

January 17, 2024

Dear parents and guardians:

Re: Upcoming EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

Between January 23 and 31, students in the Grade 9 mathematics course (MTH1W) who are learning in person will be taking part in the online Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics administered province-wide by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). It is designed to allow students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to the Grade 9 math curriculum.

Students will complete Session A in class (January 23 or 24); they will complete Session B on the Student Success Day for their class (Jan 26-31). Each session will be completed in one sitting and will take approximately 60 minutes to complete. All students may have extra time if needed. The assessment technology adapts to the individual student's performance as the student progresses through each session. Students have access to various tools in the test. Students will also be presented with a questionnaire at the end of the test.

After all assessment sessions are complete, teachers will receive an Individual Student Report for each student. Results from this assessment will not be included as part of a student's final course mark. If a student is absent for all or part of the assessment, please contact their teacher to arrange an alternate date for the assessment to be completed.

Students will have the opportunity to become familiar ahead of time with the types of questions on the online assessment and its platform through EQAO's online sample test. Sample tests will be completed in class, with teacher supervision, in advance of the testing dates. Participation will help students learn the tools, format and question types before attempting the actual EQAO test.

Students will require their **school device** on the assessment day – please ensure it is charged in advance. Students are permitted to use headphones for the text-to-speech feature – they should bring these to class if they have personal headphones. A limited number of iPads and headphones will be available for students to borrow.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample test, visit EQAO's website, www.eqao.com.

You may also email your student's math teacher if you have questions:

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Sincerely,

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