



# Eardley Elementary School

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## What You Need To Know About Your Child's Exams and Assessments for the 2022 – 2023 Year

In recent years, the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Supérieur (MEQ) has indicated that formal evaluations in the form of end of year exams will return this year.

Every school in the province must have an Educational Project, with the priority of individual student achievement. The exam results provide schools with data that allow us to look at how our students are performing in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA), and Math. This data gives teachers the opportunity to reflect on their teaching practices. As well, the Western Quebec School Board administers tests and exams throughout the year to act as benchmarks for data collection so that student achievement can be tracked across the board and to help teachers support students in their learning.

The following chart details the different tests and exams:

| Grade level | Test/Exam  | Date of testing | Weighting                     |
|-------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Grade 1     | BAS (Benchmark Assessment System)- English reading assessment (English Stream) | October 2022    | evidence towards term results |
|             | BAS (English Stream)   | October 2022    | evidence towards term results |
| Grade 3     | BAS  | October 2022    | evidence towards term results |
| Grade 4     | Math exam (Board)  | June 2023       | 10% of the year               |
|             | English formative assessment (Board)   | Jan 2023        | evidence towards term results |
|             | BAS  | October 2022    | evidence towards term results |
| Grade 5     | BAS  | October 2022    | evidence towards term results |
| Grade 6     | Math exam (MEQ Épreuve)  | June 2023       | 10% of the year               |
|             | English exam (MEQ Épreuve)   | May 2023        | 10% of the year               |
|             | BAS  | October 2022    | evidence towards term results |

*\*\*This year the BAS will only be administered in the Fall. This was a School Board decision. However, at Eardley if we have a student below level, they will be re-tested throughout the year to monitor progress\*\**

The English examination is a process exam; that is, there is an overall theme for the exam and the students work on it over a period of several weeks. These are higher-level thinking exams, requiring students to pull together much of the knowledge they have accumulated over the school year as opposed to an exam that has them recalling information. The math exam reflects two competencies: uses mathematical reasoning and solves a situational problem. For math

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reasoning students will solve mastery questions (mental math, multiple choice, short answer) and application situations. The situational problem is a compilation of the different math concepts they have learned over the year in one longer problem.

All of this data is used to make many school- based decisions: programming, providing resource support for struggling students, identifying student profiles, determining groupings of students etc. Also, it supports decisions for individual students: different programming options, placement at the end of the school year, further testing for special education supports, etc.

As parents/guardians, it is important for you to prepare your child for exams by ensuring that they have a good night's sleep, eat well, spend some time reviewing the material in advance, and arrive to school on time and attend every day throughout the exam period.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the principal for further information.

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