

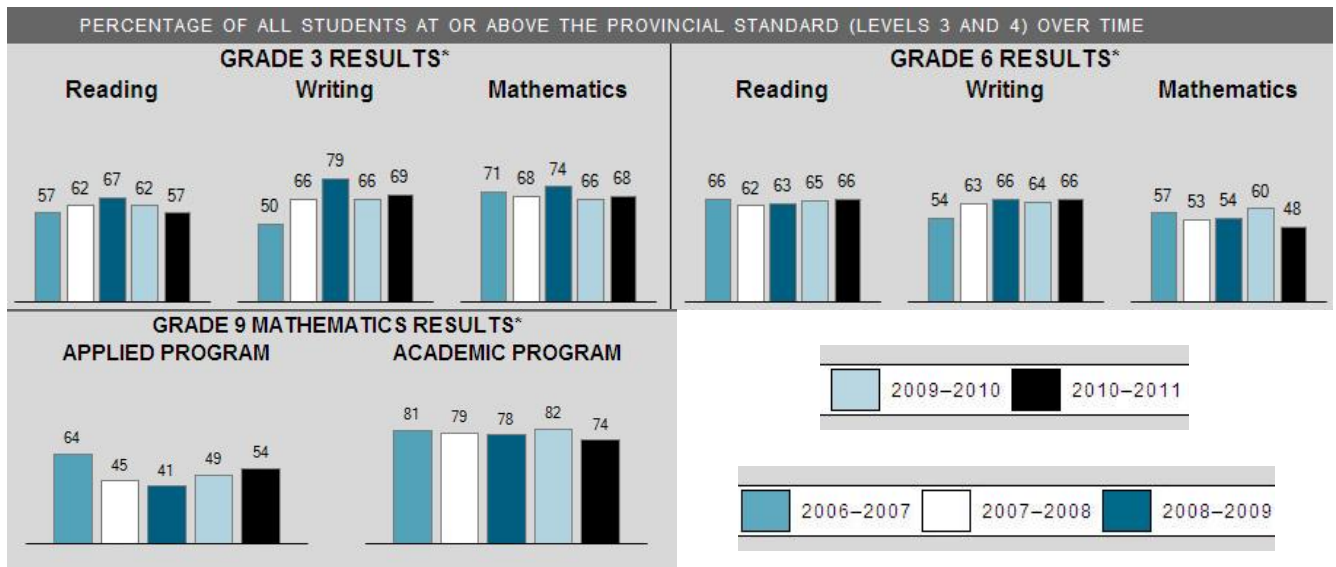
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## Grade 3, 6 and 9 EQAO Assessment Results Announced

**(North Bay, ON)** – The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the results of the 2010-2011 EQAO Grade 3, 6, and 9 provincial assessments, as outlined in the chart below. The Board experienced increases in Grade 3 Writing and Mathematics, Grade 6 Reading and Writing, and Grade 9 Applied Mathematics.

In Grade 3 Writing, 69 per cent of students performed at or above the provincial standard, up three per cent from last year. Grade 3 Mathematics has shown a two per cent increase, with 68 per cent of students performing at or above the provincial standard. In Grade 6 Reading, 66 per cent of students performed at or above the provincial standard, up one per cent from last year. A two per cent increase in Grade 6 Writing has brought the Board's achievement level to 66 per cent. In Grade 9 Applied Mathematics, the Board experienced a third consecutive increase with 54 percent of students performing at or above the provincial standard, surpassing the province's 42 per cent.

Particularly noteworthy this year is the selection of Our Lady of Fatima School as one of 17 schools in Ontario highlighted by the EQAO as notable for their staff's use of assessment data to identify trends and make decisions about where improvements are needed. The EQAO credits Our Lady of Fatima for having adopted an action plan based on the school's unique circumstances, and for a commitment to student success and ensuring that students have the supports they need to achieve this success.



A sustained focus on sound classroom instruction through ongoing professional development opportunities will further enhance teacher practice in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Meeting the needs of all students is the most important priority at NPSC, and will continue to be achieved through the use of technology for learning, strong classroom practice and effective school leadership.

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