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**CECCE Among Top-Ranked in Ontario EQAO Tests**

**Friday, October 13, 2023, OTTAWA** - Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) students have once again achieved impressive results in [Education Quality and Accountability Office \(EQAO\)](#) testing. The CECCE is among the best francophone school boards, achieving top scores in four of the eight EQAO tests and ranking well above overall provincial averages again this year.

EQAO test results for Grade 3, Grade 6, and the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics represent the proportion of students, as a percentage, who demonstrated deep understanding (level 4) or good understanding (level 3) on the assessment.

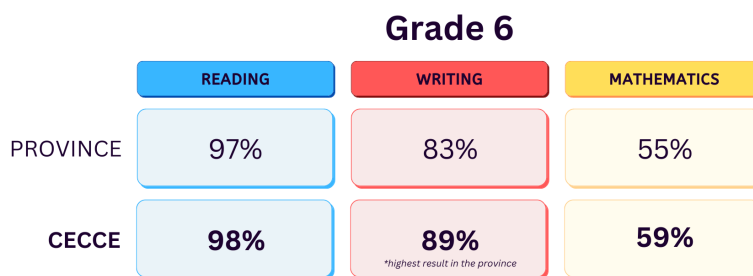
Results of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, administered in Grade 10, represent the proportion of students, as a percentage, who passed the test.

**EQAO test results (Grades 3 and 6)**

In 2022-23, Grade 3 CECCE students surpassed provincial results, ranking first in the province in reading and writing.

|          |  | <b>Grade 3</b>                                               |                                                              |             |
|----------|--|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|          |  | READING                                                      | WRITING                                                      | MATHEMATICS |
| PROVINCE |  | 82%                                                          | 68%                                                          | 70%         |
| CECCE    |  | <b>89%</b><br><small>*highest result in the province</small> | <b>76%</b><br><small>*highest result in the province</small> | <b>73%</b>  |

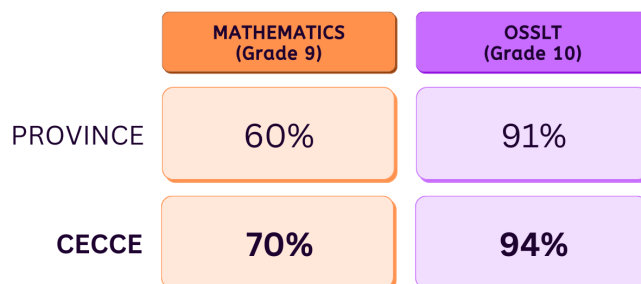
Grade 6 students also achieved results higher than the Ontario average in reading, writing and mathematics, ranking first in writing.



### Assessment of Mathematics (Grade 9) and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (Grade 10)

Grade 9 CECCE students also achieved outstanding results, scoring well above the provincial average and first in the province with 70% of them achieving a level 3 or 4, a full 10 percentage points higher than the average for Ontario’s francophone school boards.

Lastly, 94% of the students who were eligible for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test for the first time and took it, passed it in Grade 10, which is 3 percentage points higher than the provincial average.



CECCE Chair **Johanne Lacombe** said, “The fact that our students surpassed the provincial average is a testament to the quality of the board’s francophone Catholic teaching practices and its innovative methods. These results validate the board’s strategic vision, which prioritizes developing innovative and transformed pedagogy to ensure student success.”

“These results attest to the leadership, engagement and dedication of each member of our staff as they guide every student toward achieving their full potential. These numbers also prove that parents who placed their trust in CECCE schools made the right choice. That is why we continue to deploy all our resources and deliver maximum effort to reach new heights year after year.” said Director of Education **Marc Bertrand**.

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*The [Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est \(CECCE\)](#) is Canada’s largest network of French-language schools outside Quebec, with close to 27,000 students attending 46 elementary schools, 14 high schools, a virtual learning academy (AAV), a network of nature classes and an adult school. As a leader in a diverse, inclusive and vibrant francophone school community, the CECCE is recognized for the excellence of its transformed pedagogy and the caring nature of its schools.*

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