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*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

## TCDSB Continues to Focus on Improvements in Math

Numeracy is a critical component of success in our technology driven, rapidly-changing world, and remains an area of intense focus for the Toronto Catholic District School Board, as well as a priority in Ontario through the Ministry of Education's Renewed Mathematics Strategy.

"Excellence and student success remain at the heart of the work we do, and we will continue to focus on improvements in the Grade 9 Applied Mathematics program to achieve high standards and meet our goal of 80% at or above the provincial standard," says TCDSB Chair Angela Kennedy.

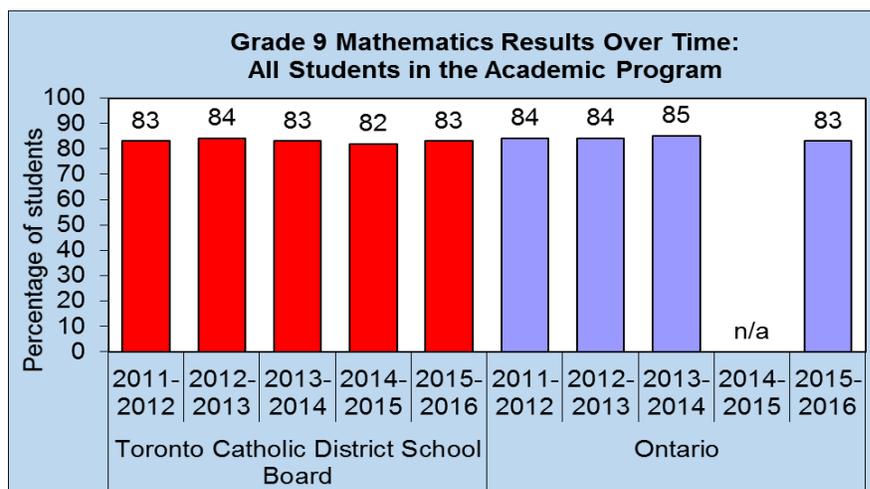
"We are always seeking out innovative practices and resources, and looking at the enhancement of personalized instruction to meet the learning needs of each of our students in our efforts to improve success rates," says Director of Education Angela Gauthier.

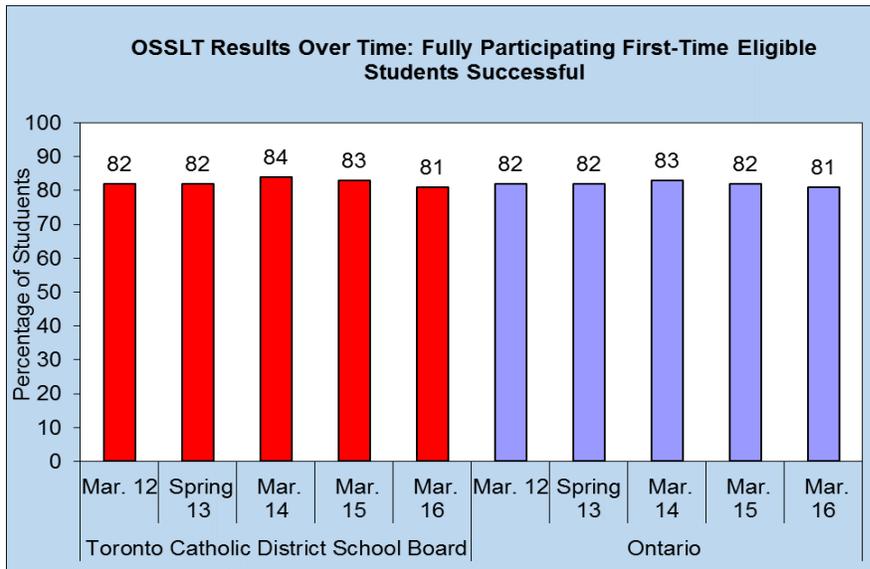
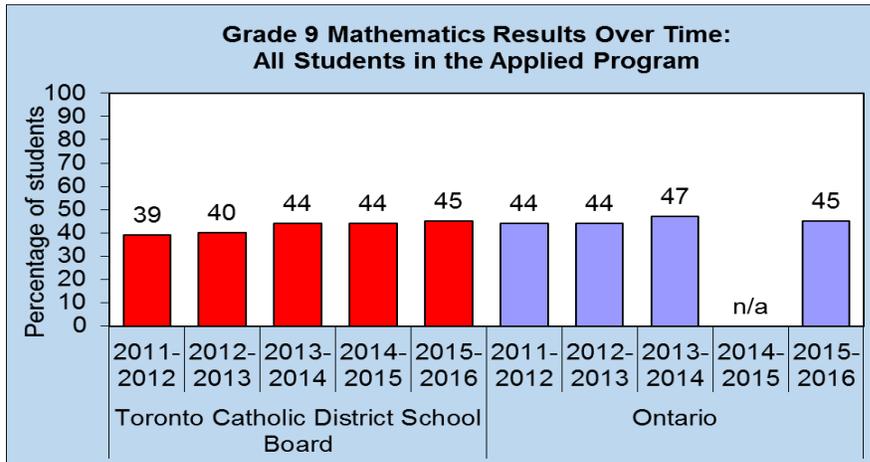
In the latest round of EQAO testing, 83% of TCDSB students are at or above the provincial standard in Grade 9 academic mathematics, with board-wide results remaining relatively high and stable for many years. In Grade 9 applied mathematics, 45% of TCDSB students achieved the provincial standard or above (a 1% gain over the previous year), and a 6% gain for the board over the past five years. In both academic and applied mathematics, board results are equal to the province.

Literacy results remain strong for TCDSB and Ontario: there has been a small decrease over the past three years and currently the percentage of TCDSB students successful on the March 2016 OSSLT is at par with Ontario (both at 81%).

## EQAO Board and Provincial Results 2015-2016

*Percentage of students at or above provincial standard*





*Due to extenuating circumstances TCDSB elementary schools did not participate in the EQAO assessments of reading, writing and mathematics in the spring of 2016.*