

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



# AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS!

## EQAO'S STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR!



**Are you a student in a publicly funded school in Ontario?**

**Will you be between Grades 7 and 12 during the 2019–2020 school year?**

**Do you want to impact Ontario students' educational experience?**

If yes, you should consider submitting an application to be a member of Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) Student Advisory Committee!

The Student Advisory Committee is a group that helps foster a two-way conversation between Ontario's students and EQAO. Students are the focus of EQAO's work, and we value learners' perspectives on everything that we do. During its inaugural year, the Student Advisory Committee met three times virtually. These meetings allowed committee members to provide feedback and advice on key areas of focus as well as promising practices to support students writing EQAO assessments.

As EQAO seeks to continuously improve our programs, we want to ensure that students' voices are being heard. The Student Advisory Committee is a unique forum for students to share ideas and experiences.

**Think you might be interested? Check out the following details ●●●●●●●▶**

**What would I do as a member of the Student Advisory Committee?** As a representative of the student voice, you would join other students from across the province to share insights and ideas about how EQAO can improve assessments and initiatives, and increase student engagement.

**Who is eligible to apply?** You can apply for this opportunity if you're a student in a publicly funded school in Ontario who

- will be between Grades 7 and 12 during the 2019–2020 school year and
- has participated in at least one EQAO assessment.

**How will EQAO select committee members?** EQAO celebrates student diversity across the province, and our approach to open dialogue welcomes all viewpoints. When selecting committee members, we'll ensure a diverse representation of students' experiences and perspectives. We'll also look for students who demonstrate a passion for effecting change in their communities and who have a desire to make a difference—either through their actions or through their ideas.

**How often will the committee meet?** The Student Advisory Committee will meet virtually three times during the 2019–2020 school year. Members will also be required to complete small tasks between meetings. If travel is required, any expenses incurred in relation to students' and chaperones' travel and accommodations will be reimbursed by EQAO, in accordance with Government of Ontario directives.

**How long would I be on the committee?** Committee members' terms will be one school year. EQAO is currently seeking applications from students interested in joining the committee for the 2019–2020 school year.

**How many students are going to be on the committee?** There will be 30 students on the Student Advisory Committee.

**When will I know if I have been selected?** EQAO will receive applications by May 10, 2019, and inform you of the outcome by the end of May 2019.

## How do I apply?

**Step 1:** Please complete the [application form](#). The form must also be signed by a parent or guardian, and your principal.

**Step 2:** In support of your application, please also write an essay or create a video. The essay or video should explain why you want to be a member of the Student Advisory Committee and describe a time when you contributed to a positive change. The maximum length is 500 words if you're writing an essay and five minutes if you're creating a video.

**Step 3:** Please e-mail a copy of the application form to EQAO—along with the essay or link to your video—by May 10, 2019, at [SAC.CCE@eqao.com](mailto:SAC.CCE@eqao.com).

For any additional information about EQAO's Student Advisory Committee, please contact us at 1 888-327-7377 or [info@eqao.com](mailto:info@eqao.com).

