Student Achievement Continues to Improve Over Time in Toronto Catholic Schools

Toronto Catholic District School Board students in grades 3, 6 and 9 continue to show improvement in provincial testing of reading, writing and mathematics.

“We are very pleased with the latest results and the continued improvement that we have seen over time,” says TCDSB Chair Angela Kennedy. “The year to year positive results are a reflection of the strong support of our parents and the commitment of staff in our Catholic schools.”

In Grade 9 math, the scores in the academic level have increased from 61% to 76% over the past five years; 4% in the last year. Gains have also been made over time at the applied level, increasing from 20% to 34% over the same five year period, with a 6% gain in the past year alone. In both academic and applied programs, the pace of improvement exceeds that of the Province.

For Grade 3, the number of students performing at or above the provincial standard, during the past five years has increased from 55% to 62% in reading, 63% to 72% in writing and from 61% to 72% in mathematics. In reading, for the past two years, results for TCDSB remain higher than the Province. In writing, TCDSB results remain consistently higher than the Province. In mathematics, for the first time in five years, TCDSB results exceed those of the Province.

For Grade 6, the results from the past five years show similar gains, with student scores increasing from 58% to 66% in reading, 58% to 71% in writing and from 54% to 62% in mathematics. In reading, over the past five years, there has been a steady improvement in TCDSB scores. In writing, results for TCDSB students remain higher than those of the Province. In mathematics, the gap with the Province has been significantly reduced.

Results for males and females have continued on an upward trend in most areas. English Language Learners have shown significant gains across all assessments and the scores for students with special needs have improved steadily.

“The achievement of our students is reflective of our ongoing system priorities for the year: Nurturing Our Catholic Community in a faith-filled environment where improving student learning and student achievement is an important goal,” says Director of Education Ann Perron. “We are proud of all of the accomplishments of our students, and we will continue to align our resources to support individual students and build our capacity to lead and learn.”

The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 90,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves 474,876 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.
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Grade 9 Mathematics Results Over Time:
All Students in the Applied Program

Grade 9 Mathematics Results Over Time:
All Students in the Academic Program

Grade 3 Reading Results Over Time:
All Students

Grade 3 Writing Results Over Time:
All Students

Grade 3 Mathematics Results Over Time:
All Students

Grade 6 Reading Results Over Time:
All Students

Grade 6 Writing Results Over Time:
All Students

Grade 6 Mathematics Results Over Time:
All Students