

Today, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released highlights of the Ontario results from the 2010 administration of the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program test.

The results show that Ontario is the only Canadian jurisdiction whose students were above the national average in all three subjects tested—**reading, mathematics and science**—on the 2010 PCAP.

The following are also among the key results:

- Ontario was the only jurisdiction whose students were above the Canadian average in **reading**. Ontario's students performed significantly better than students in all other jurisdictions in that subject.
- Ontario was one of two provinces whose students were above the Canadian average in **math**. Of Ontario students, 92% achieved Level 2—the expected level of performance—or above in math. Fully half of Ontario students (50%) performed at the two highest levels of achievement (Levels 3 and 4).
- Ontario was one of two provinces whose students were above the Canadian average in **science**.

Highlights of the Ontario student results and a complete *Pan-Canadian Assessment Program, 2010: Ontario Report* are available on EQAO's Web site, www.eqao.com.

PCAP is an initiative of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, that administers a test of Grade 8 students' achievement in reading, mathematics and science every three years. In Ontario, it is coordinated by EQAO on behalf of the provincial government. The 2010 assessment was administered to 3374 students in 144 English-language schools and 2509 students in 142 French-language schools in the province.

Reading, mathematics and science assessment items were administered to randomly selected students in a random sample of schools through a random assignment of test booklets. Individual student, school and school board results are therefore not available.