



Orchard Park Secondary School

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Dear Student & Family,

As per the Ontario Ministry of Education and EQAO, Orchard Park students are required to write the EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics this semester. EQAO assessment will count as 10% of the MTH1W, grade 9 program grade. At Orchard Park, we want to make sure that students and families understand how best to prepare for the test and be successful. Here are some details that may be helpful to you:

- EQAO is written over two days. **Session 1 will be written on Tuesday JANUARY 13TH and Session 2 will be written on Thursday JANUARY 15TH.**
- All students are required to write the test AT THE SCHOOL.
- Most students will be writing the test in their mathematics classrooms, while others will be writing in the Learning Commons/Student Success.
- EQAO is completed electronically, using a student's HWDSB-issued device. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN HWDSB-ISSUED IPAD/Laptop, OR IT IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY, please go to the learning commons prior to test day for support.**
- Students will have opportunities to review skills and tasks on the EQAO Assessment in their mathematics class. **Students will also write a sample test in their math class.** As well, independent practice activities can be found by visiting <https://dwod99k06nyqh.cloudfront.net/#/en/test-auth/g9-sample/340/adaptive>
- **After School Math/EQAO Practice is offered weekly. Please sign up if interested** [2025-2026 - Literacy and Math Programs - Student Application](#)
- If you have a learning exceptionality/Individual Education Plan (IEP), you will receive accommodations if needed. Your Learning Resource Teacher may contact you with more information about accessing these accommodations.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email the student's math teacher.

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