



School Board Report



Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics

Primary Division (Grades 1–3) and Junior Division (Grades 4–6), 2012–2013

Board: Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB (67091)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2012–2013 Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for the primary division (Grades 1–3) and junior division (Grades 4–6).

This report provides the 2013 school and board results as well as results for previous years, so you can track progress over time. You'll also find demographic and attitudinal information about schools, which provides context for a deeper analysis of the achievement results.

By assessing all students in our education system at key stages in their schooling, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels. EQAO data continue to inform board improvement planning strategies and provide important evidence of learning at the local school level. This evidence helps educators and parents engage in meaningful conversations about student achievement. The data also allow school communities to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement so they can continue to make evidence-based decisions in their planning.

We continue to advocate the use of EQAO data in combination with classroom-generated results and other information sources to develop strategies and action plans that will make a measurable difference in learning outcomes.

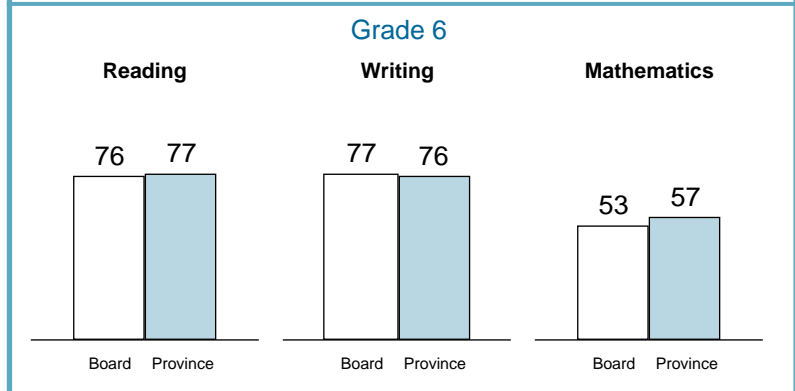
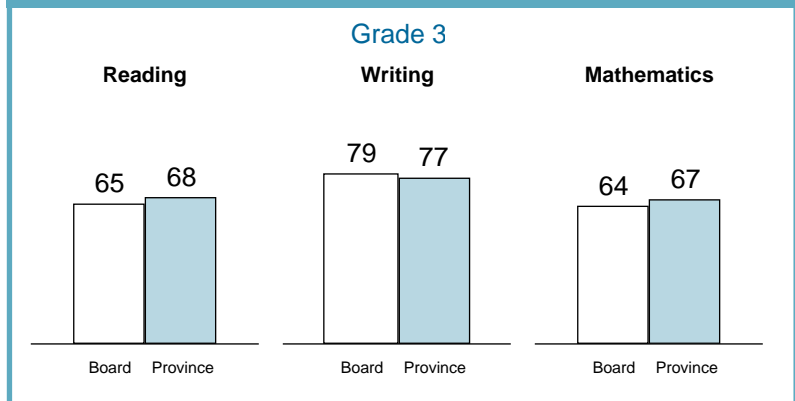
At EQAO, we are pleased to continue our partnership with you as you help students reach their full potential. I trust you will continue to find our reports to be a rich source of information as you turn knowledge into action for the benefit of your students and community.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rodrigues
 Chief Executive Officer
 Education Quality and Accountability Office

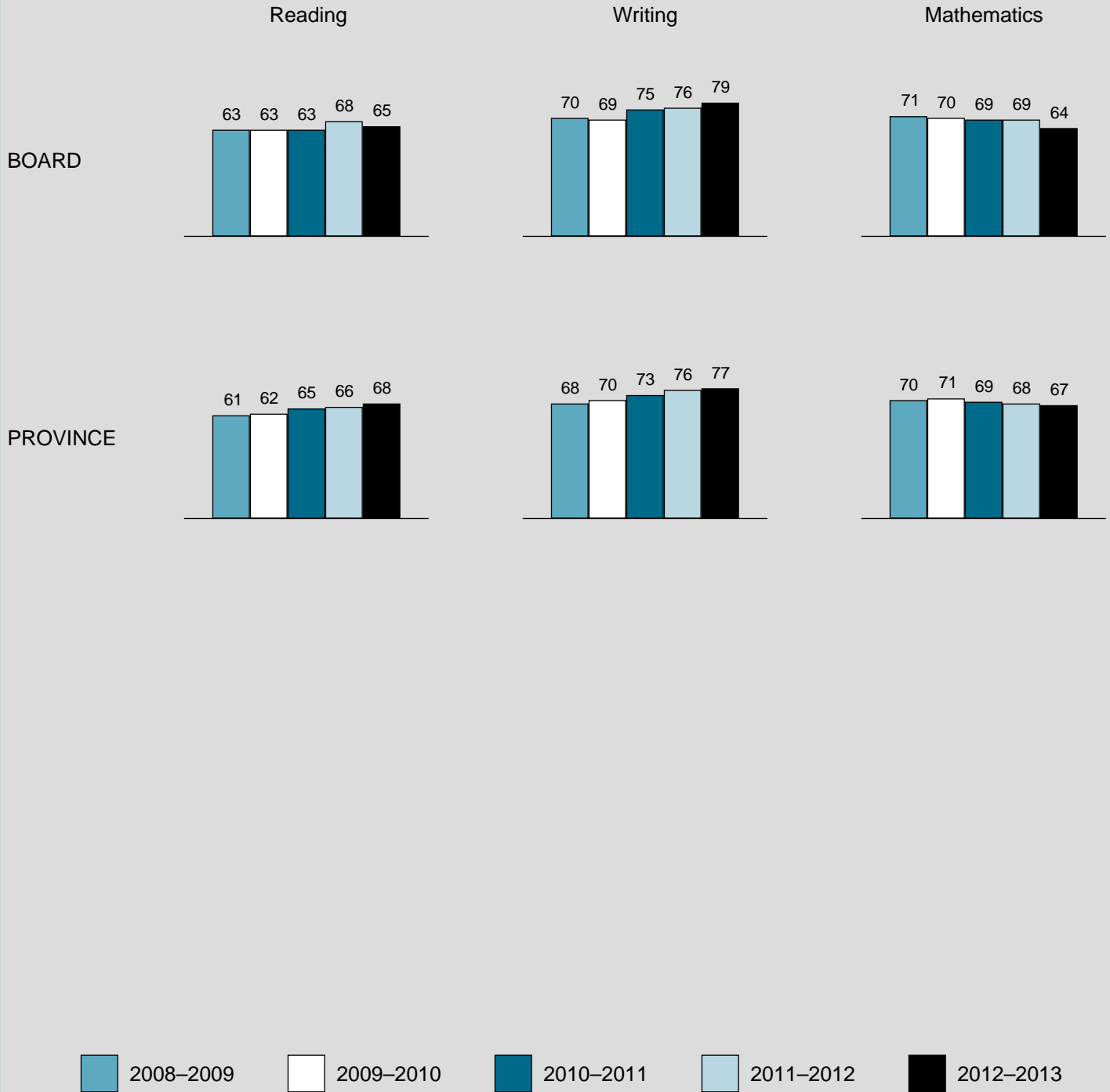
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PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2012–2013



RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

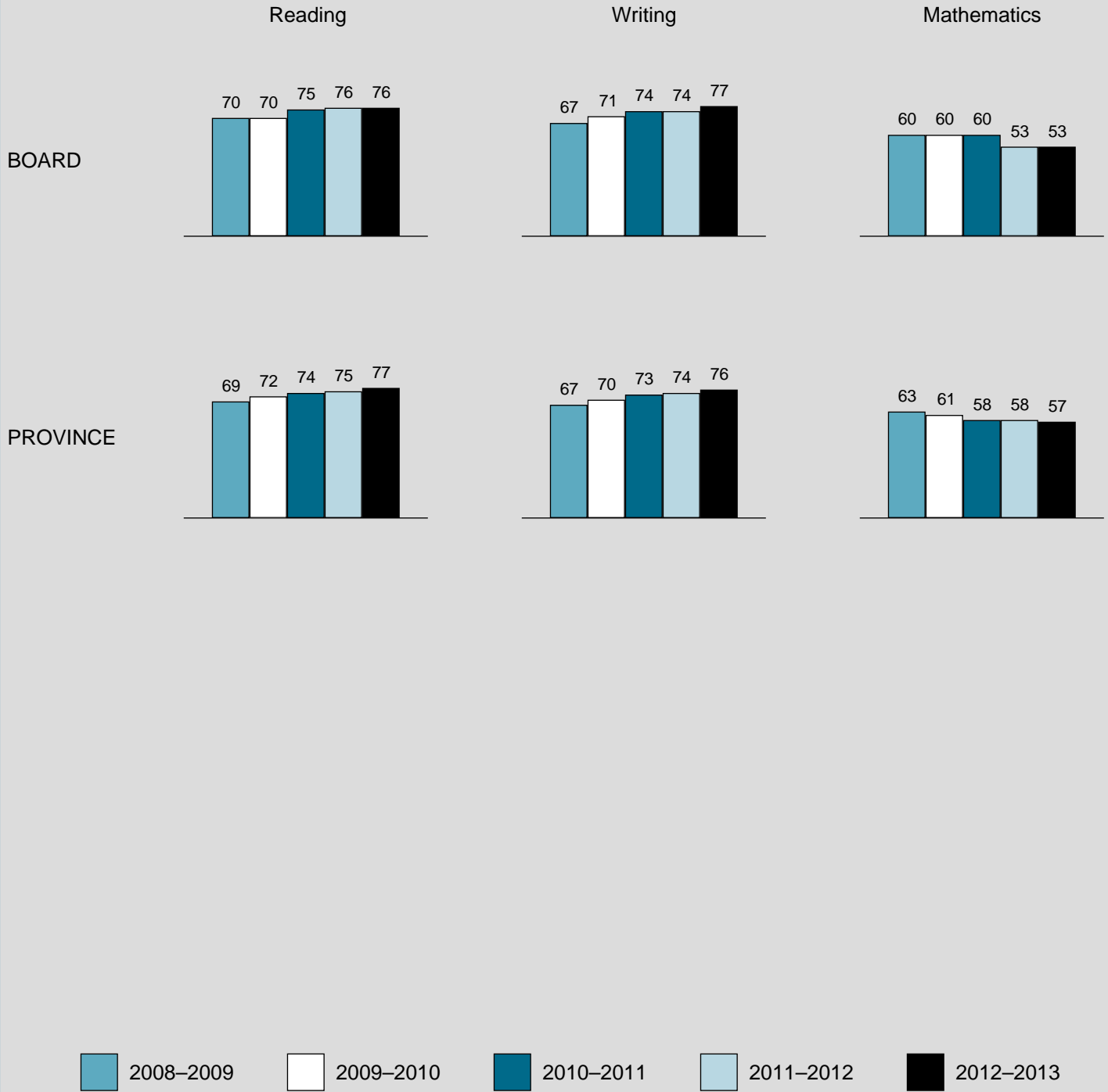
Percentage of Students: Grade 3



Total Number of Grade 3 Students					
	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Board	1 258	1 325	1 320	1 365	1 320
Province	125 481	127 789	124 117	126 455	127 645

RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME

Percentage of Students: Grade 6



Total Number of Grade 6 Students					
	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Board	1 457	1 513	1 386	1 333	1 349
Province	136 076	134 294	132 308	129 477	131 589

TIPS

Each school or board is unique. To appreciate the distinctive character of a school or board, look at the contextual information to understand the features and characteristics of the community it serves.



Every assessment captures the performance of students at one point in time each year. Consider the results along with other information about students' achievement in reading, writing and mathematics.



Exercise caution when interpreting results for small schools or boards. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a school of 20 students, a difference of 10% represents only two students.



Trends may be difficult to identify or to interpret. This is especially true in small schools or boards, or in schools where there is a high turnover in the student population.



EQAO values students' privacy. Results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 10 students fully participated in 2012-2013, or fewer than 15 students fully participated prior to 2012-2013 because it might be possible to identify individual students.

ABOUT THIS SCHOOL OR BOARD REPORT

This report shows how well students have met curriculum expectations to the end of the Primary Division and the end of the Junior Division. Students complete a set of test booklets that allow them to show what they have learned in reading, writing and mathematics. The assessments are based on *The Ontario Curriculum*.

This report includes

- ◆ results for this year
- ◆ a comparison of results of the current and previous administrations to aid in monitoring improvement
- ◆ information about the characteristics of the students who participated
- ◆ summary graphs showing the percentage of students achieving the provincial standard in reading, writing and mathematics
- ◆ detailed tables and graphs showing results for all levels of achievement, results for gender and participation information
- ◆ student questionnaire results
- ◆ an explanation of all terms used in this report.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

- ◆ Examine the contextual information to understand the similarities and differences between the school, the board and the province; the board and the province. Consider the challenges that any differences might present.
- ◆ Examine the results for reading, writing and mathematics.
 - Are these results consistent with what you would expect?
 - How do the school results compare to the board and the province; the board results compare to the province?
 - How do these results compare over time?
 - What influence might students' attitudes have on student performance (refer to the questionnaire results)?
- ◆ Speak to school or board staff about the goals for school improvement related to reading, writing and mathematics.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office is an independent agency that gathers information about student achievement through province-wide assessments. Each year, all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students across Ontario take part in these assessments of reading, writing and mathematics. Individual results are reported to students and to parents and guardians. School, board and provincial results are released publicly.

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Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2012–2013

Contextual Information: Grade 3*

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results.

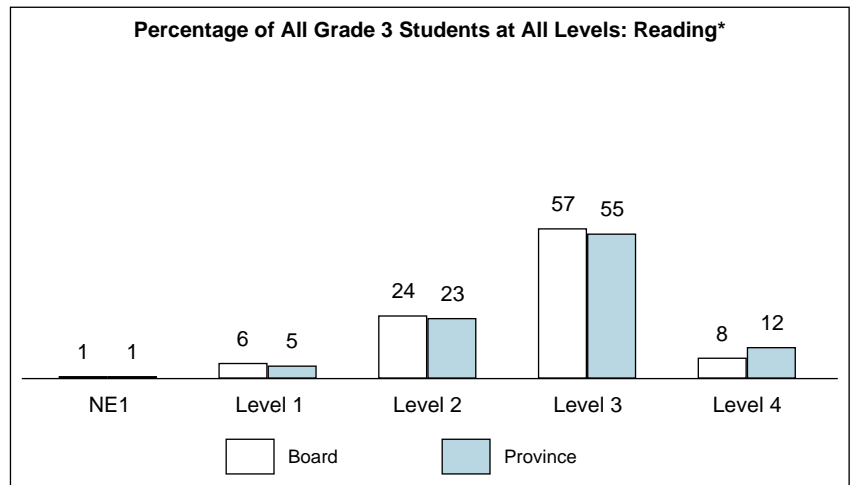
Demographic Information	Board		Province	
Enrolment				
Number of Grade 3 students	1 320		127 645	
Number of classes with Grade 3 students	90		9 556	
Number of schools with Grade 3 classes	42		3 340	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Gender				
Female	650	49%	61 888	48%
Male	670	51%	65 757	52%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%
Student Status				
English language learners**	3	<1%	16 093	13%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)**	242	18%	21 452	17%
Place of Birth				
Born in Canada	1 289	98%	114 431	90%
Born outside Canada	29	2%	13 081	10%
In Canada less than one year	4	<1%	786	1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	2	<1%	2 941	2%
In Canada three years or more	23	2%	8 601	7%
Language				
First language learned at home was other than English	0	0%	28 595	22%
Year Student Entered Current School				
Year of the assessment	162	12%	17 108	13%
Year prior to the assessment	100	8%	13 749	11%
2 years prior to the assessment	121	9%	18 818	15%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	937	71%	77 892	61%
Data not available	0	0%	78	<1%
Year Student Entered Current Board				
Year of the assessment	156	12%	8 038	6%
Year prior to the assessment	100	8%	7 422	6%
2 years prior to the assessment	120	9%	11 069	9%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	942	71%	98 569	77%
Data not available	2	<1%	2 547	2%

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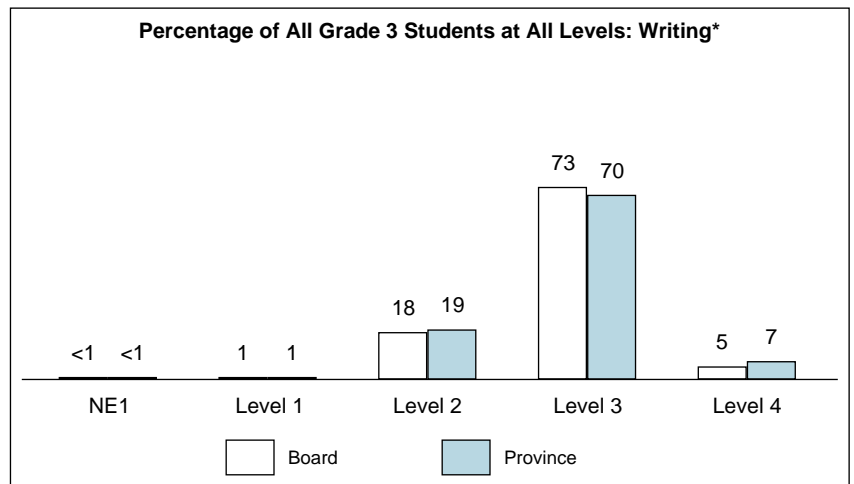
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Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2012–2013 Grade 3: All Students^{††}

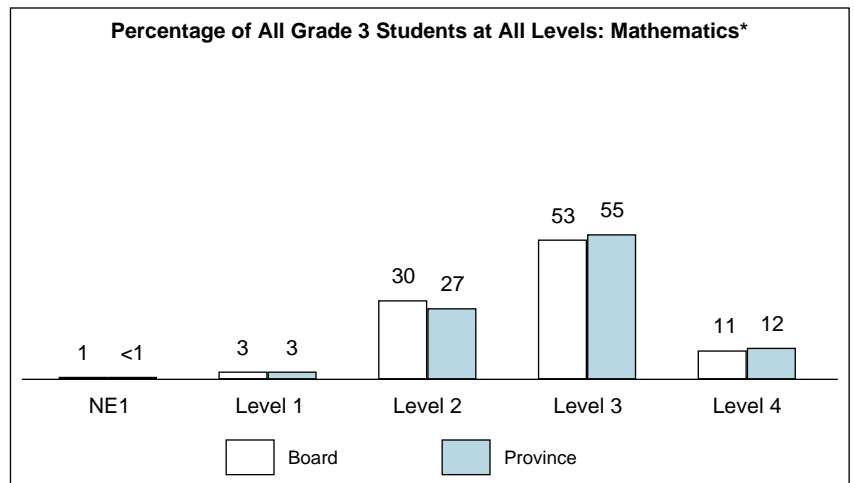
Grade 3: Reading*				
Number of Students	Board 1 320		Province 122 450	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	107	8%		12%
Level 3	756	57%		55%
Level 2	317	24%		23%
Level 1	77	6%		5%
NE1**	19	1%		1%
Participating Students	1 276	97%		97%
No Data	4	<1%		1%
Exempt	40	3%		3%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	65%		68%	



Grade 3: Writing*				
Number of Students	Board 1 320		Province 122 447	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	71	5%		7%
Level 3	968	73%		70%
Level 2	234	18%		19%
Level 1	9	1%		1%
NE1**	3	<1%		<1%
Participating Students	1 285	97%		97%
No Data	4	<1%		1%
Exempt	31	2%		2%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	79%		77%	



Grade 3: Mathematics*				
Number of Students	Board 1 320		Province 127 633	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	144	11%		12%
Level 3	696	53%		55%
Level 2	400	30%		27%
Level 1	35	3%		3%
NE1**	9	1%		<1%
Participating Students	1 284	97%		97%
No Data	5	<1%		1%
Exempt	31	2%		2%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †	64%		67%	



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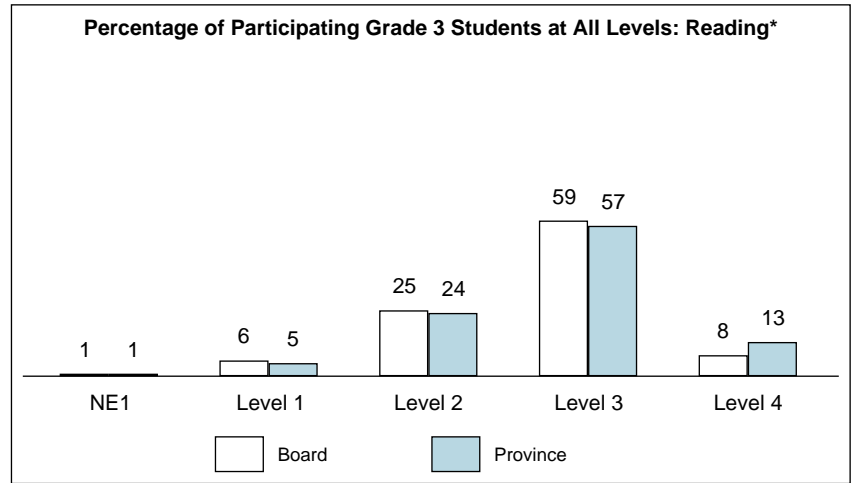
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†† Some French Immersion students do not write all components of the assessment in Grade 3; the numbers shown reflect those students who were expected to write each component as determined by the French Immersion participation option selected by boards.

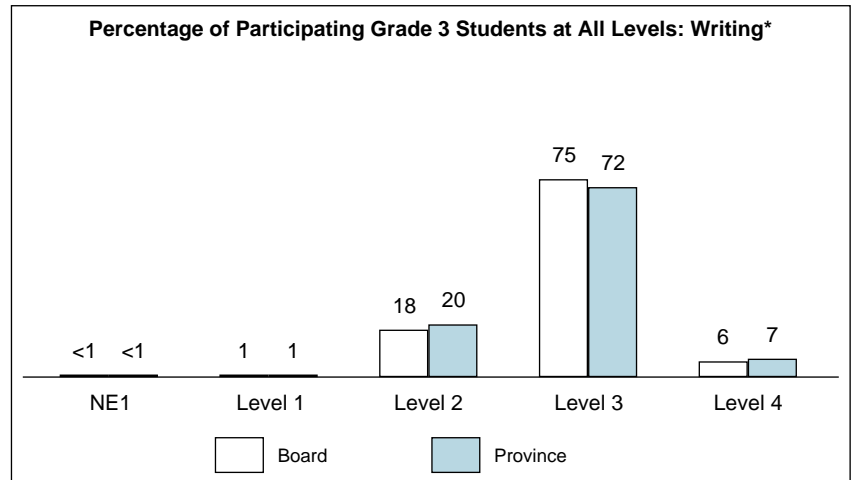
Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2012–2013

Grade 3: Participating Students (excludes “no data” and “exempt” categories)

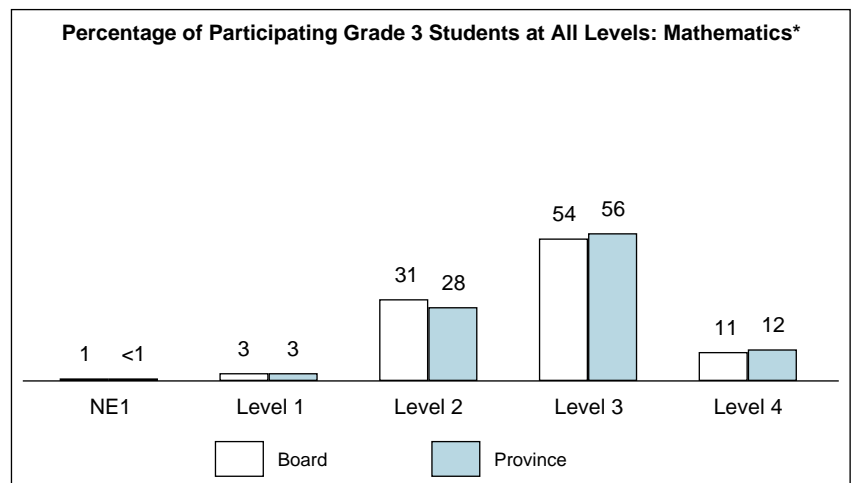
Grade 3: Reading*			
Number of Students	Board 1 276		Province 118 539
	#	%	%
Level 4	107	8%	13%
Level 3	756	59%	57%
Level 2	317	25%	24%
Level 1	77	6%	5%
NE1**	19	1%	1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		68%	70%



Grade 3: Writing*			
Number of Students	Board 1 285		Province 118 844
	#	%	%
Level 4	71	6%	7%
Level 3	968	75%	72%
Level 2	234	18%	20%
Level 1	9	1%	1%
NE1**	3	<1%	<1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		81%	79%



Grade 3: Mathematics*			
Number of Students	Board 1 284		Province 123 907
	#	%	%
Level 4	144	11%	12%
Level 3	696	54%	56%
Level 2	400	31%	28%
Level 1	35	3%	3%
NE1**	9	1%	<1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		65%	69%



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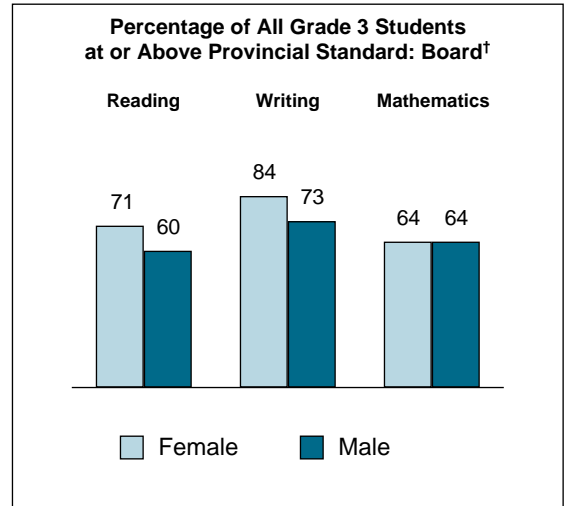
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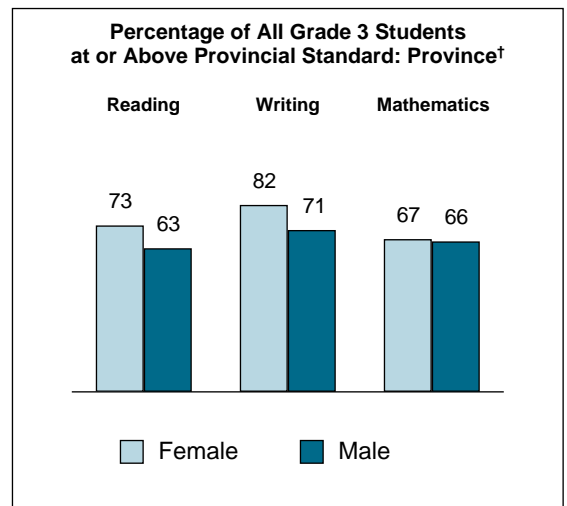
Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2012–2013

Grade 3: Gender††

Grade 3: Board*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 650	Male 670	Female 650	Male 670	Female 650	Male 670
Level 4	11%	6%	8%	3%	10%	12%
Level 3	60%	54%	76%	71%	54%	52%
Level 2	22%	26%	14%	21%	32%	28%
Level 1	5%	7%	<1%	1%	2%	3%
NE1**	<1%	2%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Participating Students	98%	95%	98%	96%	99%	96%
No Data	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
Exempt	1%	5%	1%	4%	1%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	71%	60%	84%	73%	64%	64%



Grade 3: Province*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 58 950	Male 63 500	Female 58 949	Male 63 498	Female 61 884	Male 65 749
Level 4	16%	9%	9%	4%	12%	12%
Level 3	57%	54%	73%	67%	55%	54%
Level 2	20%	26%	15%	24%	27%	26%
Level 1	4%	6%	1%	1%	3%	3%
NE1**	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Participating Students	98%	96%	98%	96%	98%	96%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	73%	63%	82%	71%	67%	66%



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Contextual Information: Grade 6*

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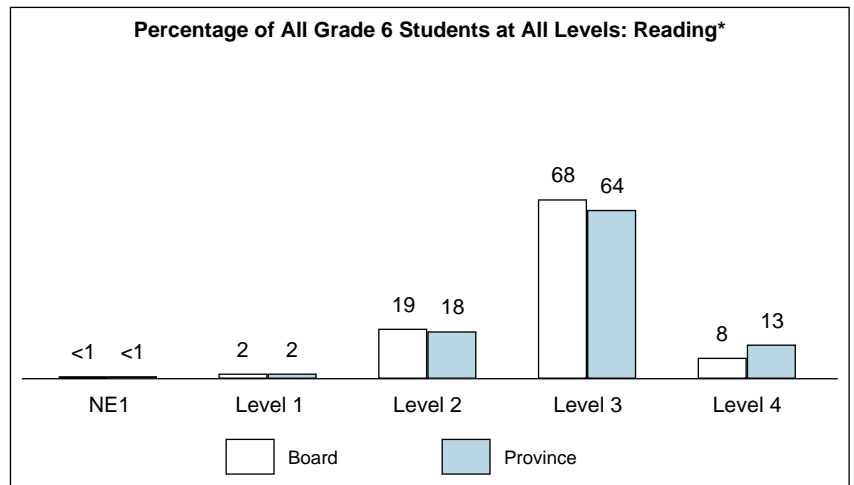
Demographic Information	Board		Province	
Enrolment				
Number of Grade 6 students	1 349		131 589	
Number of classes with Grade 6 students	79		8 369	
Number of schools with Grade 6 classes	42		3 170	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Gender				
Female	646	48%	64 062	49%
Male	703	52%	67 518	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	9	<1%
Student Status				
English language learners**	1	<1%	12 398	9%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)**	288	21%	26 858	20%
Place of Birth				
Born in Canada	1 305	97%	115 276	88%
Born outside Canada	43	3%	16 211	12%
In Canada less than one year	2	<1%	680	1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	5	<1%	2 672	2%
In Canada three years or more	36	3%	12 083	9%
Language				
First language learned at home was other than English	3	<1%	28 985	22%
Year Student Entered Current School				
Year of the assessment	156	12%	29 049	22%
Year prior to the assessment	106	8%	12 770	10%
2 years prior to the assessment	96	7%	12 004	9%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	991	73%	77 673	59%
Data not available	0	0%	93	<1%
Year Student Entered Current Board				
Year of the assessment	150	11%	7 016	5%
Year prior to the assessment	107	8%	6 612	5%
2 years prior to the assessment	97	7%	6 188	5%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	994	74%	107 666	82%
Data not available	1	<1%	4 107	3%

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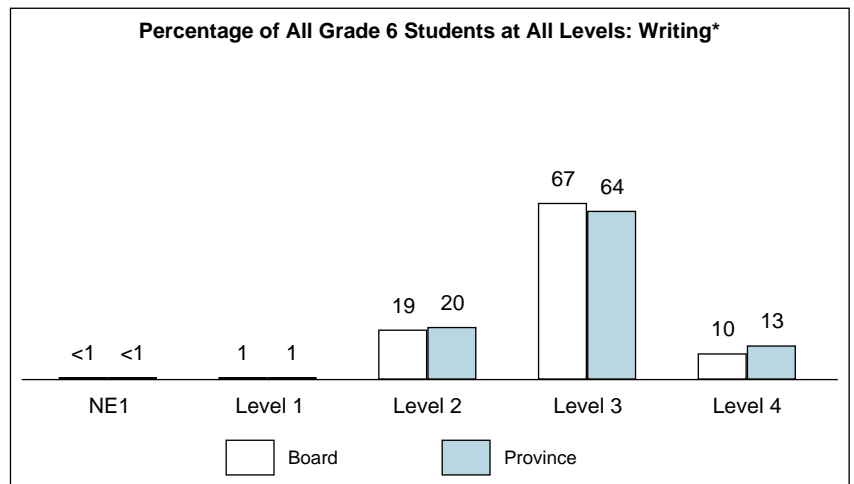
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Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2012–2013 Grade 6: All Students

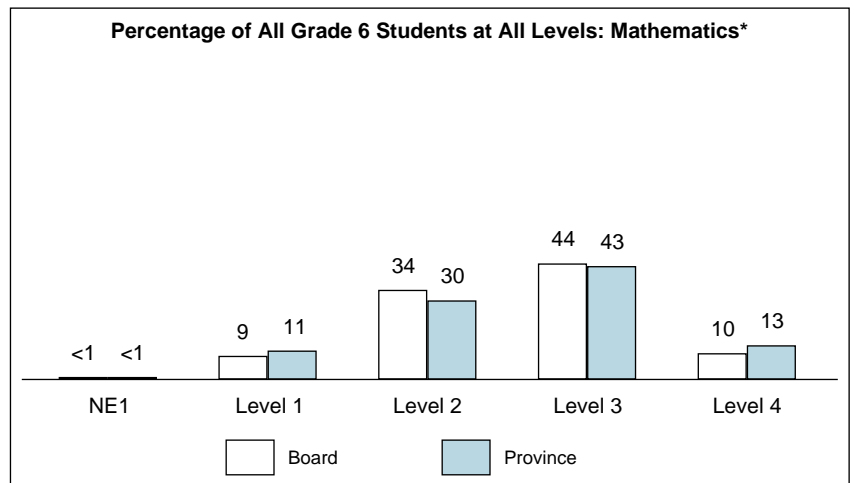
Grade 6: Reading*				
Number of Students	Board 1 349		Province 131 514	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	105	8%	13%	
Level 3	922	68%	64%	
Level 2	257	19%	18%	
Level 1	21	2%	2%	
NE1**	3	<1%	<1%	
Participating Students	1 308	97%	98%	
No Data	2	<1%	<1%	
Exempt	39	3%	2%	
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		76%	77%	



Grade 6: Writing*				
Number of Students	Board 1 349		Province 131 504	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	136	10%	13%	
Level 3	905	67%	64%	
Level 2	258	19%	20%	
Level 1	7	1%	1%	
NE1**	2	<1%	<1%	
Participating Students	1 308	97%	98%	
No Data	4	<1%	<1%	
Exempt	37	3%	2%	
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		77%	76%	



Grade 6: Mathematics*				
Number of Students	Board 1 349		Province 131 543	
	#	%	#	%
Level 4	129	10%	13%	
Level 3	587	44%	43%	
Level 2	465	34%	30%	
Level 1	116	9%	11%	
NE1**	1	<1%	<1%	
Participating Students	1 298	96%	97%	
No Data	4	<1%	1%	
Exempt	47	3%	2%	
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		53%	57%	



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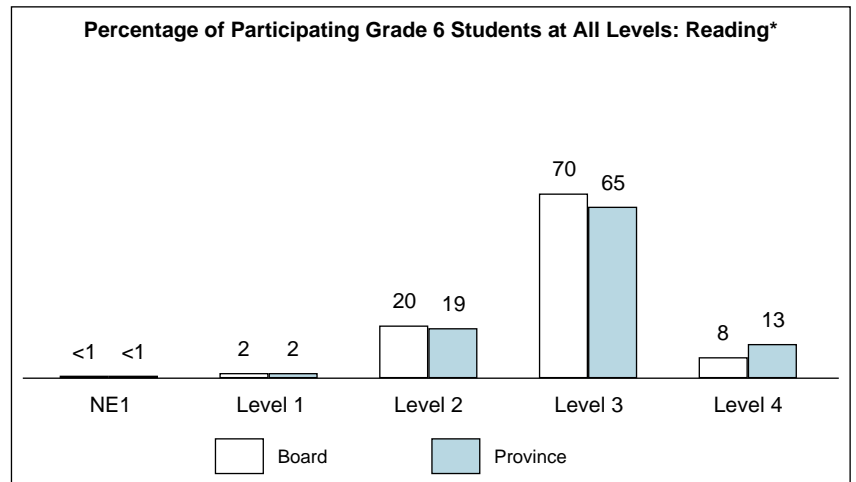
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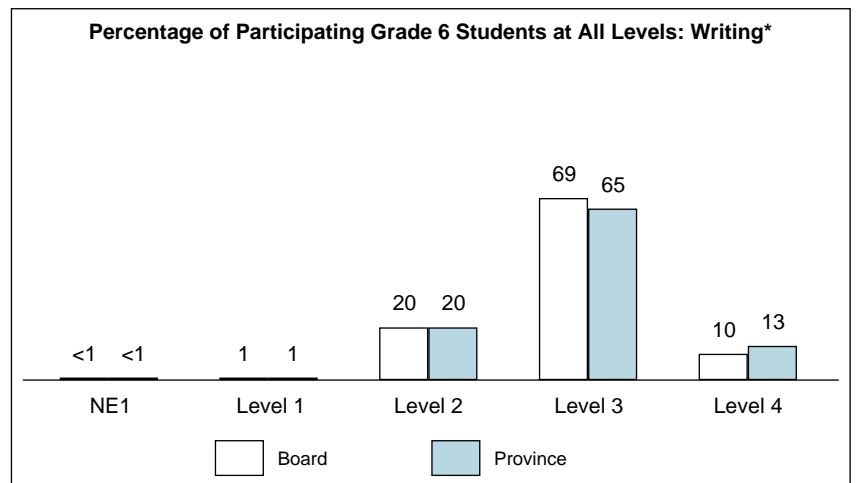
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Grade 6: Participating Students (excludes “no data” and “exempt” categories)

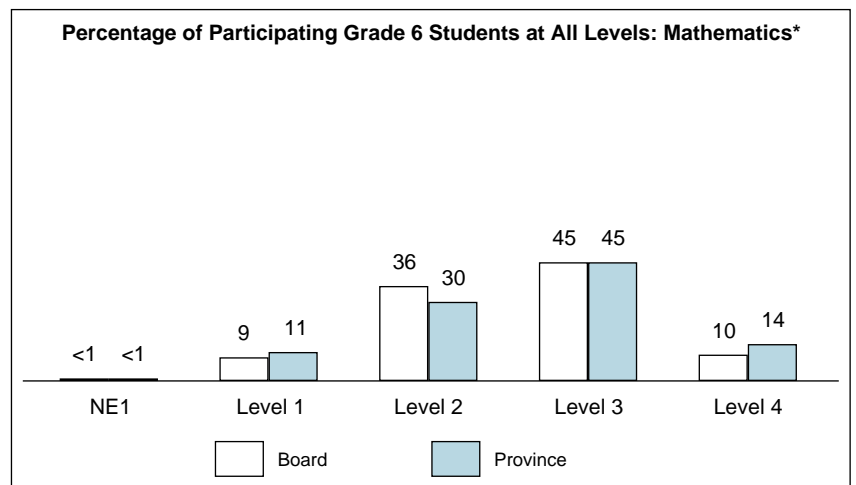
Grade 6: Reading*			
Number of Students	Board 1 308		Province 128 393
	#	%	%
Level 4	105	8%	13%
Level 3	922	70%	65%
Level 2	257	20%	19%
Level 1	21	2%	2%
NE1**	3	<1%	<1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		79%	79%



Grade 6: Writing*			
Number of Students	Board 1 308		Province 128 452
	#	%	%
Level 4	136	10%	13%
Level 3	905	69%	65%
Level 2	258	20%	20%
Level 1	7	1%	1%
NE1**	2	<1%	<1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		80%	78%



Grade 6: Mathematics*			
Number of Students	Board 1 298		Province 128 227
	#	%	%
Level 4	129	10%	14%
Level 3	587	45%	45%
Level 2	465	36%	30%
Level 1	116	9%	11%
NE1**	1	<1%	<1%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) †		55%	58%



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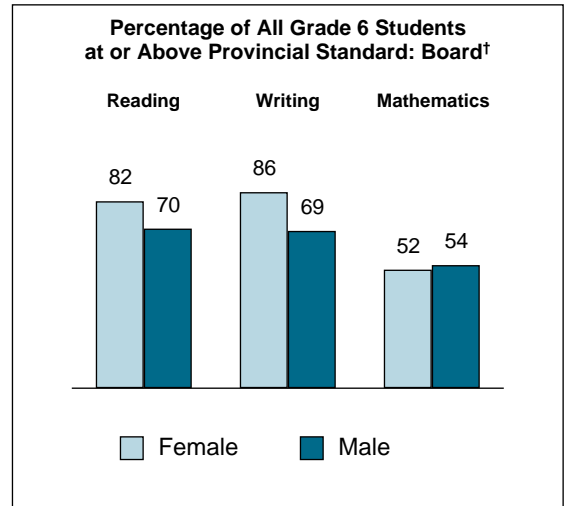
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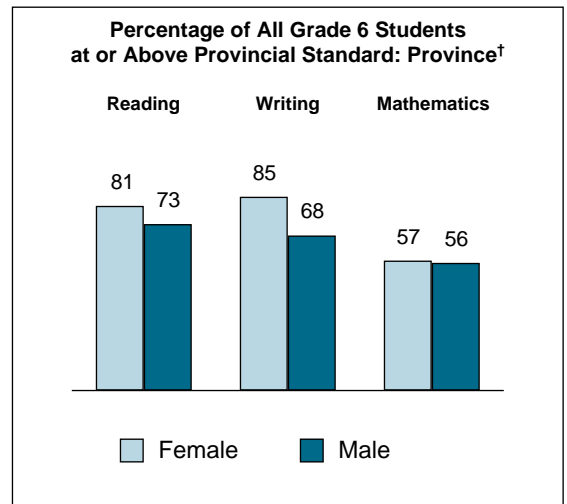
Results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2012–2013

Grade 6: Gender††

Grade 6: Board*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 646	Male 703	Female 646	Male 703	Female 646	Male 703
Level 4	10%	6%	15%	5%	10%	9%
Level 3	72%	65%	71%	64%	41%	45%
Level 2	15%	23%	11%	26%	37%	32%
Level 1	1%	2%	<1%	1%	8%	9%
NE1**	0%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%	<1%
Participating Students	98%	96%	98%	96%	97%	95%
No Data	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Exempt	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	82%	70%	86%	69%	52%	54%



Grade 6: Province*						
Number of Students	Reading		Writing		Mathematics	
	Female 64 026	Male 67 479	Female 64 022	Male 67 473	Female 64 035	Male 67 499
Level 4	17%	10%	19%	7%	13%	13%
Level 3	64%	63%	66%	61%	44%	43%
Level 2	16%	21%	13%	27%	30%	29%
Level 1	2%	3%	<1%	1%	10%	11%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Participating Students	98%	97%	98%	97%	98%	97%
No Data	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
Exempt	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)†	81%	73%	85%	68%	57%	56%



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Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary and Junior Divisions, 2012–2013

Contextual Information over Time: Grade 3*

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results of the current and previous administrations.

Grade 3	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013
Enrolment					
Number of students	1 258	1 325	1 320	1 365	1 320
Participation in the Assessment					
Reading [†]	95%	96%	95%	96%	97%
Writing [†]	96%	96%	97%	97%	97%
Mathematics [†]	96%	96%	96%	96%	97%
Gender					
Female	47%	48%	50%	52%	49%
Male	53%	52%	50%	48%	51%
Student Status					
English language learners**	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)**	15%	17%	17%	17%	18%
Place of Birth					
Born in Canada	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Born outside Canada	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
In Canada less than one year	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
In Canada three years or more	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Language					
First language learned at home was other than English	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%
Year Student Entered Current Board					
Year of the assessment	15%	9%	11%	9%	12%
Year prior to the assessment	9%	13%	8%	10%	8%
2 years prior to the assessment	8%	8%	13%	8%	9%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	67%	70%	68%	73%	71%
Data not available	2%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%

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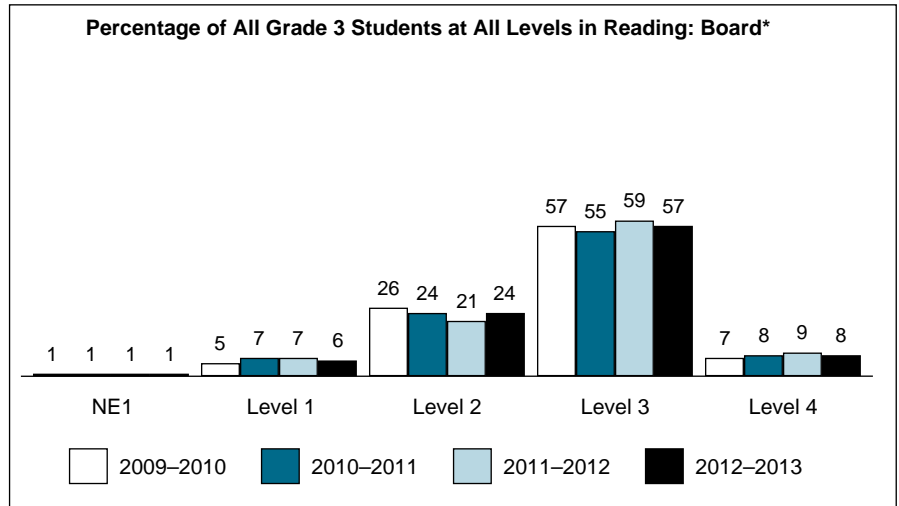
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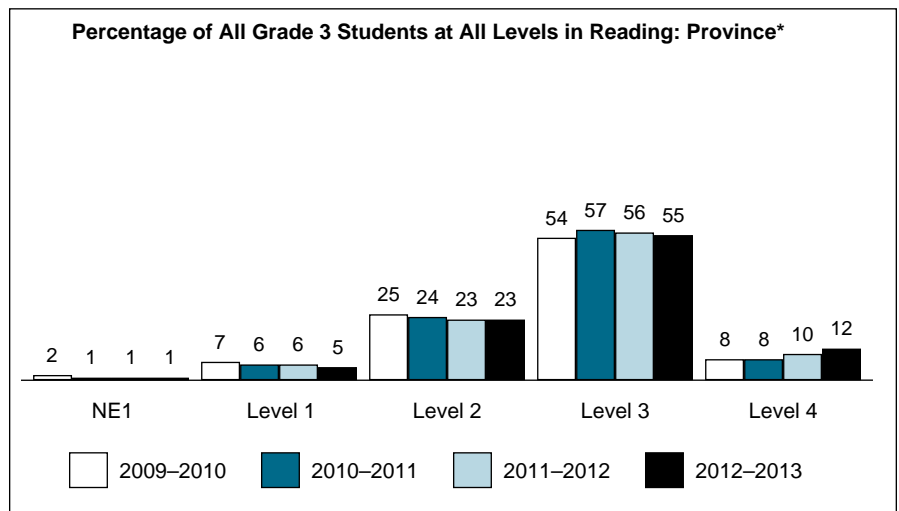
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013*

Grade 3: Reading

Grade 3 Reading: Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 325	1 320	1 365	1 320
Level 4	7%	8%	9%	8%
Level 3	57%	55%	59%	57%
Level 2	26%	24%	21%	24%
Level 1	5%	7%	7%	6%
NE1**	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	96%	95%	96%	97%
No Data	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Exempt	4%	5%	4%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	63%	63%	68%	65%



Grade 3 Reading: Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	123 813	119 914	121 727	122 450
Level 4	8%	8%	10%	12%
Level 3	54%	57%	56%	55%
Level 2	25%	24%	23%	23%
Level 1	7%	6%	6%	5%
NE1**	2%	1%	1%	1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	96%	97%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	1%	<1%	1%
Exempt	3%	3%	3%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	62%	65%	66%	68%



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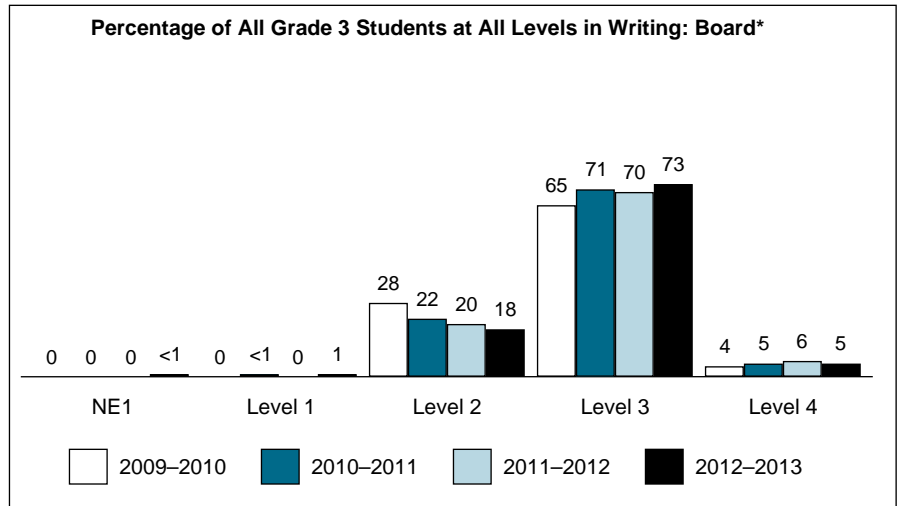
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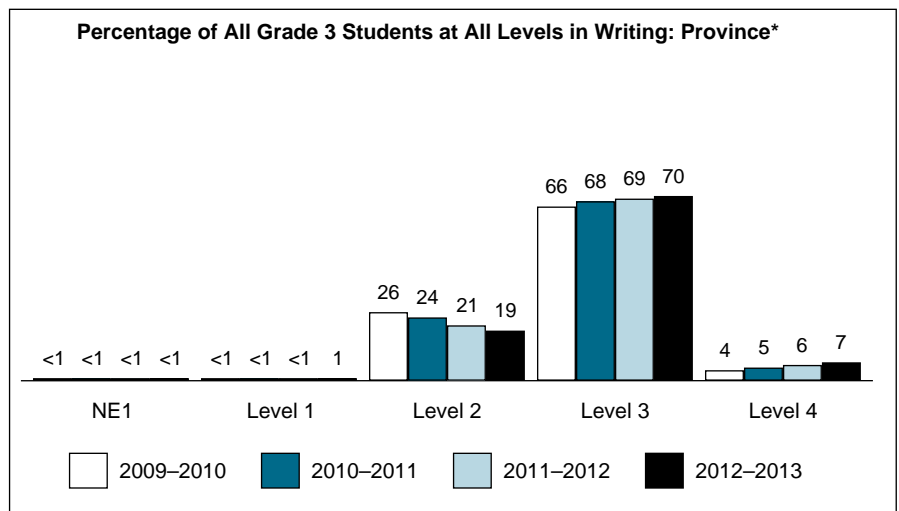
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013*

Grade 3: Writing

Grade 3 Writing: Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 325	1 320	1 365	1 320
Level 4	4%	5%	6%	5%
Level 3	65%	71%	70%	73%
Level 2	28%	22%	20%	18%
Level 1	0%	<1%	0%	1%
NE1**	0%	0%	0%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	96%	97%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	<1%	1%	<1%
Exempt	3%	3%	3%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	69%	75%	76%	79%



Grade 3 Writing: Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	123 800	119 873	121 727	122 447
Level 4	4%	5%	6%	7%
Level 3	66%	68%	69%	70%
Level 2	26%	24%	21%	19%
Level 1	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	3%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	70%	73%	76%	77%



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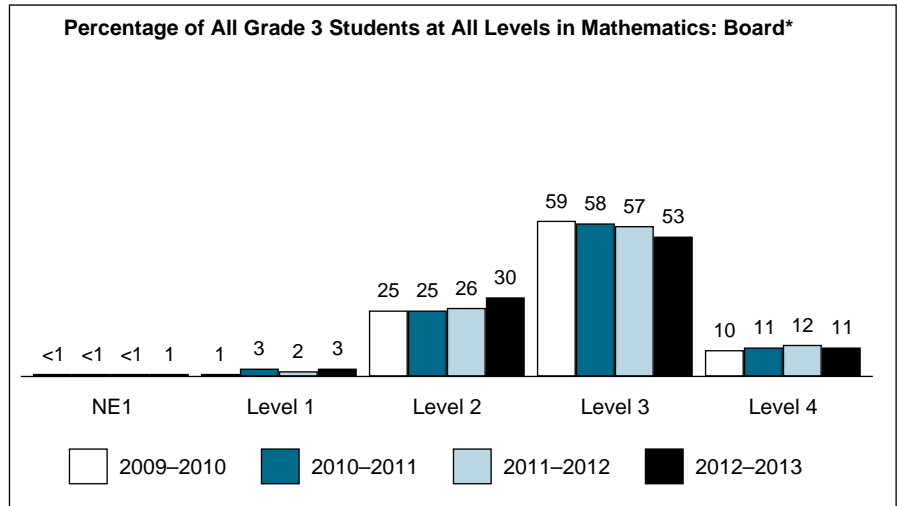
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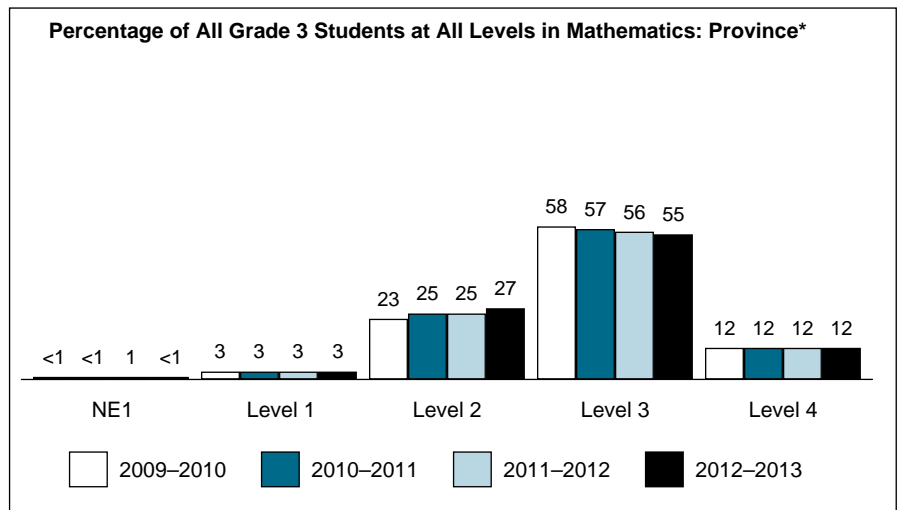
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013*

Grade 3: Mathematics

Grade 3 Mathematics: Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 325	1 320	1 365	1 320
Level 4	10%	11%	12%	11%
Level 3	59%	58%	57%	53%
Level 2	25%	25%	26%	30%
Level 1	1%	3%	2%	3%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	96%	96%	96%	97%
No Data	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Exempt	3%	4%	3%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	70%	69%	69%	64%



Grade 3 Mathematics: Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	127 726	124 104	126 439	127 633
Level 4	12%	12%	12%	12%
Level 3	58%	57%	56%	55%
Level 2	23%	25%	25%	27%
Level 1	3%	3%	3%	3%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	3%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	71%	69%	68%	67%



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Contextual Information over Time: Grade 6*

This information provides a context for interpreting the board's results of the current and previous administrations.

Grade 6	2008–2009	2009–2010	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013
Enrolment					
Number of students	1 457	1 513	1 386	1 333	1 349
Participation in the Assessment					
Reading	96%	97%	98%	96%	97%
Writing	97%	97%	98%	97%	97%
Mathematics	95%	97%	97%	96%	96%
Gender					
Female	50%	51%	50%	46%	48%
Male	50%	49%	50%	54%	52%
Student Status					
English language learners**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)**	20%	20%	19%	21%	21%
Place of Birth					
Born in Canada	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Born outside Canada	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
In Canada less than one year	0%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%
In Canada three years or more	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Language					
First language learned at home was other than English	2%	1%	2%	2%	<1%
Year Student Entered Current Board					
Year of the assessment	10%	7%	9%	9%	11%
Year prior to the assessment	8%	13%	8%	9%	8%
2 years prior to the assessment	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	74%	72%	75%	75%	74%
Data not available	1%	1%	0%	<1%	<1%

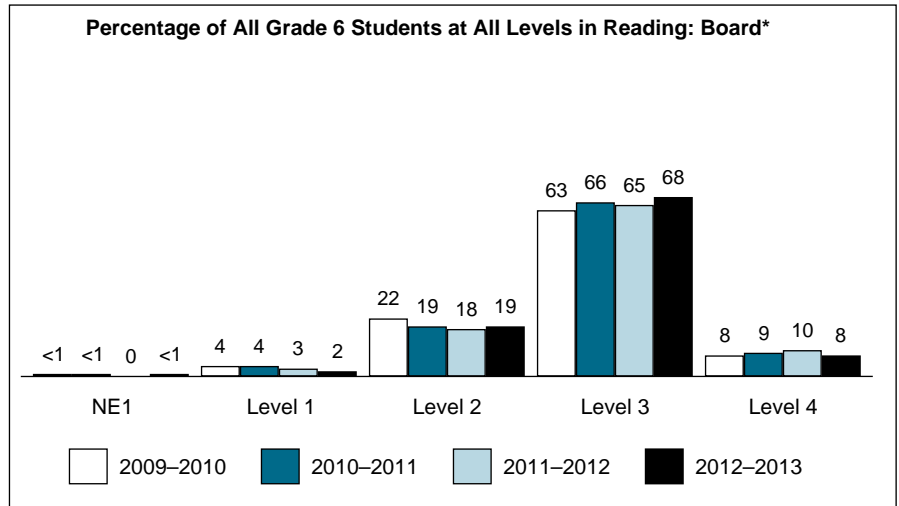
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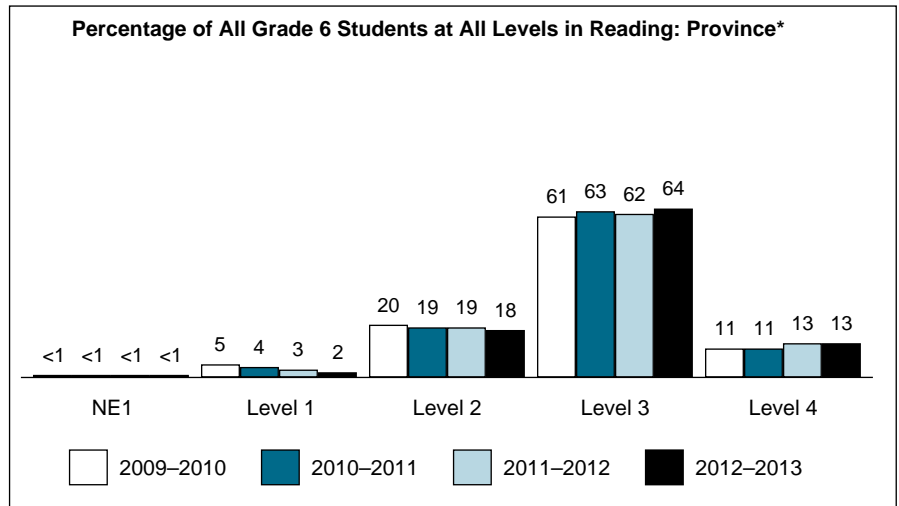
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013*

Grade 6: Reading

Grade 6 Reading: Board*				
Year	'09–'10	'10–'11	'11–'12	'12–'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 513	1 386	1 333	1 349
Level 4	8%	9%	10%	8%
Level 3	63%	66%	65%	68%
Level 2	22%	19%	18%	19%
Level 1	4%	4%	3%	2%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	98%	96%	97%
No Data	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Exempt	3%	2%	3%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	70%	75%	76%	76%



Grade 6 Reading: Province*				
Year	'09–'10	'10–'11	'11–'12	'12–'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	134 201	132 283	129 420	131 514
Level 4	11%	11%	13%	13%
Level 3	61%	63%	62%	64%
Level 2	20%	19%	19%	18%
Level 1	5%	4%	3%	2%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	98%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	<1%
Exempt	2%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	72%	74%	75%	77%



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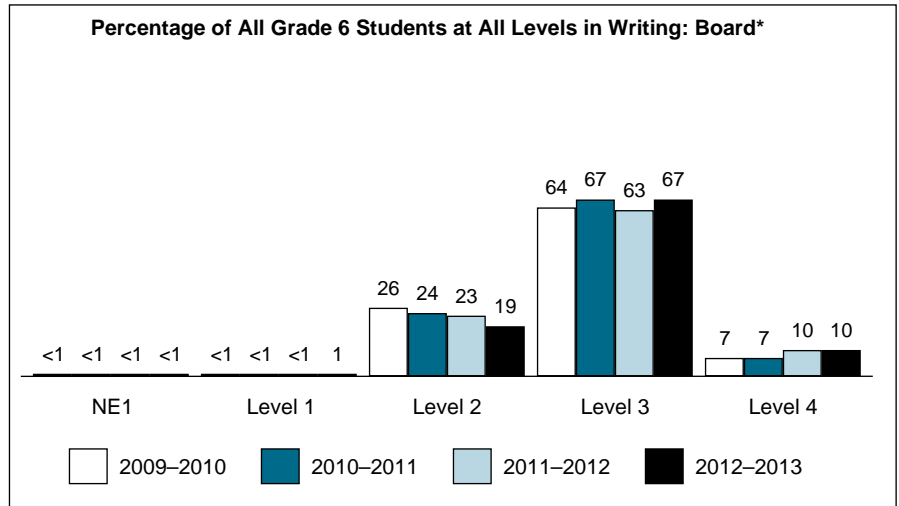
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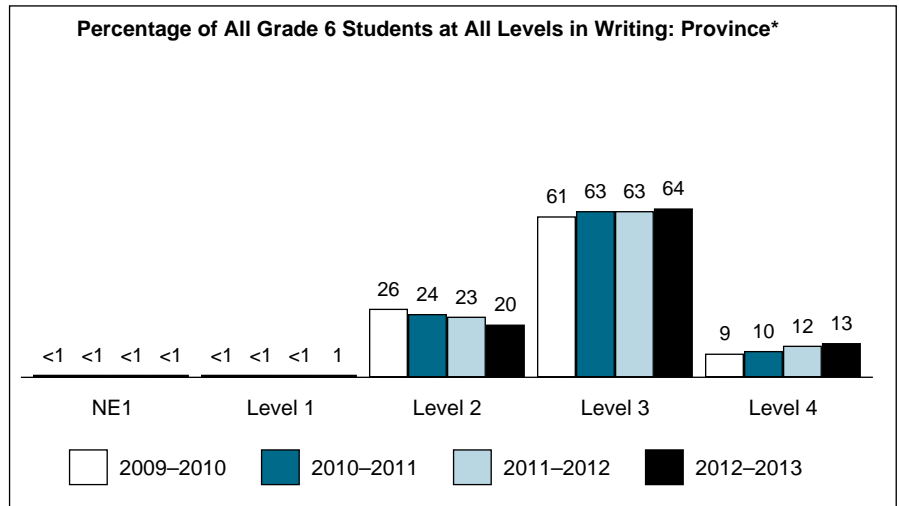
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013*

Grade 6: Writing

Grade 6 Writing: Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 513	1 386	1 333	1 349
Level 4	7%	7%	10%	10%
Level 3	64%	67%	63%	67%
Level 2	26%	24%	23%	19%
Level 1	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	98%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Exempt	2%	2%	3%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	71%	74%	74%	77%



Grade 6 Writing: Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	134 288	132 266	129 420	131 504
Level 4	9%	10%	12%	13%
Level 3	61%	63%	63%	64%
Level 2	26%	24%	23%	20%
Level 1	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	98%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	<1%
Exempt	2%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	70%	73%	74%	76%



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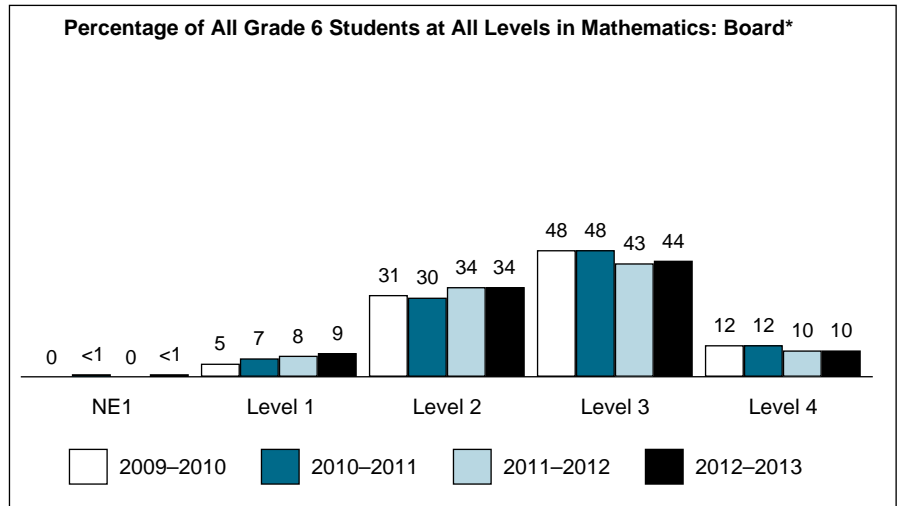
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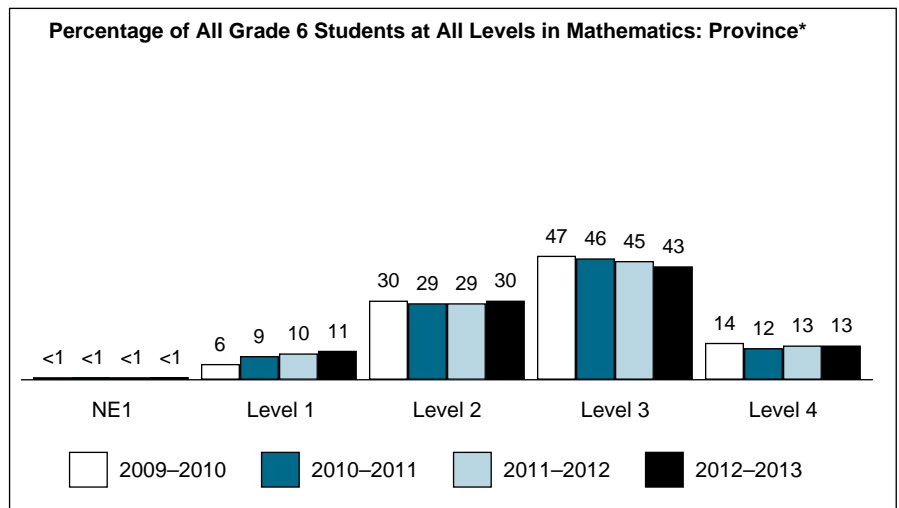
Results over Time, 2009–2010 to 2012–2013*

Grade 6: Mathematics

Grade 6 Mathematics: Board*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	1 511	1 386	1 333	1 349
Level 4	12%	12%	10%	10%
Level 3	48%	48%	43%	44%
Level 2	31%	30%	34%	34%
Level 1	5%	7%	8%	9%
NE1**	0%	<1%	0%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	96%	96%
No Data	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Exempt	3%	3%	4%	3%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	60%	60%	53%	53%



Grade 6 Mathematics: Province*				
Year	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
<i>Number of Students</i>	134 241	132 223	129 368	131 543
Level 4	14%	12%	13%	13%
Level 3	47%	46%	45%	43%
Level 2	30%	29%	29%	30%
Level 1	6%	9%	10%	11%
NE1**	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Participating Students</i>	97%	97%	97%	97%
No Data	1%	1%	1%	1%
Exempt	3%	2%	2%	2%
At or Above Provincial Standard†	61%	58%	58%	57%



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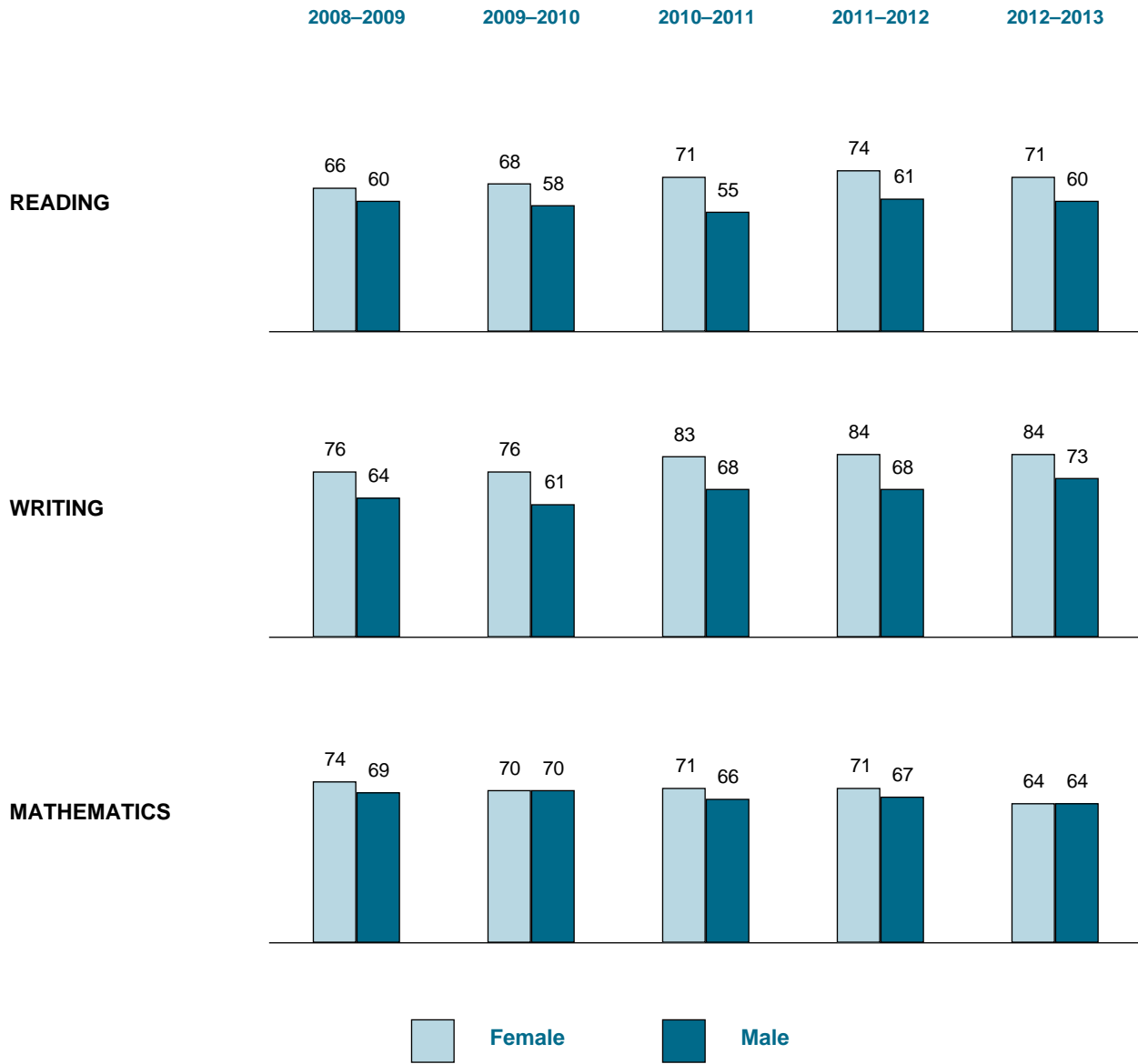
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RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS OVER TIME BY GENDER*

Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4): Grade 3



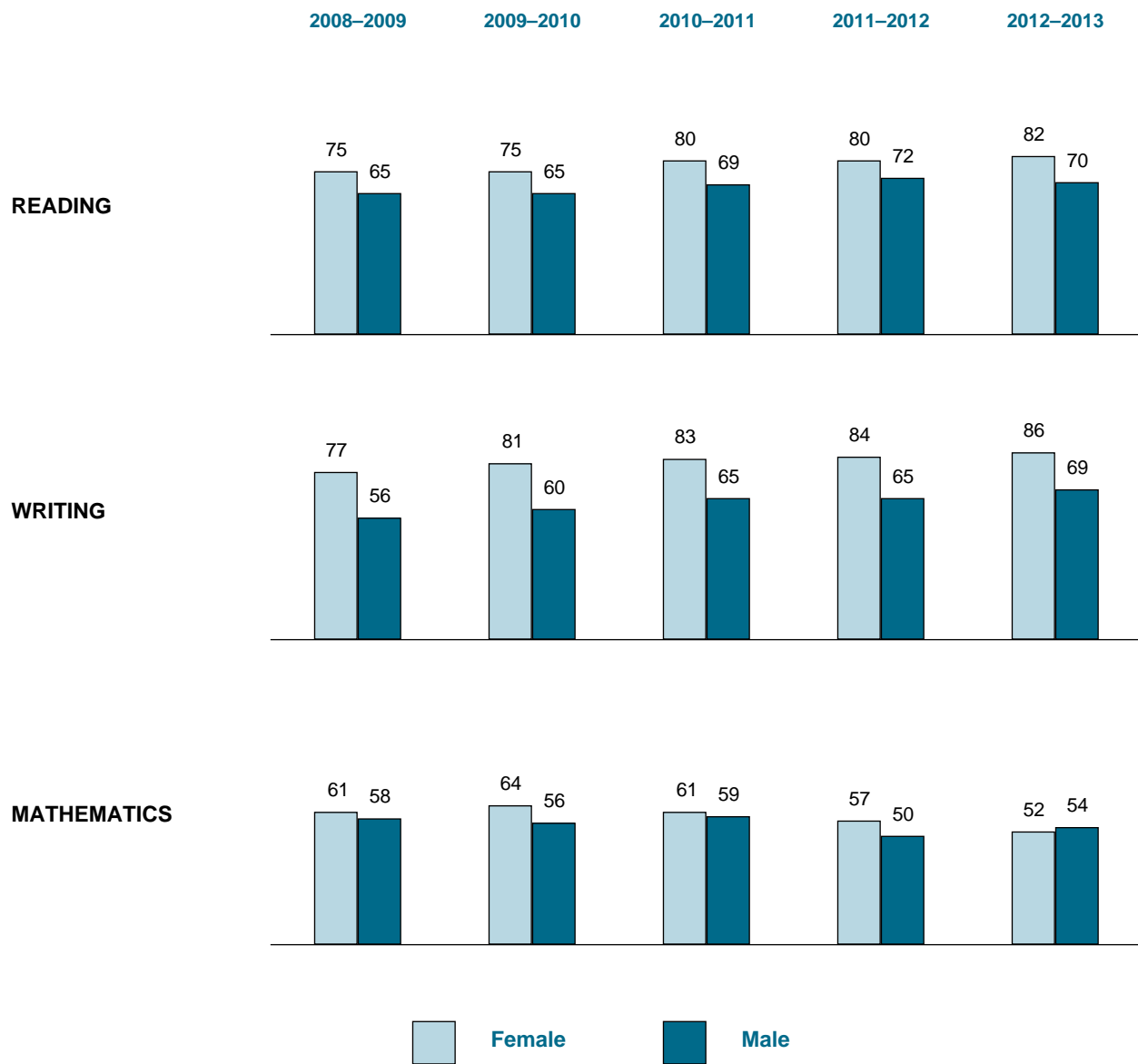
Total Number of Grade 3 Students*

	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	590	668	642	683	659	661	707	658	650	670

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS OVER TIME BY GENDER*

Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4): Grade 6



Female Male

Total Number of Grade 6 Students*

	<u>2008-2009</u>		<u>2009-2010</u>		<u>2010-2011</u>		<u>2011-2012</u>		<u>2012-2013</u>	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	732	725	775	738	687	699	615	717	646	703

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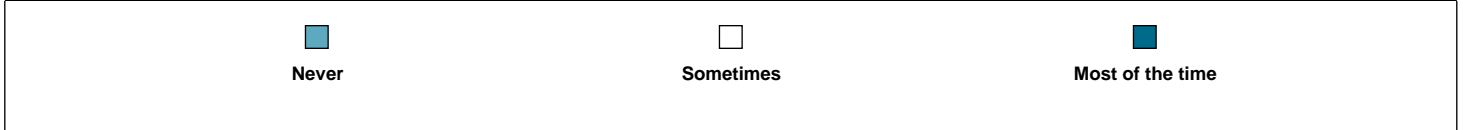
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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 3 (# = 1 283)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most of the time		
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT About reading:		Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "most of the time"
I like to read.			572
I am a good reader .			852
I can understand difficult reading passages.			343
I do my best on reading activities in class.			963
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT About writing:			
I like to write.			623
I am a good writer.			668
I can communicate my ideas in writing.			535
I do my best when I do writing activities in class.			889
COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN LANGUAGE			
I make sure I understand what I am reading.			797
I organize my ideas before I start to write.			530
I edit my writing to make it better.			502
I check my writing for spelling and grammar.			536

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 3 (# = 1 283)



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT About mathematics:	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "most of the time"
I like mathematics.		677
I am good at mathematics.		710
I can answer difficult mathematics questions.		428
I do my best on mathematics activities in class.		971

COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN MATHEMATICS

I read over a mathematics problem first to make sure I know what I am supposed to do.		789
I think about the steps I will use to solve a mathematics problem.		585



READING OUTSIDE SCHOOL How often do you read the following when you are not at school?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "every day or almost every day"
Stories or novels		536
Comics		231
Books, newspapers, magazines or websites for information		327
E-mails, text or instant messages		380
Any other type of reading material		447

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 3 (# = 1 283)



WRITING OUTSIDE SCHOOL		Percentage of Students*				Number of students who answered "every day or almost every day"
How often do you write the following (using paper or a computer) when you are not at school?		Never	1 or 2 times a month	1 to 3 times a week	Every day or almost every day	
Stories		28	35	19	15	195
Journal entries		43	25	14	15	193
E-mail, text or instant messages		38	15	17	28	364
Letters		33	40	13	11	140

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
How often do you do the following when you are not at school?

I take part in art, music or drama activities.		42	17	18	19	250
I take part in after-school clubs.		68	7	13	8	108
I take part in sports or other physical activities.		15	11	31	40	509

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT
How often do you and a parent, a guardian or another adult who lives with you do the following?

We talk about the activities I do in school.		10	16	17	55	708
We talk about the reading and writing work I do in school.		17	22	27	31	402
We talk about the mathematics I do in school.		16	21	26	35	445
We read together.		20	25	22	29	377
We look at my school agenda.		11	12	13	59	758
We use a computer together.		37	23	19	17	222

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 3 (# = 1 283)							
		0 programs	1 program	2 or 3 programs	4 programs or more		
SCREEN TIME		Percentage of Students*				Number of students who answered "4 programs or more"	
On a school day, how many TV programs do you normally watch?							
	Before School	30	31	22	13	164	
	After School	7	11	27	52	666	
SCHOOLS ATTENDED		Percentage of Students*				Number of students	
How many schools did you attend before this one?							
	Only this school	57				727	
	1 other school	27				344	
	2 other schools	8				106	
	3 other schools	3				38	
	4 other schools or more	3				40	
		Only English/ Mostly English	Another language (or other languages) as often as English	Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)			
LANGUAGES SPOKEN		Percentage of Students*				Number of students who answered "only English" or "mostly English"	
Languages student speaks at home		83 10 5				1 070	
Languages in which people speak to student at home		80 10 7				1 028	

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GRADE 3: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 283)	Female* (# = 640)	Male* (# = 643)	All Students (# = 123 251)	Female* (# = 60 268)	Male* (# = 62 983)
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT						
About reading: Percentage of students who answered “most of the time”†						
I like to read.	45%	52%	37%	49%	56%	42%
I am a good reader.	66%	71%	62%	64%	66%	62%
I can understand difficult reading passages.	27%	28%	26%	28%	27%	30%
I do my best on reading activities in class.	75%	76%	74%	73%	78%	69%
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT						
About writing: Percentage of students who answered “most of the time”†						
I like to write.	49%	56%	41%	48%	55%	40%
I am a good writer.	52%	58%	47%	49%	55%	42%
I can communicate my ideas in writing.	42%	44%	40%	41%	42%	39%
I do my best on writing activities in class.	69%	73%	66%	69%	73%	64%
COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN LANGUAGE						
Percentage of students who answered “most of the time”†						
I make sure I understand what I am reading.	62%	67%	58%	65%	68%	62%
I organize my ideas before I start to write.	41%	43%	40%	41%	45%	38%
I edit my writing to make it better.	39%	42%	36%	43%	47%	38%
I check my writing for spelling and grammar.	42%	46%	37%	45%	49%	41%
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT						
About mathematics: Percentage of students who answered “most of the time”†						
I like mathematics.	53%	47%	58%	56%	51%	60%
I am good at mathematics.	55%	49%	61%	54%	47%	60%
I can answer difficult mathematics questions.	33%	28%	38%	35%	28%	42%
I do my best on mathematics activities in class.	76%	75%	77%	75%	76%	74%
COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN MATHEMATICS						
Percentage of students who answered “most of the time”†						
I read over a mathematics problem first to make sure I know what I am supposed to do.	61%	65%	58%	65%	69%	61%
I think about the steps I will use to solve a mathematics problem.	46%	47%	45%	47%	48%	47%

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† Other response options were “never” and “sometimes.”

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GRADE 3: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 283)	Female* (# = 640)	Male* (# = 643)	All Students (# = 123 251)	Female* (# = 60 268)	Male* (# = 62 983)
READING OUTSIDE SCHOOL						
How often do you read the following when you are not at school?				Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†		
Stories or novels	42%	47%	37%	40%	46%	35%
Comics	18%	13%	23%	19%	13%	26%
Books, newspapers, magazines or websites for information	25%	30%	21%	25%	27%	23%
E-mails, text or instant messages	30%	31%	28%	23%	25%	22%
Any other type of reading material	35%	39%	30%	34%	38%	31%
WRITING OUTSIDE SCHOOL						
How often do you write the following (using paper or a computer) when you are not at school?				Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†		
Stories	15%	20%	11%	16%	18%	13%
Journal entries	15%	22%	8%	14%	18%	9%
E-mails, text or instant messages	28%	31%	26%	22%	24%	21%
Letters	11%	14%	8%	12%	14%	10%
PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT						
How often do you and a parent, a guardian or another adult who lives with you do the following?				Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†		
We talk about the activities I do in school.	55%	60%	51%	53%	58%	48%
We talk about the reading and writing work I do in school.	31%	33%	29%	32%	36%	29%
We talk about the mathematics I do in school.	35%	39%	31%	36%	38%	34%
We read together.	29%	30%	28%	28%	30%	25%
We look at my school agenda.	59%	59%	59%	53%	54%	52%
We use a computer together.	17%	17%	18%	17%	17%	18%
OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES						
How often do you do the following when you are not at school?				Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†		
I take part in art, music or drama activities.	19%	27%	12%	18%	23%	13%
I take part in after-school clubs.	8%	10%	7%	11%	11%	10%
I take part in sports or other physical activities.	40%	36%	44%	38%	33%	43%

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† Other response options were “never,” “1 or 2 times a month” and “1 to 3 times a week.”

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GRADE 3: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 283)	Female* (# = 640)	Male* (# = 643)	All Students (# = 123 251)	Female* (# = 60 268)	Male* (# = 62 983)
SCREEN TIME (TELEVISION) On a school day, how many TV programs do you normally watch?						
	Percentage of students who answered "4 programs or more" [†]					
Before school	13%	9%	16%	9%	6%	13%
After school	52%	50%	54%	46%	42%	50%
SCHOOLS ATTENDED How many schools did you attend before this one?						
	Percentage of students [‡]					
Only this school/1 other school	83%	85%	82%	78%	78%	77%
2 other schools/3 other schools	11%	10%	12%	15%	15%	16%
4 other schools or more	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%
LANGUAGES STUDENTS SPEAK AT HOME						
	Percentage of students [‡]					
Only English/Mostly English	83%	82%	85%	71%	71%	72%
Another language (or other languages) as often as English	10%	12%	8%	16%	17%	15%
Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	5%	5%	4%	11%	11%	11%
LANGUAGES SPOKEN TO STUDENTS AT HOME						
	Percentage of students [‡]					
Only English/Mostly English	80%	80%	80%	66%	66%	67%
Another language (or other languages) as often as English	10%	10%	10%	14%	14%	13%
Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	7%	8%	7%	17%	17%	17%

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† Other response options were "0 programs," "1 program" and "2 or 3 programs."

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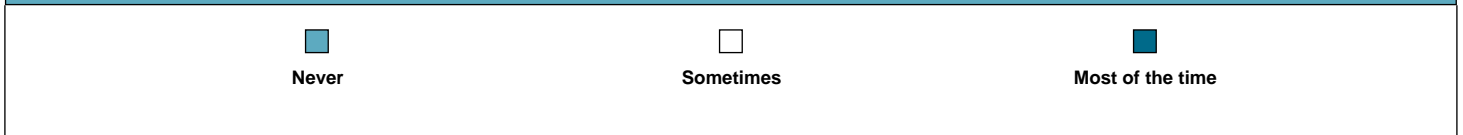
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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 6 (# = 1 301)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most of the time
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT		Percentage of Students*	
About reading:		Number of students who answered "most of the time"	
I like to read.	4	50	45
I am a good reader .	1	30	67
I can understand difficult reading passages.	5	58	36
I do my best on reading activities in class.	1	24	72
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT		Percentage of Students*	
About writing:		Number of students who answered "most of the time"	
I like to write.	8	51	40
I am a good writer.	5	49	45
I can communicate my ideas in writing.	5	50	44
I do my best when I do writing activities in class.	1	29	68
COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN LANGUAGE			
I make sure I understand what I am reading.	1	27	71
I organize my ideas before I start to write.	8	56	34
I edit my writing to make it better.	5	55	38
I check my writing for spelling and grammar.	6	49	44

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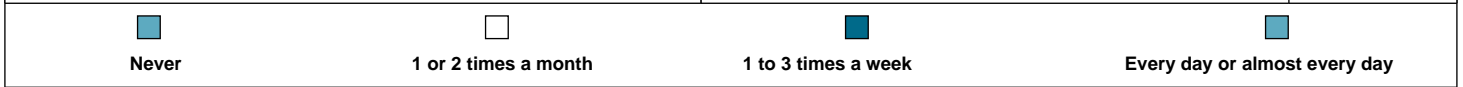
STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 6 (# = 1 301)



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT About mathematics:	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "most of the time"
I like mathematics.		615
I am good at mathematics.		700
I can answer difficult mathematics questions.		480
I do my best on mathematics activities in class.		974

COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN MATHEMATICS

I read over a mathematics problem first to make sure I know what I am supposed to do.		934
I think about the steps I will use to solve a mathematics problem.		689

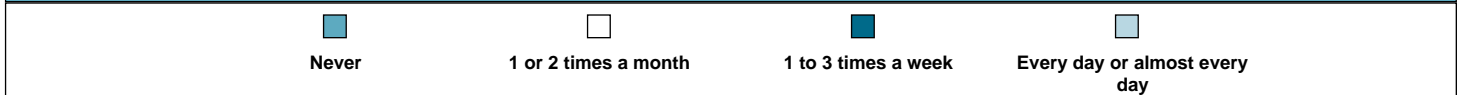


READING OUTSIDE SCHOOL How often do you read the following when you are not at school?	Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "every day or almost every day"
Stories or novels		378
Comics		132
Books, newspapers, magazines or websites for information		345
E-mails, text or instant messages		760
Any other type of reading material		360

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 6 (# = 1 301)



WRITING OUTSIDE SCHOOL
How often do you write the following (using paper or a computer) when you are not at school?

	Percentage of Students*				Number of students who answered "every day or almost every day"
Stories	35	40	16	5	71
Journal entries	53	25	12	7	86
E-mail, text or instant messages	13	12	17	54	706
Letters	48	37	8		40

OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
How often do you do the following when you are not at school?

I take part in art, music or drama activities.	49	16	18	13	168
I take part in after-school clubs.	54	14	18	10	131
I take part in sports or other physical activities.	12	8	31	45	581

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT
How often do you and a parent, a guardian or another adult who lives with you do the following?

We talk about the activities I do in school.	5	13	23	56	728
We talk about the reading and writing work I do in school.	12	22	34	27	355
We talk about the mathematics I do in school.	10	19	34	34	440
We read together.	47	28	14	7	86
We look at my school agenda.	24	19	16	37	476
We use a computer together.	37	30	20	9	118

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD: GRADE 6 (# = 1 301)						
		<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> About half an hour/About 1 hour <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> About 2 hours <input type="checkbox"/> About 3 hours/ More than 3 hours				
SCREEN TIME		Percentage of Students*		Number of students who answered "about 3 hours" or "more than 3 hours"		
On a school day, how many hours do you usually spend on the following?						
Before School	Watching TV	45	48	22		
	Playing video games	78	16	22		
	Using the Internet	58	33	38		
After School	Watching TV	10	50	21	16	203
	Playing video games	37	37	10	13	173
	Using the Internet	13	49	13	22	282
SCHOOLS ATTENDED		Percentage of Students*		Number of students		
How many schools did you attend before this one?						
	Only this school	48		629		
	1 other school	29		382		
	2 other schools	10		130		
	3 other schools	5		59		
	4 other schools or more	4		55		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Only English/Mostly English <input type="checkbox"/> Another language(or other languages) as often as English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mostly another language (or other languages)/Only another language (or other languages)				
LANGUAGES SPOKEN		Percentage of Students*		Number of students who answered "only English" or "mostly English"		
Languages student speaks at home						
	Languages student speaks at home	88	7	1 148		
Languages in which people speak to student at home						
	Languages in which people speak to student at home	83	8	1 086		

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GRADE 6: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All Students (# = 1 301)	Female* (# = 631)	Male* (# = 670)	All Students (# = 127 419)	Female* (# = 62 541)	Male* (# = 64 869)
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT						
About reading:	Percentage of students who answered "most of the time" [†]					
I like to read.	45%	54%	37%	48%	56%	40%
I am a good reader.	67%	69%	65%	66%	70%	63%
I can understand difficult reading passages.	36%	34%	38%	38%	36%	40%
I do my best on reading activities in class.	72%	77%	67%	70%	75%	65%
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT						
About writing:	Percentage of students who answered "most of the time" [†]					
I like to write.	40%	52%	28%	39%	51%	28%
I am a good writer.	45%	52%	39%	42%	50%	35%
I can communicate my ideas in writing.	44%	47%	41%	44%	48%	40%
I do my best on writing activities in class.	68%	74%	62%	67%	73%	61%
COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN LANGUAGE						
	Percentage of students who answered "most of the time" [†]					
I make sure I understand what I am reading.	71%	76%	65%	72%	75%	68%
I organize my ideas before I start to write.	34%	40%	28%	34%	38%	29%
I edit my writing to make it better.	38%	45%	32%	46%	53%	40%
I check my writing for spelling and grammar.	44%	48%	40%	48%	53%	44%
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT						
About mathematics:	Percentage of students who answered "most of the time" [†]					
I like mathematics.	47%	40%	54%	47%	39%	55%
I am good at mathematics.	54%	46%	61%	52%	44%	58%
I can answer difficult mathematics questions.	37%	29%	44%	36%	28%	44%
I do my best on mathematics activities in class.	75%	74%	76%	74%	74%	74%
COGNITIVE STRATEGIES USED IN MATHEMATICS						
	Percentage of students who answered "most of the time" [†]					
I read over a mathematics problem first to make sure I know what I am supposed to do.	72%	74%	70%	73%	77%	69%
I think about the steps I will use to solve a mathematics problem.	53%	54%	52%	49%	50%	49%

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	All Students (# = 1 301)	Female* (# = 631)	Male* (# = 670)	All Students (# = 127 419)	Female* (# = 62 541)	Male* (# = 64 869)
READING OUTSIDE SCHOOL						
How often do you read the following when you are not at school?		Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†				
Stories or novels	29%	35%	23%	33%	39%	26%
Comics	10%	5%	15%	11%	8%	15%
Books, newspapers, magazines or websites for information	27%	30%	24%	30%	32%	28%
E-mails, text or instant messages	58%	66%	51%	55%	64%	47%
Any other type of reading material	28%	32%	23%	28%	30%	25%
WRITING OUTSIDE SCHOOL						
How often do you write the following (using paper or a computer) when you are not at school?		Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†				
Stories	5%	7%	4%	7%	9%	5%
Journal entries	7%	11%	2%	7%	11%	3%
E-mails, text or instant messages	54%	64%	46%	52%	62%	43%
Letters	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT						
How often do you and a parent, a guardian or another adult who lives with you do the following?		Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†				
We talk about the activities I do in school.	56%	62%	50%	53%	56%	50%
We talk about the reading and writing work I do in school.	27%	33%	22%	28%	30%	26%
We talk about the mathematics I do in school.	34%	37%	31%	36%	37%	34%
We read together.	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%
We look at my school agenda.	37%	33%	40%	32%	31%	34%
We use a computer together.	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%
OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES						
How often do you do the following when you are not at school?		Percentage of students who answered “every day or almost every day”†				
I take part in art, music or drama activities.	13%	19%	7%	13%	17%	8%
I take part in after-school clubs.	10%	12%	8%	9%	10%	8%
I take part in sports or other physical activities.	45%	42%	47%	41%	35%	46%

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SCREEN TIME (TELEVISION) On a school day, how many hours do you usually spend on the following?		Percentage of students who answered “about 3 hours” or “more than 3 hours” †					
Before School	Watching TV	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	Playing video games	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%
	Using the Internet	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
After School	Watching TV	16%	15%	16%	17%	17%	17%
	Playing video games	13%	5%	21%	13%	5%	22%
	Using the Internet	22%	20%	23%	23%	23%	22%
SCHOOLS ATTENDED How many schools did you attend before this one?		Percentage of students‡					
	Only this school/1 other school	78%	79%	77%	69%	69%	69%
	2 other schools/3 other schools	15%	14%	15%	22%	22%	22%
	4 other schools or more	4%	3%	5%	6%	6%	6%
LANGUAGES STUDENTS SPEAK AT HOME		Percentage of students‡					
	Only English/Mostly English	88%	88%	88%	76%	76%	76%
	Another language (or other languages) as often as English	7%	6%	7%	14%	15%	14%
	Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	2%	2%	2%	8%	7%	8%
LANGUAGES SPOKEN TO STUDENTS AT HOME		Percentage of students‡					
	Only English/Mostly English	83%	83%	84%	70%	70%	70%
	Another language (or other languages) as often as English	8%	8%	8%	13%	14%	13%
	Mostly another language (or other languages)/ Only another language (or other languages)	5%	6%	5%	14%	14%	14%

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

All Students	Results are reported for all students in the grade.
Participating Students	Results are reported only for those students who took part in the assessment (excludes "no data" and "exempt" categories).
Provincial Standard	The Ministry of Education has set Level 3 as the provincial standard.
Level 4	The student has demonstrated the required knowledge and skills. Achievement surpasses the provincial standard.
Level 3	The student has demonstrated most of the required knowledge and skills. Achievement is at the provincial standard.
Level 2	The student has demonstrated some of the required knowledge and skills. Achievement approaches the provincial standard.
Level 1	The student has demonstrated some of the required knowledge and skills in limited ways. Achievement falls much below the provincial standard.
NE1	"Not enough evidence for Level 1" is used when students did not demonstrate enough evidence of knowledge and understanding to be assigned Level 1.
No Data	Students who did not have a result due to absence or other reasons.
Exempt	Students who were formally exempted from participation in one or more components of the assessment.
English Language Learners	Students who have been identified by the school in accordance with <i>English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12 (2007)</i> .
English Language Learners Receiving a Special Provision	English language learners identified by the school as receiving a special provision. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions and Exemptions</i> .
Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)	Students who have been formally identified by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee, as well as students who have an Individual Education Plan. Students whose sole identified exceptionality is giftedness are not included.
Students Receiving One or More Accommodations	Students identified by the school as receiving accommodations. Detailed information about accommodations is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions and Exemptions</i> .
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire is so small (fewer than six in a group) that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore, results are not reported.
N/D	No data available is used to indicate that there were no students in the grade or subject for the group or year specified.
W	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact personnel at the board.