

Ontario Dedicating \$60 Million for Renewed Math Strategy

Province Helping More Students Achieve Excellence in Numeracy

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Ontario is dedicating more than \$60 million to help support students across the province achieve better results in mathematics.

Math is a critical requirement for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Starting next September, key elements of the renewed strategy will be introduced including:

- A minimum of 60 minutes each day of protected learning time for effective mathematics instruction and assessment for students in Grades 1 to 8
- Up to three math lead teachers in all elementary schools
- Coaching for principals of select secondary schools to lead improvement in math among their students
- Support for learning at home through parent resources that provide helpful tips and information on the mathematics curriculum
- Better access to online math resources and math supports such as [Homework Help](#) or [SOS Devoirs](#)
- Math support for Grades 6 to 9 outside of the school day
- Opportunities for educators to deepen their knowledge in math learning, teaching and leading, including a dedicated math Professional Development Day to further their school improvement efforts.

The renewed math strategy is informed by research and lessons learned from the education sector. It focuses on the needs of students, their families, educators, schools and district school boards and encourages a shared responsibility to support student learning. The strategy also supports [Ontario's renewed vision for education](#) with its focus on achieving excellence in math.

Helping students achieve success in mathematics is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in talent and skills, including helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history and investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

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"While Ontario's math results are quite good compared to other jurisdictions, we know that we have more to do. Our renewed math strategy takes the latest research and what we've learned from our successful journey to improve literacy, and applies it to improve math outcomes."

— Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

QUICK FACTS

- As part of the 2012 Program for International Student Assessment, Ontario students performed at the Canadian average and above the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) average in mathematics, reading and science.

- However, from 2009-10 to 2013-14, EQAO Grade 3 mathematics results declined by four percentage points and Grade 6 results declined by seven percentage points.
- Since 2014, Ontario has supported more than 6,000 teachers to earn additional qualifications in math.

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[Mathematics: a parent's guide](#)

[Homework Help: free online math supports](#)

[Resources for parents and students](#)

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