In 2015, students across Ontario will write EQAO assessments in a new booklet layout. This is one step along the path to bringing the provincial assessment program online. The new assessment booklets can be scanned more easily to allow for online scoring.

For the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, there will now be a separate Question Booklet and Answer Booklet for each assessment session. Students will now record ALL of their responses—both multiple choice and open response—in the Answer Booklet.

Here are some tips for using the new booklet layout:

1. Make sure you are using the correct Question and Answer booklets for each session of the test (e.g., Question Booklet 1 and Answer Booklet 1 on the first day of the test).

2. Follow along while the teacher reads the instructions.

3. Be sure to record all of your multiple-choice and open-response answers in the new Answer Booklets. Anything written in the Question Booklets will not be scored.

4. You may want to fold your Question and Answer booklets in half to make more space on your desk.

5. For multiple-choice questions, you can use any space in the Question Booklet for your rough work. Make sure to select your final answer in the Answer Booklet.

6. For open-response questions, you may want to place your Question and Answer booklets side by side on your desk to line up each question with the answer choices or space provided.

7. Pay close attention to the icon in the Question Booklet that tells you when to complete open-response questions in the Answer Booklet.

8. For open-response questions, be sure to do all of your work in the space provided for the question in the Answer Booklet. This will ensure that all of your work is captured by the scanning machine and can be scored. Work on additional or other pages will not be scored.

Remember to write your solutions, including all calculations, clearly and completely so that the scorers can read them.