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Upper Grand District School Board

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## **GRADE 3 AND 6 EQAO RESULTS RELEASED**

Guelph, Ontario: The preliminary analysis of the success achieved by grade 3 and 6 students on the annual Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments of reading, writing and math show that this year's grade 3 students improved by 3% in reading, matched last year's writing and math results, while at the grade 6 level students improved in both reading and writing and held their own in math.

"We know our literacy strategies are working," said board chair Bob Borden. "We will continue our thoughtful, balanced and focused plan to see additional gains in this area. By identifying the best instructional practices, we can prompt more student achievement

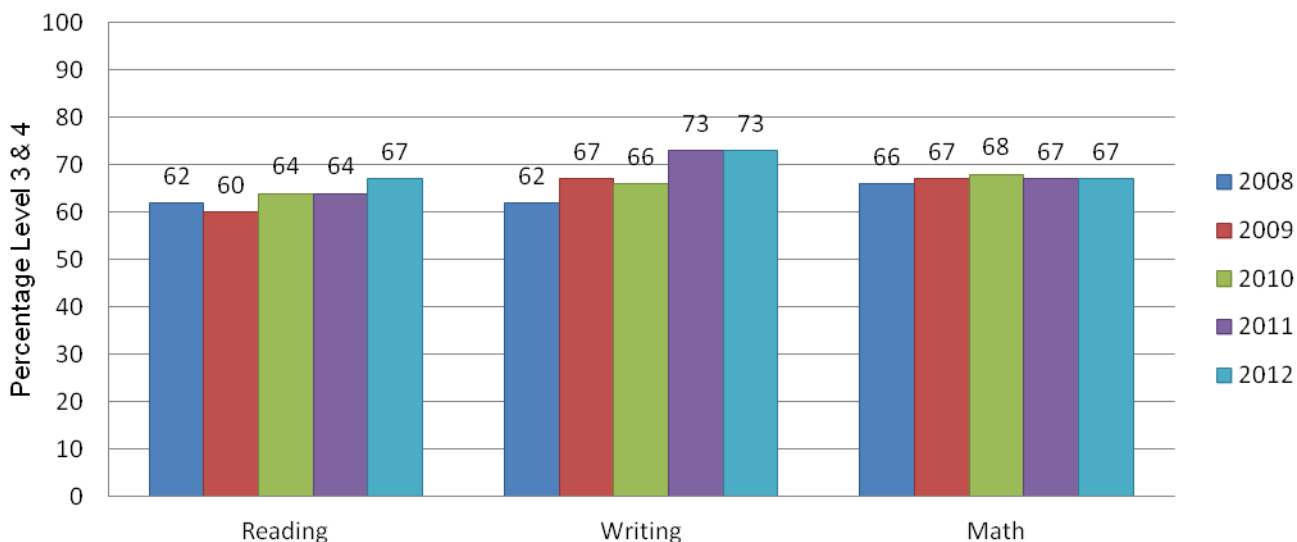
There has been positive movement in closing the gap between the board and the provincial results. In grade 3 reading scores are 1% higher than the province, writing and math scores have not dropped and are just 3% and 1% below the province.

In grade 6 there are similar results, with 1% higher reading scores, and gaps of 3% in writing and 4% in math compared with provincial averages.

Both the board and school improvement plans will address specific action steps to address areas of need, specifically in mathematics.

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**Primary EQAO  
2008-2012 Results Comparison**



The chart below shows the board results in each of the subject areas in comparison to the provincial results. Once again, each percentage represents the number of students who achieved a level 3 or 4 on the assessment, indicating that they met or exceeded the provincial standard.

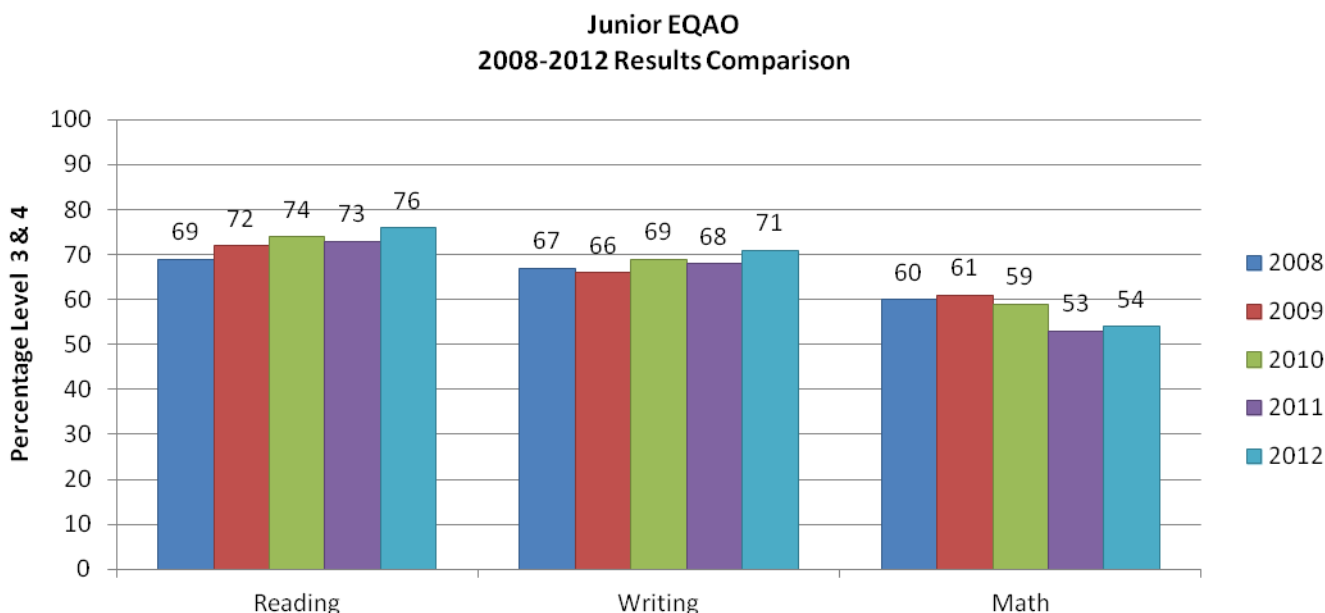
Year of Assessment	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	UGDSB	Ontario	UGDSB	Ontario	UGDSB	Ontario
2008	62	61	62	66	66	68
2009	60	61	67	68	67	70
2010	64	62	66	70	68	71
2011	64	65	73	73	67	69
2012	67	66	73	76	67	68

**EQAO RESULTS COMPARISON – Junior**

The board had 58 schools participate in the Junior assessment. In the spring, 2205 grade 6 students participated in the test. Of the students tested, 50% were female, 50% were male, 2% were designated as English Language Learners, and 21% were receiving special education support. One percent of the grade 6 students were exempted from writing all three tests.

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The graph below shows the percentage of grade 6 students within the board who received a level 3 or 4 on the assessment. Again, this represents students who met or exceeded the provincial standard.



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Year of Assessment	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	UGDSB	Ontario	UGDSB	Ontario	UGDSB	Ontario
2008	69	66	67	67	60	61
2009	72	69	66	67	61	63
2010	74	72	69	70	59	61
2011	73	74	68	73	53	58
2012	76	75	71	74	54	58

Additional information and school by school results are posted on the board's website at [www.ugdsb.on.ca/eqao](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/eqao), and from the EQAO's website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

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