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AMDSB Continues to Show Improvement Across EQAO

Recently the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released the results of the Grades 3 and 6 assessments of reading, writing and mathematics as well as the Grade 9 mathematics assessment and Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). Results for students in the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB) showed improvement across six of the eight measures, some increasing as much as 5% over the previous year.

When compared to the province, AMDSB students surpassed provincial averages in Grade 3 reading, writing and math, and Grade 6 math. Grade 6 reading and writing is slightly below the provincial average but achievement in those measures remains high. Although AMDSB is lower than the provincial average in Grade 9 math, AMDSB students had larger gains overall. For Grade 10 literacy, AMDSB closed the gap and is now at par with the province.

Literacy and numeracy are important because they are fundamental for lifelong learning, personal development, and active participation in society. CEO Graham Shantz said: "We are pleased with the 2025/2026 school year EQAO results as they validate the work of our staff and the professional development and support that we provide in or to support them."

It is important to note that these results are just one of many assessment tools that schools and boards use to measure and support student achievement. In addition, this data represents a snapshot of time, and it is most useful when examined as long-term trends.

"These results confirm our dedication to empowering our educators with research-based strategies known to impact students directly. Our in-classroom supports provided by our board-level teams also enable our educators to continually improve the literacy and numeracy support that we provide to our students," continued CEO Shantz.

Next steps include a review of school-level information with our administrators so that they can incorporate the findings into their School Learning Plans. This, in the end, enables us to support each student, meet them where they are, and develop strategies to enable their success.

A summary of the overall board-level results can be found in the attached infographic.

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The charts below represent the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the provincial standard.



Provincial Comparison

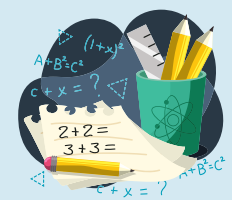
When compared to the province, AMDSB students surpassed provincial averages in Grade 3 reading, writing and math, and Grade 6 math, while narrowing the gap in Grade 9 math and closing the gap in Grade 10 literacy.



Reading



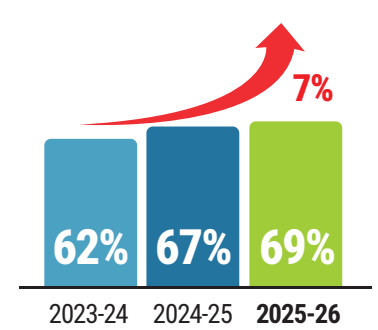
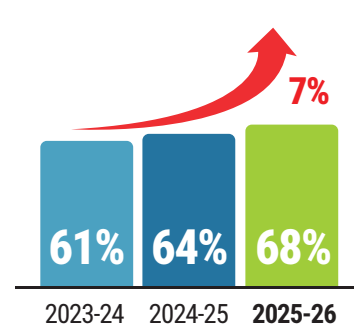
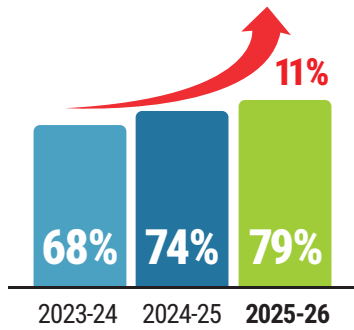
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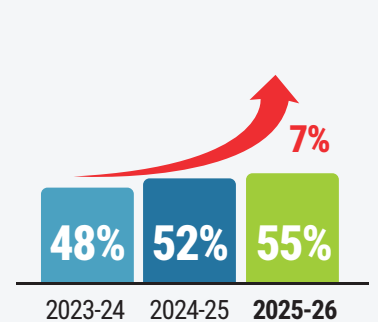
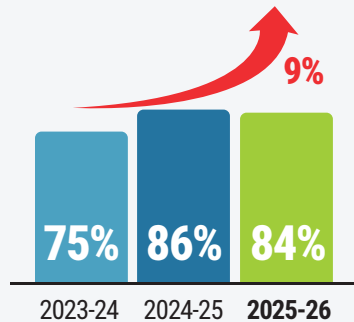
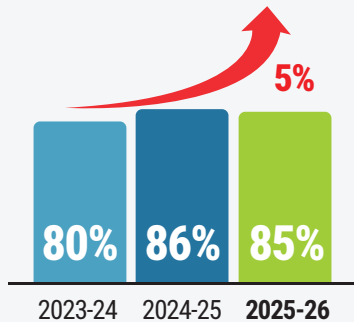
GRADE 3

96% of Grade 3 students fully participated in the Primary EQAO Reading, Writing and Math assessments



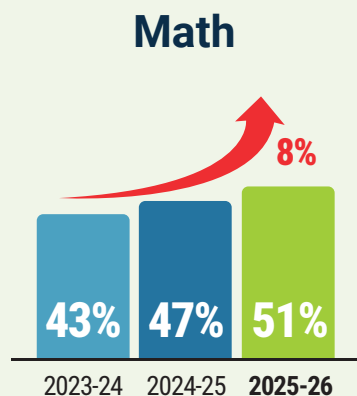
GRADE 6

97% of Grade 6 students fully participated in the Junior EQAO Reading, Writing and Math assessments



GRADE 9

98% of Grade 9 students fully participated in the Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment



GRADE 10

93% (First Time Eligible) of Grade 10 students fully participated in the Grade 10 OSSLT assessment

