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TCDSB Continues to Focus on Improving Results

The Toronto Catholic District School Board continues to report improvements over time. Literacy results are high, with improvements evident over the past five years. Mathematics results are less impressive and mirror province-wide results in that area.

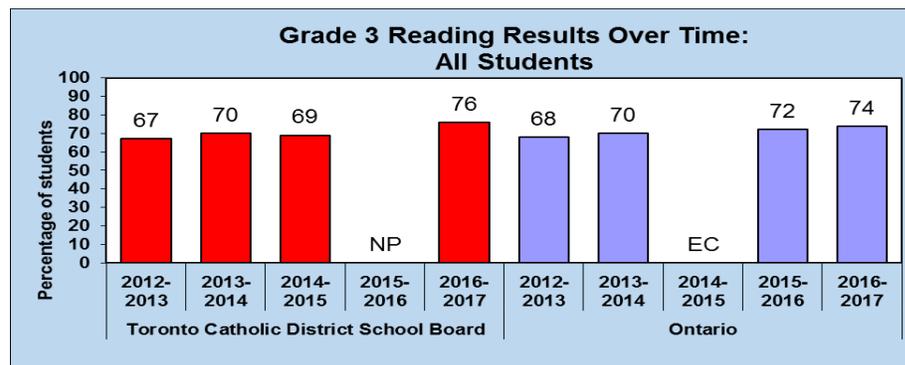
“TCDSB recognizes the need for continued focus on developing proficiency in mathematics so that students of all ages are confident in their knowledge and skills, and are able to perform well on assessments,” says Director of Education Rory McGuckin. “Although we know that these province-wide assessments are but one snapshot of student achievement, they provide us with valuable information on where further improvements are needed.”

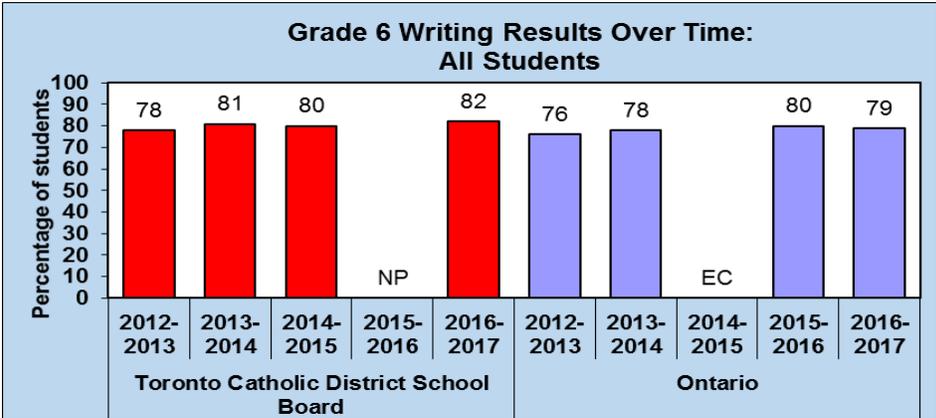
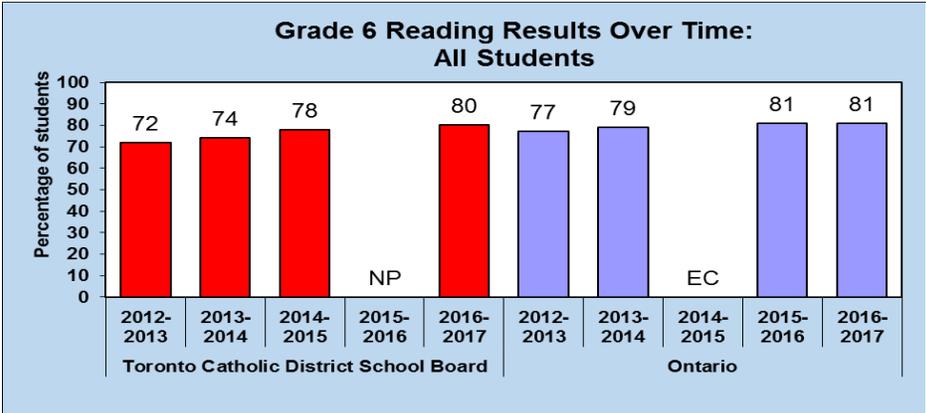
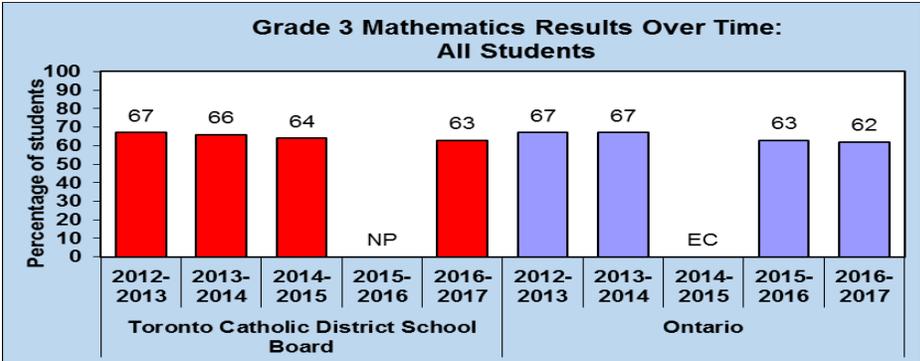
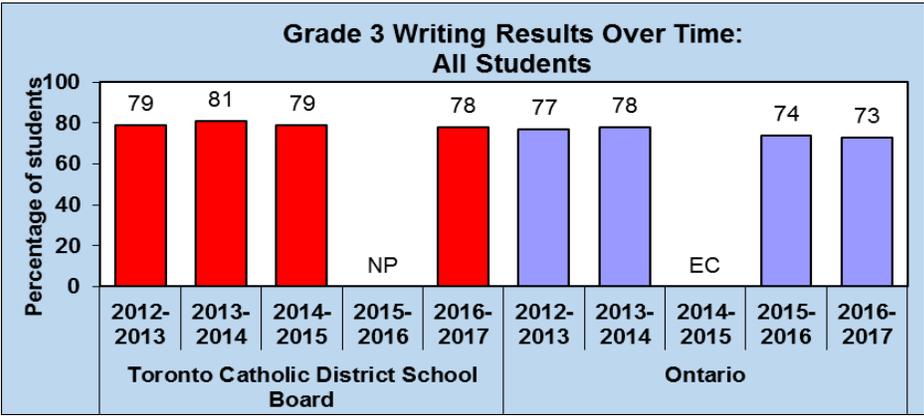
Reading and writing results are strong in both Grade 3 and Grade 6, either approaching or exceeding 80% at or above the Provincial Standard. In Primary and Junior, mathematics results remain low both in the Board and Province. At the secondary level, Grade 9 applied mathematics scores have shown improvement but continue to be low. In both Grade 9 academic mathematics and OSSLT, the Board mirrors the Province and maintains strong results with 80% or more meeting high standards. The EQAO results continue to point to mathematics and the applied level as an area of focus.

“The goals of our Multi-Year Strategic Plan include a renewed commitment to supporting student success, and setting specific targets for improvement,” says TCDSB Chair Angela Kennedy. “This helps the Board focus its decision-making when it comes to allocating resources to support our priorities.”

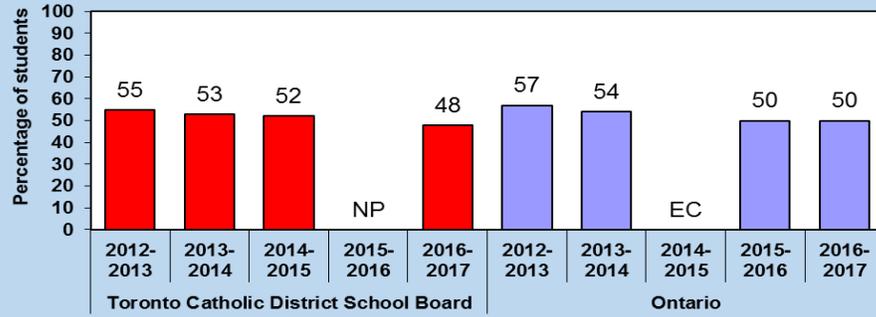
See the following charts for *Percentage at or above the provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4)*

Note: EC = Due to exceptional circumstances, provincial data were not available in 2015;
NP = Elementary schools in TCDSB did not participate in 2016.

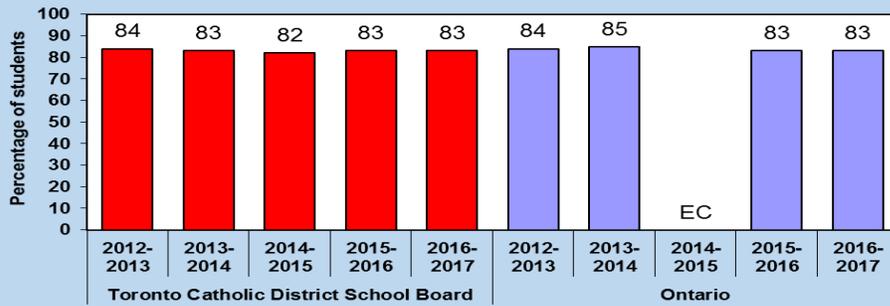




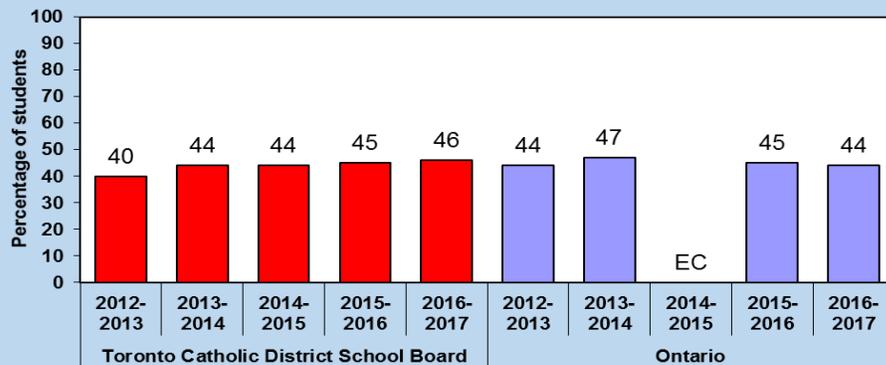
Grade 6 Mathematics Results Over Time: All Students

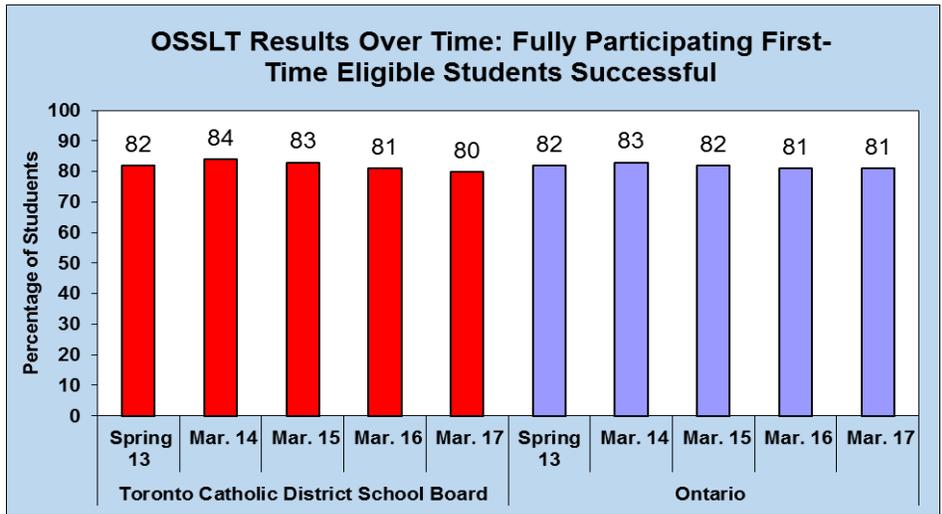


Grade 9 Mathematics Results Over Time: All Students in the Academic Program



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





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