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## **PVNC Grade 9 EQAO math results higher than provincial average**

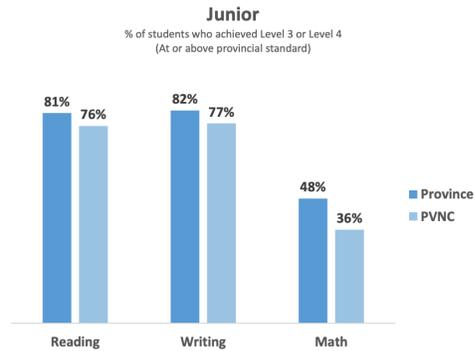
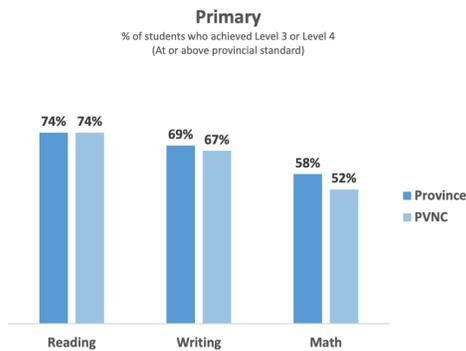
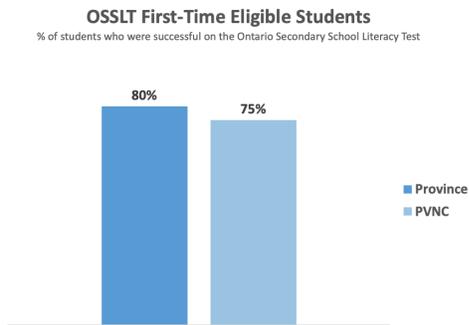
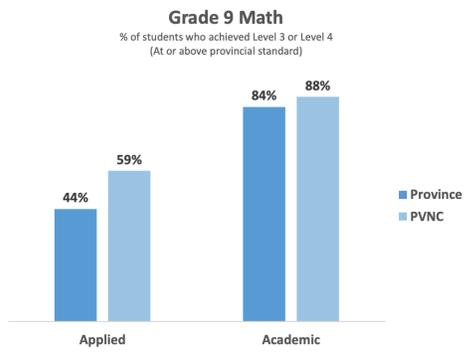
PETERBOROUGH – The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) today released 2018-19 results for primary and junior assessments in reading, writing and mathematics, Grade 9 assessments in academic and applied mathematics and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington (PVNC) Catholic District School Board is pleased that results for both the Grade 9 academic and applied mathematics assessments show our Grade 9 students are continuing to perform above the provincial average. In the applied math results, our board-wide average (59%) was 15 percentage points higher than the provincial average (44%) and our board-wide average in the academic results was 88% compared to the provincial rate of 84%.

The EQAO math results for PVNC’s primary (Grade 3) and junior (Grade 6) assessments were down from the previous year, as was the trend across Ontario. Provincially, the percentage of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students meeting the provincial math standard has decreased over the last five years. Our primary results were down from last year to 52% and our junior results were down to 36%. Both those averages remain lower than the provincial average (58% for primary and 48% for junior) showing an area that requires continued support.

“We are pleased to see our Grade 9 math results continue to surpass the provincial average, however, we share the concern that primary and junior math scores across Ontario continue to decline,” Director of Education Michael Nasello said. “The Ministry of Education is focused on ensuring students have a strong understanding of the fundamentals of math and as a board ensuring our educators have the necessary mathematics support and resources remains one of our top priorities.”

The Board’s results in primary reading and writing show results on par or slightly below the provincial average, while results in junior reading and writing are five percentage points lower than the provincial average. Results from the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) indicate that 75% of PVNC’s participating students were successful on their first attempt.



To access the Board’s full EQAO data, visit: [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

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