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Upper Grand continue to exceed provincial standards in mathematics, the EQAO results show

Students in the Upper Grand District School Board continue to exceed provincial standards in mathematics, new test results show.
According to results released by the province's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), Grade 9 math students in Upper Grand have shown a considerable increase in achievement over previous years.
In the Academic course, 90 per cent of Upper Grand students met or exceeded the provincial standard, compared with 88 per cent the previous year.
In the Applied course, 67 per cent of students in Upper Grand schools met or exceeded the provincial standard in 2015, an increase in eight percentage points from the previous year. Success rates across the province have risen slowly over the years, with Upper Grand students consistently 2 to 4 per cent ahead.
Some school boards did not participate in the latest assessment, so EQAO will not be releasing provincial data for the 2014-2015 year. However, for the five years prior to this year's results, Upper Grand results in both the Academic and Applied courses have topped provincial averages.
In the Upper Grand, 1,536 students in the Academic course completed the Grade 9 math assessment; 758 students in the Applied course completed the assessment.
The results show that males were marginally more successful in the Academic course, whereas females were marginally more successful than males in the Applied course. In the Academic course 92 per cent of males met or exceeded the provincial standard, compared to 89 per cent of females. In the Applied course 68 per cent of females met or exceeded the provincial standard, versus 66 per cent of males.
?Our Grade 9 math test results this year are a testament to our hard working staff, and their implementation of our board's long term improvement strategies. Congratulations both to them and to our students,? said Mark Bailey, Chair of the board. ?We look forward to future results as we adapt and improve our strategies even further.?
?I would like to offer my congratulations to our hardworking students and my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff for achieving these great results,? said Martha Rogers, Director of Education at the Upper Grand District School Board.
Board results are shown in the graphs below. Additional information is available at www.ugdsb.on.ca/eqao, and on EQAO's website at www.eqao.com