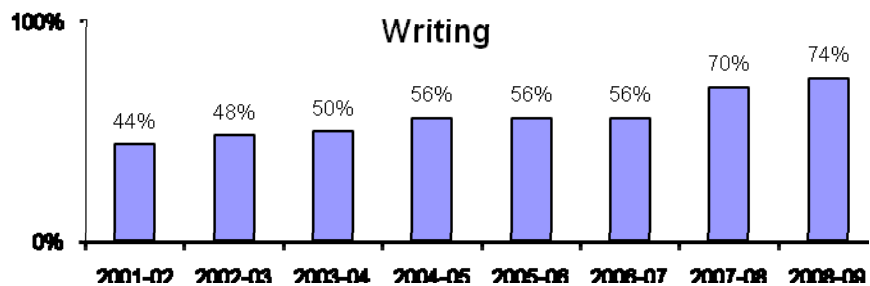
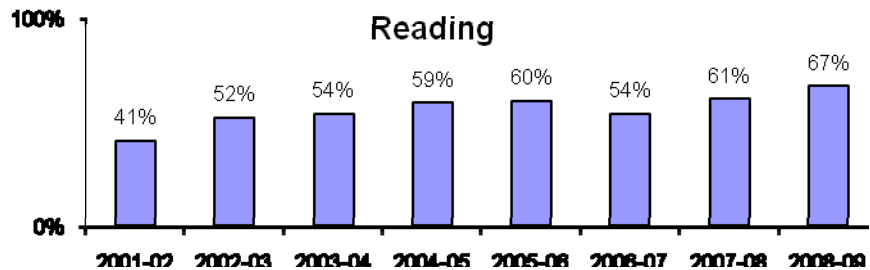
The Lambton Kent District School Board today released system-wide results for the 2008 – 2009 Primary and Junior EQAO assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. There were significant increases in the percentage of Lambton Kent District School Board students achieving the provincial standard in Primary Reading, Writing, and Mathematics as well as Junior Reading and Mathematics compared to the previous year. The percentage of Lambton Kent District School Board Primary students achieving at or above the provincial standard now exceeds the provincial average in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. The success of Primary students in Reading led to the Lambton Kent District School Board being recognized as a Special Achievement Board by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Gayle Stucke, Director of Education, remarked, “We are proud of our students’ continued hard work that has been supported by our dedicated principals, school staff and school communities to enhance the literacy and numeracy skills of our students. These combined efforts have resulted in improved achievement in the EQAO assessments. The results of focused improvement strategies that have been implemented can be seen.”

The percentage of successful Primary students in the Lambton Kent District School Board exceeds the provincial average of successful students in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Primary students who achieved at or above the provincial standard improved by 6% in Reading, 4% in Writing and 5% in Mathematics compared to 2007-08.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has named the Lambton Kent District School Board as a Special Achievement Board. This recognition is based on the student achievement in Primary Reading. Primary reading improved 7% in 2007-08 and gained another 6% in 2008-09.

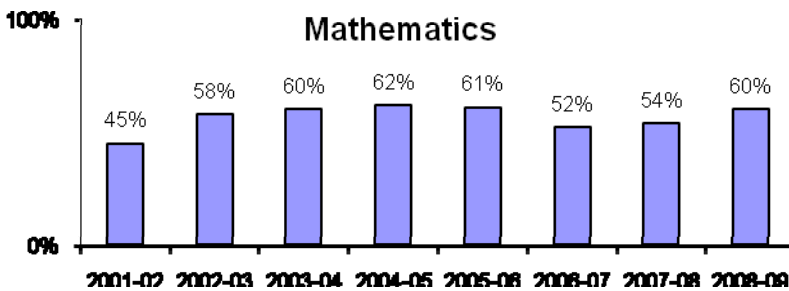
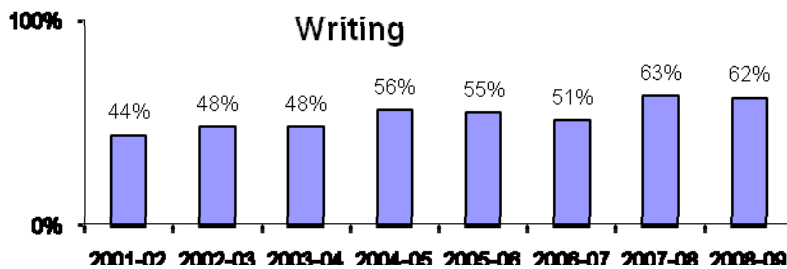
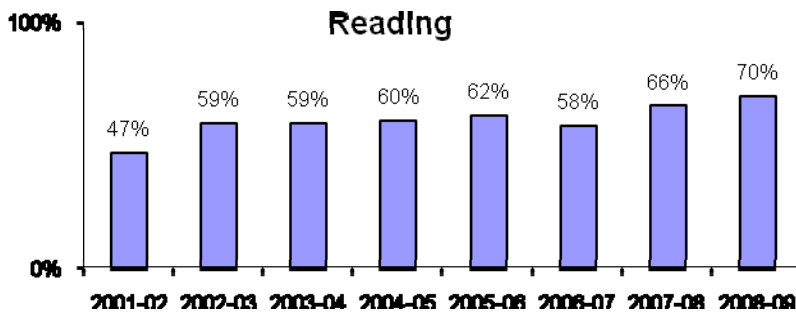
Primary Division Percentage of All Students at or Above the Provincial Standard*



*Provincial Standard: Level 3

Junior Division

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Joy Badder, Superintendent of Program, stated, "Our students continue to improve with focused teaching and learning strategies. This year's student results will be analyzed to determine how we can help each child reach their potential. This remains the number one priority of the Lambton Kent District School Board."

The percentage of students in the Junior Division who met or exceeded the provincial standard improved by 4% in Reading and 6% in Mathematics with a slight decrease in Writing by 1%. The percentage of successful Junior students in the Lambton Kent District School Board exceeds the provincial average of successful students in Reading.

Classroom teachers and administrators, with the support of Program Staff, will be analyzing the detailed student data to gain insights into students' strengths and weaknesses. This information will assist classroom teachers in enhancing their teaching practices in order to meet the needs of the individual students within their respective classrooms.

The assessments were administered during May and June of 2009 to Grade 3 and 6 students across Ontario and the Lambton Kent District School Board.

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.