Regiopolis/Notre-Dame S (752932)

Education Quality and Accountability Office



School Report

First-Time Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2014–2015

School: Regiopolis/Notre-Dame S (752932) Board: Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB (67202)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2015 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

This report includes the 2015 results as well as results for previous years, so you can track progress over time. You'll also find demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting the achievement results.

Reading and writing skills are critical to success both in and out of school in the 21st century. It is important for students to make sense of what they read and communicate clearly when they write. The OSSLT assesses whether Ontario students have acquired these fundamental reading and writing skills across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

By assessing all students in our education system at key stages in their schooling, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels. EQAO results alongside board and classroom assessment data have proven effective for monitoring progress and allowing school communities to make evidence-based decisions in their planning.

At EQAO, we strongly believe that reliable evidence empowers and guides the judgment and actions of professional educators and school communities. We are pleased to continue our partnership with you as we all work toward helping students reach their full potential. I hope you will find this report to be a rich source of information as you turn knowledge into action for the benefit of your students and community.

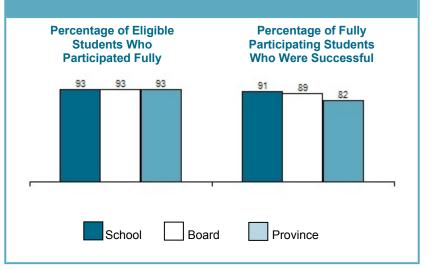
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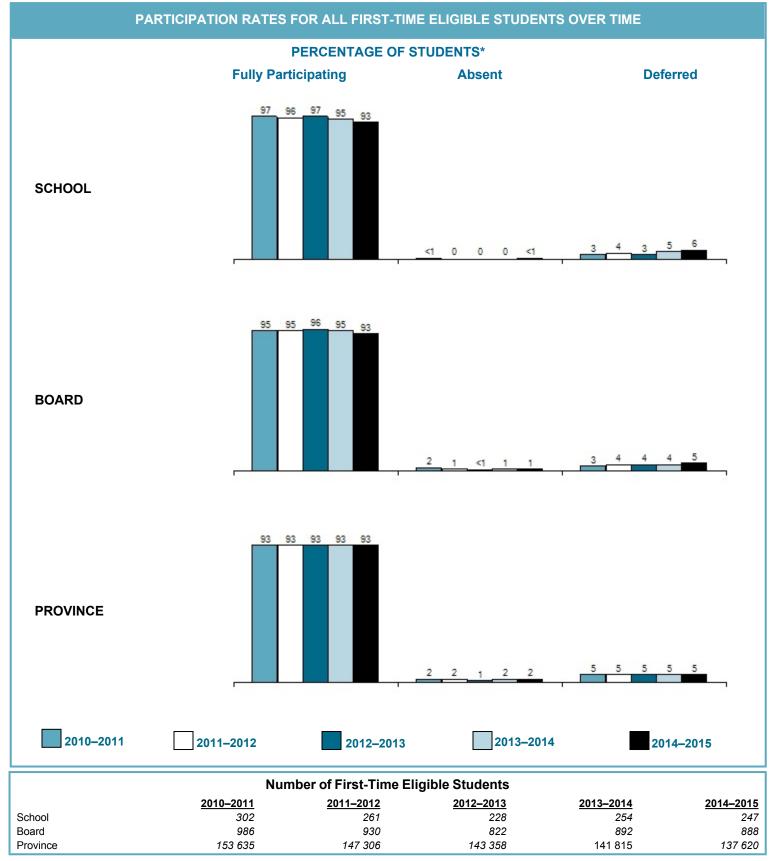
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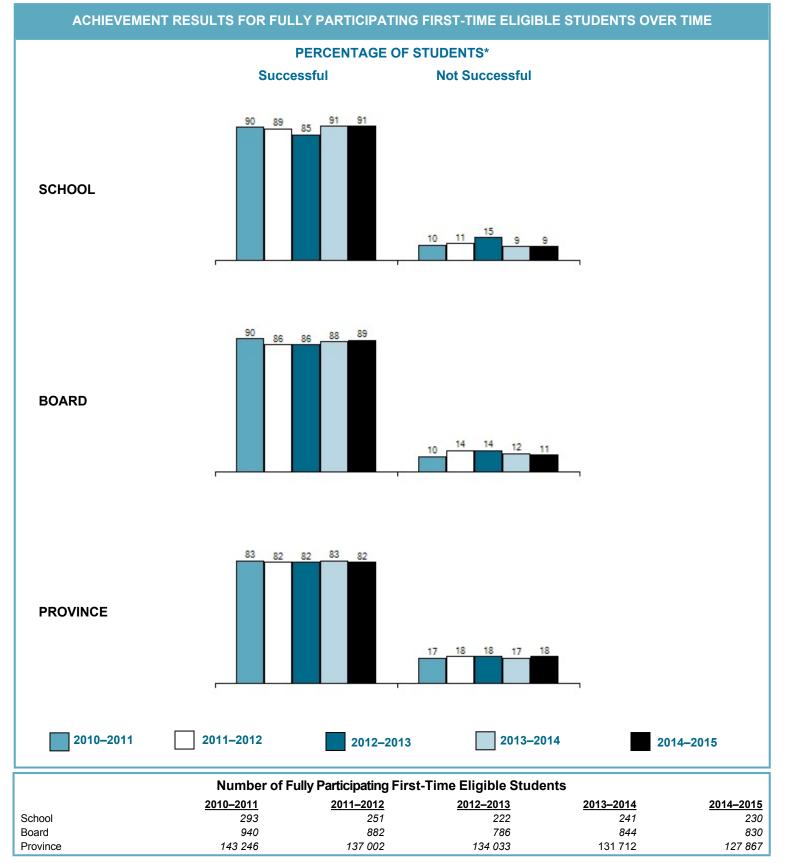
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FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, 2014–2015: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS





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TIPS

Each school is unique. To appreciate the distinctive character of a school, look at the contextual information to understand the features and characteristics of the community it serves.

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This test captures the performance of students at one point in time each year. Consider the results along with other information about students' performance.

CS

Exercise caution when interpreting results for small schools. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a group of 30 students, a difference of 10% represents only three students.

B

Trends may be difficult to identify or to interpret. This is especially true in small schools or in schools where there is a high turnover in the student population.

G

EQAO values students' privacy. Beginning in 2012–2013, results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 10 students fully participated because it might be possible to identify individual students. Prior to 2012–2013, results were not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 15 students fully participated.

WHAT IS IN THIS REPORT?

This report shows how well students at this school have met the minimum standard for literacy to the end of Grade 9 as set out in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

This report includes

- results for this school compared to the board and province;
- a comparison of results of the current and previous administrations to aid in monitoring improvement and
- information about the characteristics of the students who participated.

Specifically, you will find

- summary graphs showing participation and success rates;
- detailed tables and graphs showing results for various groups of students,
 e.g., by gender, English language learners;
- student questionnaire results and
- an explanation of all terms used in this report.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

- Examine the contextual information to understand the similarities and differences among this school, the board and the province. Consider the challenges that any differences might present.
- Examine the school results.
 - · Are these results consistent with what you would expect?
 - · How do these results compare to the provincial results?
 - · How do these results compare over time?
 - What influence might students' attitudes have on student performance (refer to the questionnaire results)?
- Speak to the school principal or the school council chair about the goals for improving student performance.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office is an independent agency that gathers information about student achievement through province-wide assessments.

Learn more about us at <u>www.eqao.com</u>.

Contextual Information

This information provides a context for interpreting the school's results.

	School		Во	ard	Province	
Enrolment						
Number of first-time eligible students		247		888		137 620
Number of schools with first-time eligible students		n/a		5		786
Number of students who were exempted		3		11		1 531
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	230	93%	830	93%	127 867	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	1	<1%	10	1%	2 603	2%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	16	6%	48	5%	7 150	5%
Gender [†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Female	120	49%	425	48%	67 023	49%
Male	127	51%	463	52%	70 597	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Student Status [†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
English language learners*	0	0%	1	<1%	8 042	6%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	0	0%	1	<1%	4 615	4%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	67	27%	198	22%	25 772	19%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	48	21%	145	17%	20 522	16%
Course Type in English [†] Based on number of first-time eligible student	's	1	I		I	1
Academic	180	73%	684	77%	99 813	73%
Applied	55	22%	156	18%	29 316	21%
Locally developed	10	4%	27	3%	3 791	3%
ESL/ELD	0	0%	1	<1%	3 513	3%
Other	2	1%	20	2%	1 187	1%
Language ^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data Number of Respondents:	216	ì	80	6	121 5	94
First language learned at home was other than English	23	11%	52	6%	27 255	22%
Speak only or mostly English at home	188	87%	738	92%	90 499	74%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	20	9%	47	6%	22 357	18%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	7	3%	15	2%	7 936	7%
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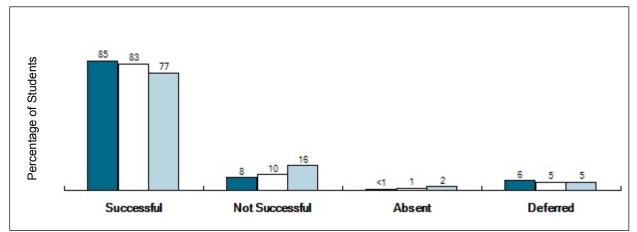
** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

++ Contextual data pertaining to "language" are gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by students.

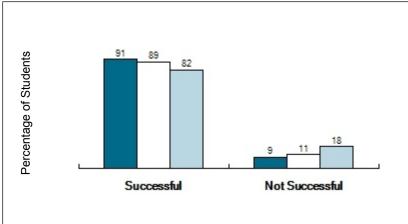
Results for All Students*

	Results for All Students First-Time Eligible Students						
			All	Fu	Ily Participat	ting	
	School # = 247		Board # = 888	Province # = 137 620	School # = 230	Board # = 830	Province # = 127 867
Successful	210	85%	83%	77%	91%	89%	82%
Not Successful	20	8%	10%	16%	9%	11%	18%
Fully Participating	230	93%	93%	93%	·	·	
Absent	1	<1%	1%	2%			
Deferred	16	6%	5%	5%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

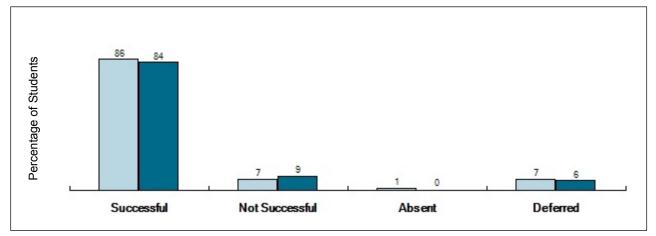


School	Board	Province

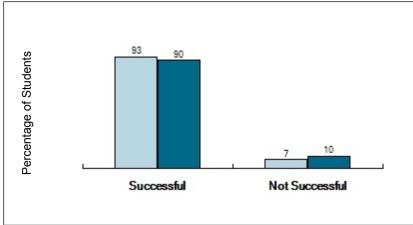
School Results by Gender*†

	School Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students					
			All	Fully Parti	cipating	
	-	male = 120	Male # = 127		Female # = 111	Male # = 119
Successful	103	86%	107	84%	93%	90%
Not Successful	8	7%	12	9%	7%	10%
Fully Participating	111	92%	119	94%		
Absent	1	1%	0	0%		
Deferred	8	7%	8	6%		

School Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



School Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



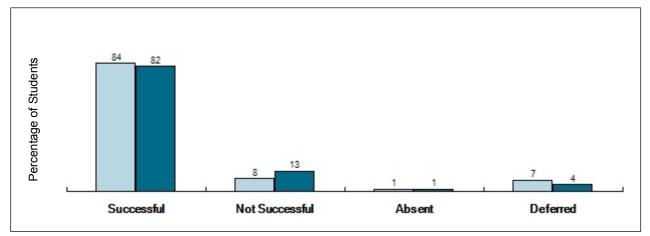
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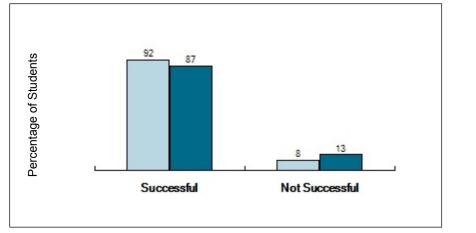
Board Results by Gender*†

	Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students					
			A II	Fully Parti	cipating	
	-	male = 425		ale 463	Female # = 391	Male # = 439
Successful	359	84%	381	82%	92%	87%
Not Successful	32	8%	58	13%	8%	13%
Fully Participating	391	92%	439	95%		
Absent	6	1%	4	1%		
Deferred	28	7%	20	4%		

Board Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



Board Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



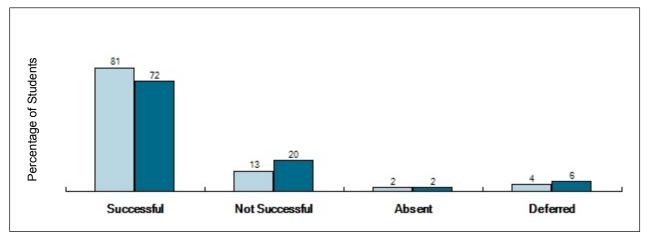
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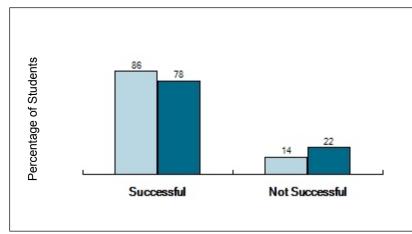
Provincial Results by Gender*†

	Provincial Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
			A II	Fully Part	ticipating		
	_	male 67 023	Male # = 70 597		Female # = 62 936	Male # = 64 931	
Successful	54 432	81%	50 877	72%	86%	78%	
Not Successful	8 504	13%	14 054	20%	14%	22%	
Fully Participating	62 936	94%	64 931	92%			
Absent	1 312	2%	1 291	2%			
Deferred	2 775	4%	4 375	6%			

Provincial Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



Provincial Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



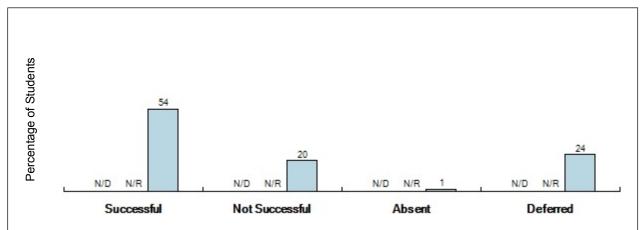
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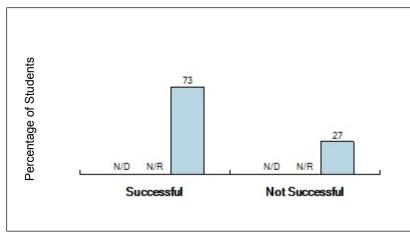
Results for English Language Learners*

	Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students						
			All	Ful	ly Participati	ng	
		hool = N/D	Board # = <i>N/R</i>	Province # = 8 042	School # = N/D	Board # = <i>N/R</i>	Province # = 6 005
Successful	N/D	N/D	N/R	54%	N/D	N/R	73%
Not Successful	N/D	N/D	N/R	20%	N/D	N/R	27%
Fully Participating	N/D	N/D	N/R	75%		·	
Absent	N/D	N/D	N/R	1%			
Deferred	N/D	N/D	N/R	24%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible English Language Learners

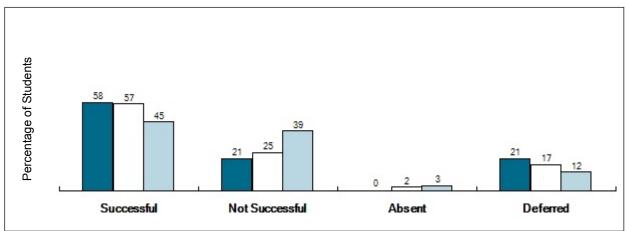


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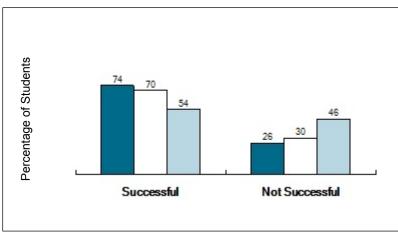
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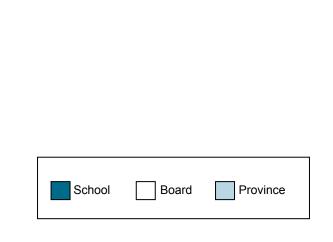
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			All		Ful	ly Participati	ing	
	School # = 67		Board # = 198	Province # = 25 772	School # = 53	Board # = 162	Province # = 21 869	
Successful	39	58%	57%	45%	74%	70%	54%	
Not Successful	14	21%	25%	39%	26%	30%	46%	
Fully Participating	53	79%	82%	85%			,	
Absent	0 0% 2% 3%							
Deferred	14	21%	17%	12%				

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)

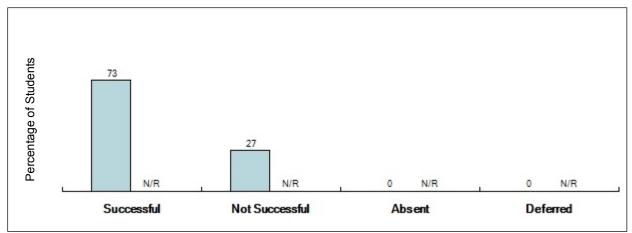




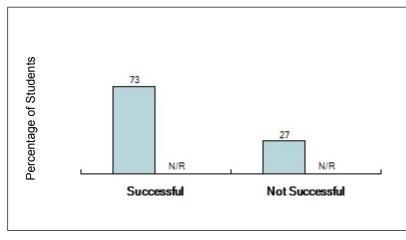
School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

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			All		Fully Part	ticipating		
		Only = 44		d IPRC <i>N/R</i>	IEP Only # = 44	IEP and IPRC # = N/R		
Successful	32	73%	N/R	N/R	73%	N/R		
Not Successful	12	27%	N/R	N/R	27%	N/R		
Fully Participating	44	100%	N/R	N/R				
Absent	0	0%	N/R					
Deferred	0	0%	N/R	N/R				

School Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



School Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)

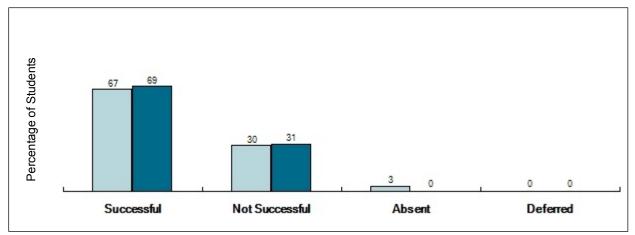


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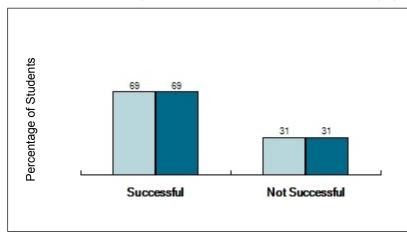
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

		Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
			A II		Fully Part	ticipating		
		Only : 113	IEP an # =		IEP Only # = 110	IEP and IPRC # = 35		
Successful	76	67%	24	69%	69%	69%		
Not Successful	34	30%	11	31%	31%	31%		
Fully Participating	110	97%	35	100%				
Absent	3	3%	0					
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%				

Board Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



Board Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)

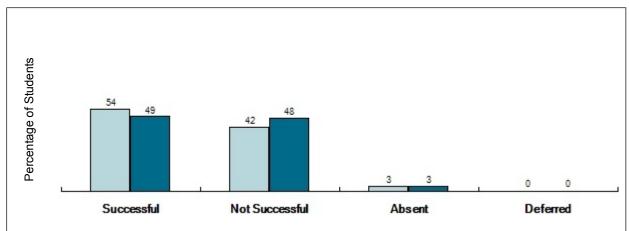


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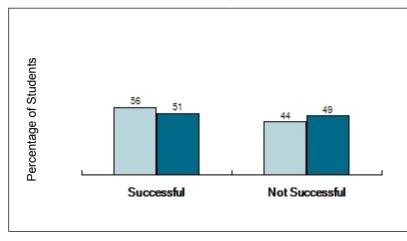
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

		Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students							
		A	All		Fully Part	icipating			
	IEP (# = 9		IEP and # = 1.		IEP Only # = 8 770	IEP and IPRC # = 11 752			
Successful	4 927	54%	5 976	49%	56%	51%			
Not Successful	3 843	42%	5 776	48%	44%	49%			
Fully Participating	8 770	97%	11 752	97%		,			
Absent	312	3%	332						
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%					

Provincial Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



Provincial Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)

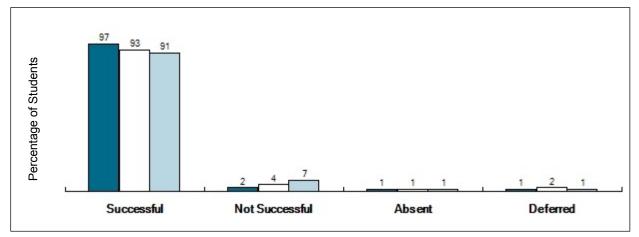


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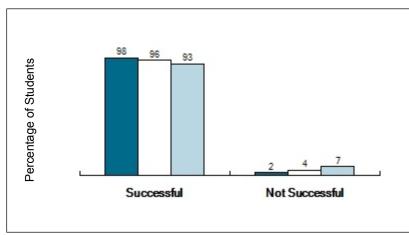
Results for Students Taking Academic English Course*

		Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
			All		Full	ly Participati	Participating	
		School Board Province # = 180 # = 684 # = 99 813		School # = 178	Board # = 667	Province # = 97 615		
Successful	174	97%	93%	91%	98%	96%	93%	
Not Successful	4	2%	4%	7%	2%	4%	7%	
Fully Participating	178	99%	98%	98%	ŀ		,	
Absent	1	1 1% 1% 1%						
Deferred	1	1%	2%	1%				

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking Academic English Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking Academic English Course

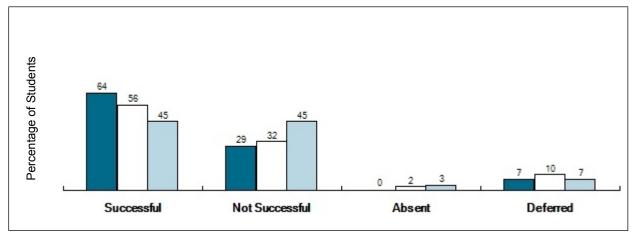


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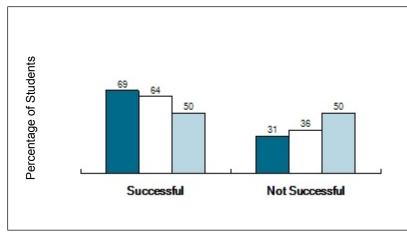
Results for Students Taking Applied English Course*

		Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
			All		Ful	ly Participati	ing	
		School # = 55		Province # = 29 316	School # = 51	Board # = 137	Province # = 26 213	
Successful	35	64%	56%	45%	69%	64%	50%	
Not Successful	16	29%	32%	45%	31%	36%	50%	
Fully Participating	51	93%	88%	89%			,	
Absent	0 0% 2%			3%				
Deferred	4	7%	10%	7%				

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking Applied English Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking Applied English Course

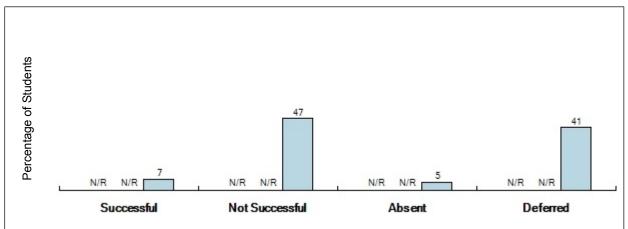


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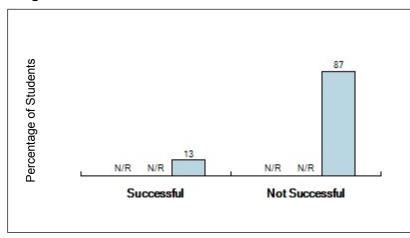
Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course*

	Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
			All		Ful	ly Participati	ng
		hool = N/R	Board # = <i>N/R</i>	Province # = 3 791	School # = N/R	Board # = <i>N/R</i>	Province # = 2 064
Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	7%	N/R	N/R	13%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	47%	N/R	N/R	87%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	N/R	54%			
Absent	N/R	N/R	N/R	5%			
Deferred	N/R	N/R	N/R	41%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking Locally Developed English Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking Locally Developed English Course

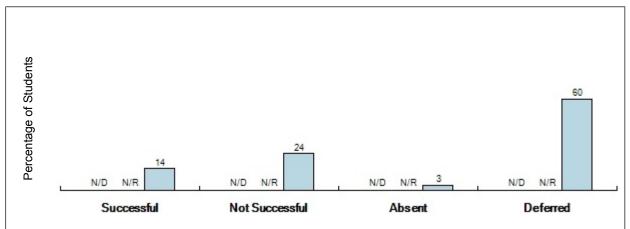


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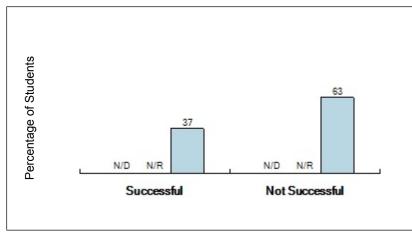
Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course*

		Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students						
			AII		Ful	ly Participati	ng	
		hool = N/D	Board # = <i>N/R</i>	Province # = 3 513	School # = N/D	Board # = <i>N/R</i>	Province # = 1 314	
Successful	N/D	N/D	N/R	14%	N/D	N/R	37%	
Not Successful	N/D	N/D	N/R	24%	N/D	N/R	63%	
Fully Participating	N/D	N/D	N/R	37%			,	
Absent	<i>N/D</i> N/D N/R 3%							
Deferred	N/D	N/D	N/R	60%				

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking ESL/ELD Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking ESL/ELD Course



School	Board	Province

Contextual Information over Time

This information provides a context for interpreting the school's results of the current and previous administrations.

,	2010–2011	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015
Enrolment					
Number of first-time eligible students	302	261	228	254	247
Number of students who were exempted	7	5	3	0	3
Participation in the Test					
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	97%	96%	97%	95%	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	<1%	0%	0%	0%	<1%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	3%	4%	3%	5%	6%
Gender [†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Female	55%	49%	51%	52%	49%
Male	45%	51%	49%	48%	51%
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Student Status [†] Based on number of first-time eligible students		-	-		
English language learners*	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Students with special education needs (excluding	20%	17%	23%	22%	27%
gifted)* Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	17%	14%	17%	19%	21%
Course Type in English [†] Based on number of first-time eligible stu	dents				
Academic	65%	74%	68%	74%	73%
Applied	32%	25%	29%	23%	22%
Locally developed	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%
ESL/ELD	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	0%	<1%	<1%	1%
Language ^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data					
Number of Respondents:	289	251	215	231	216
First language learned at home was other than English	7%	12%	13%	8%	11%
Speak only or mostly English at home	88%	86%	82%	84%	87%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	8%	9%	12%	10%	9%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%

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All

Students

Fully

Fully

Successful (all)

Not Successful

Absent

Deferred

Participating

2010-2011

986

85%

10%

95%

2%

3%

90%

843

97

940

15

31

843

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2014–2015

2011-2012

930

81%

13%

95%

1%

4%

86%

757

125

882

8

40

757

Results over Time, 2010–2011 to 2014–2015

School Resu	School Results over Time*									
	2010–	2011	2011–2	2012	2012–	2013	2013–2	2014	2014-	-2015
All Students	30	2	261	!	22	8	254	!	24	17
Successful (all)	263	87%	223	85%	189	83%	219	86%	210	85%
Not Successful	30	10%	28	11%	33	14%	22	9%	20	8%
Fully Participating	293	97%	251	96%	222	97%	241	95%	230	93%
Absent	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%
Deferred	8	3%	10	4%	6	3%	13	5%	16	6%
Fully Participating Successful	263	90%	223	89%	189	85%	219	91%	210	91%

2012-2013

822

82%

14%

96%

<1%

4%

86%

673

113

786

4

32

673

2013-2014

892

83%

12%

95%

1%

4%

88%

739

105

844

8

40

739

2014-2015

888

83%

10%

93%

1%

5%

89%

740

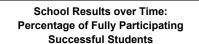
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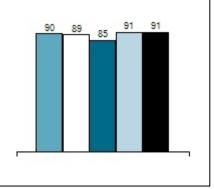
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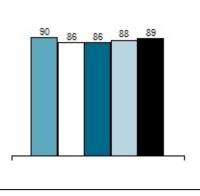
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Board Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



Participating Successful	843	90%	757	86%	673	86%	739	88%	740	89%
Provincial R	esults o	ver Tin	ne*							
	2010–	2011	2011–2	2012	2012–2	2013	2013–2	2014	2014–3	2015
All Students	153 (635	147 3	206	143 3	58	141 8	215	137 0	520
Successful (all)	118 961	77%	112 717	77%	110 162	77%	108 914	77%	105 309	77%
Not Successful	24 285	16%	24 285	16%	23 871	17%	22 798	16%	22 558	16%
Fully Participating	143 246	93%	137 002	93%	134 033	93%	131 712	93%	127 867	93%
Absent	3 237	2%	2 966	2%	2 059	1%	2 521	2%	2 603	2%
Deferred	7 152	5%	7 338	5%	7 266	5%	7 582	5%	7 150	5%
Fully	110.041	020/	112 717	020/	110.162	920/	100 014	020/	105 200	0.20/

82%

110 162

82%

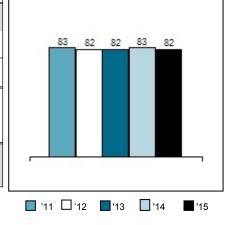
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83%

105 309

82%

Provincial Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



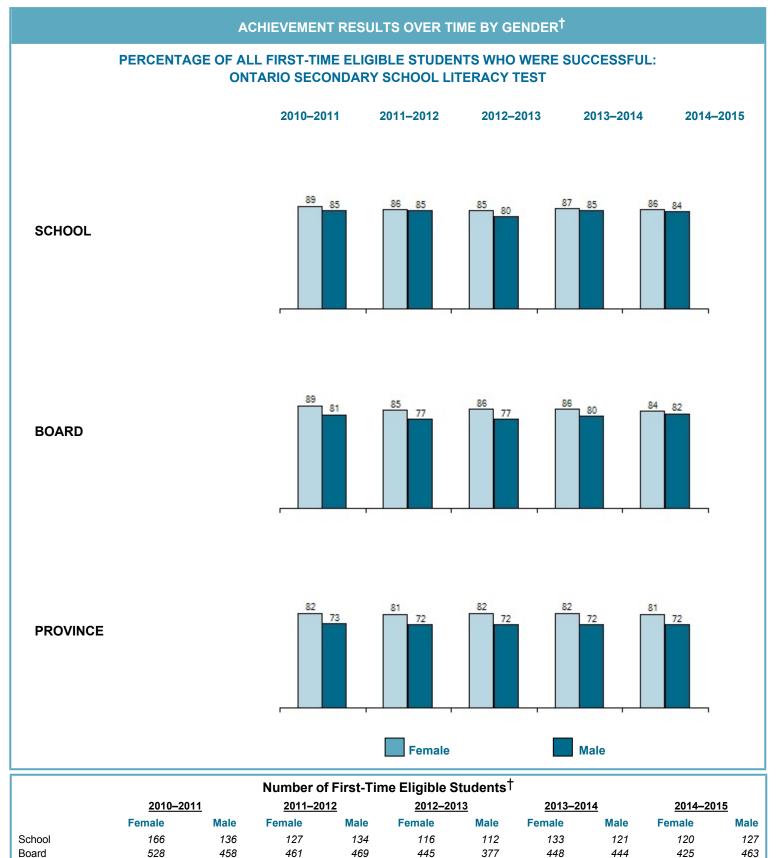
Percentages in tables may not add up to 100, due to rounding.

83%

112 717

118 961

Participating Successful



† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

78 681

71 934

75 370

70 092

73 260

69 290

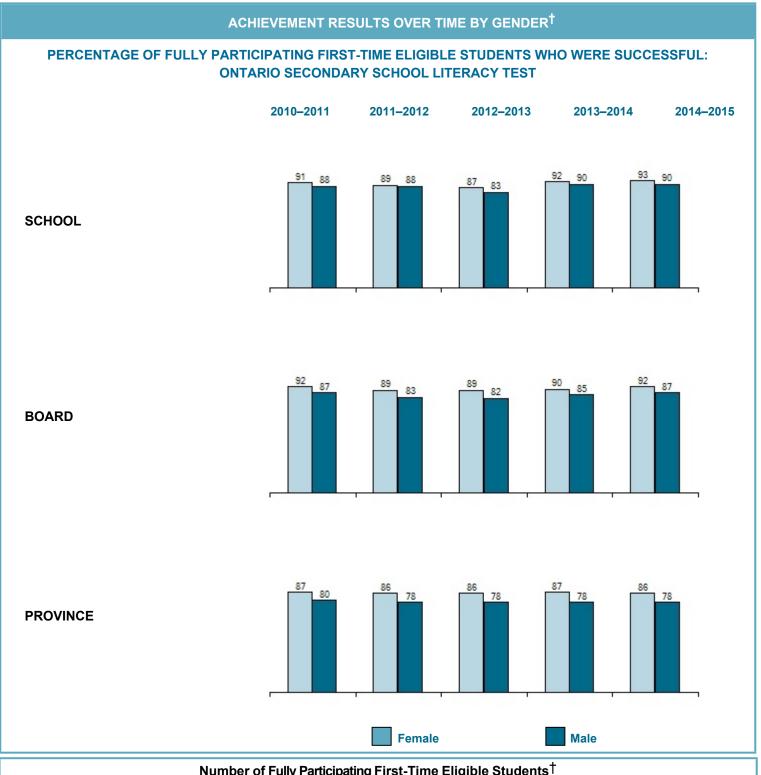
72 521

74 954

Province

70 597

67 023



		Numbe	er of Fully Pa	articipating	First-Time	Eligible S	tudents [†]			
	<u>2010–2</u>	<u>011</u>	<u>2011–2</u>	<u>012</u>	<u>2012–2</u>	<u>013</u>	<u>2013–2</u>	<u>014</u>	<u>2014–2</u>	<u>015</u>
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
School	162	131	122	129	114	108	126	115	111	119
Board	512	428	445	437	430	356	428	416	391	439
Province	70 606	72 640	67 631	69 369	66 262	67 765	65 018	66 692	62 936	64 931

Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students Who Answered
	0 100	"Yes"
Types of materials students read in English outside s	school most weeks:	1
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	37 62	79
comics	28 69	60
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	97	209
letters	26 72	56
magazines	51 47	110
manuals, instructions	41 56	88
newspapers	30 68	65
novels, fiction, short stories	62 37	133
song lyrics, poems	64 34	139
religious or spiritual writings	15 83	32
Types of writing students do in English outside scho	ol most weeks:	1
e-mail, chat messages	96	207
letter, journals, diaries	24 71	52
notes, directions, instructions	44 53	94
song lyrics, poems	27 70	58
stories, fiction	25 72	55
work-related writing	56 42	122
Types of English language materials students have a	t home (print or electronic):	<u> </u>
dictionaries, encyclopedias	79 19	171
books	97	210
newspapers	81 17	174
magazines	82 16	177

* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous or blank responses. Where there is no number in a bar, the percentage of responses is smaller than four.

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 216)								
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students						
	0 100							
4. Number of hours a week students read materials write	tten in English outside school, not including homework:							
one hour or less	28	61						
more than one hour but less than three hours	32	70						
more than three hours but less than five hours	20	43						
five hours or more	19	42						
5. Number of hours a week students write in English ou	5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:							
one hour or less	44	96						
more than one hour but less than three hours	31	67						
more than three hours but less than five hours	15	33						
five hours or more	9	19						
6. How often students use a computer at home for hom	ework:							
don't have a computer at home		3						
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework	11	24						
use a computer once or twice a month for homework	24	51						
use a computer once or twice a week for	44	95						
homework use a computer almost every day for homework	20	43						
· · ·		45						
7. First language students learned at home was English		102						
yes	89	193						
no	11	23						
8. Language(s) students speak at home:								
only or mostly English	87	188						
another language (or other languages) as often as English	9	20						
only or mostly another language (or other languages)		7						

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		School			Board			Province	
STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)		Female* (# = 105)	Male* (# = 111)	All (# = 806)	Female* (# = 381)	Male* (# = 425)	All (# = 121 594)	Female* (# = 60 328)	Male* (# = 61 266)
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	99%	99%	98%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	20%	22%	18%	22%	23%	21%	30%	32%	29%
Percentage of students indicating that they read the f	ollowing ty	pes of ma	terials in E	nglish out	side schoo	l most wee	eks:	· · · · · ·	
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	37%	34%	39%	35%	29%	41%	36%	34%	39%
comics	28%	23%	32%	22%	15%	28%	29%	22%	37%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	97%	98%	95%	95%	96%	94%	94%	95%	92%
letters	26%	27%	25%	22%	22%	23%	23%	24%	22%
magazines	51%	59%	43%	47%	57%	39%	44%	53%	35%
manuals, instructions	41%	30%	51%	39%	27%	50%	40%	31%	49%
newspapers	30%	28%	32%	32%	28%	35%	32%	31%	34%
novels, fiction, short stories	62%	76%	48%	67%	78%	57%	70%	81%	59%
song lyrics, poems	64%	78%	51%	60%	73%	49%	65%	77%	52%
religious or spiritual writings	15%	12%	17%	15%	14%	15%	23%	24%	21%
Percentage of students indicating that they read mate	erials writte	n in Englis	sh outside	school, no	t including	homewor	k, for		
more than three hours a week.	39%	41%	38%	41%	44%	37%	38%	43%	32%
Percentage of students indicating that they have the	following E	nglish lan	guage mat	erials at ho	me (print o	or electron	ic):		
dictionaries, encyclopedias	79%	77%	81%	81%	81%	82%	80%	82%	78%
books	97%	98%	96%	97%	97%	96%	94%	96%	93%
newspapers	81%	80%	81%	84%	85%	83%	76%	77%	75%
magazines	82%	86%	78%	81%	86%	78%	73%	76%	69%
Percentage of students indicating that they do the fol	lowing typ	es of writin	ig in Englis	sh outside	school mo	st weeks:			
e-mail, chat messages	96%	95%	96%	96%	96%	95%	95%	96%	94%
letters, journals, diaries	24%	36%	13%	22%	32%	13%	24%	37%	12%
notes, directions, instructions	44%	46%	41%	47%	46%	48%	49%	53%	46%
song lyrics, poems	27%	35%	19%	26%	32%	20%	32%	39%	24%
stories, fiction	25%	34%	17%	25%	31%	20%	29%	35%	23%
work-related writing	56%	60%	53%	53%	54%	52%	56%	57%	56%
Percentage of students indicating that they write in E	nglish outs	side schoo	l, not inclu	ding home	work, for				
more than three hours a week.	24%	24%	24%	26%	27%	24%	25%	28%	22%
Percentage of students indicating that the first langua	age they le	arned at ho	ome was						
other than English.	11%	10%	12%	6%	6%	7%	22%	22%	22%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the	following	language(s	s) at home	**					
only or mostly English	87%	88%	86%	92%	91%	92%	74%	74%	75%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	9%	10%	9%	6%	7%	5%	18%	19%	18%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	2%	7%	6%	7%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

** Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous or blank responses.

	EXPLANATION OF TERMS
First-Time Eligible Students	First-time eligible students are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). These students are expected to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for the first time in the spring of their second year of secondary school; this also applies to students who entered Grade 10 from out of province.
Previously Eligible Students	Previously eligible includes all students who were absent or deferred, or were unsuccessful during one or more previous administrations; were previously exempted but are now working toward an OSSD; entered Grade 11 or 12 from out of province or enrolled in an adult education program and began Grade 9 in or after the 2000–2001 school year.
All Eligible Students	This method of reporting provides percentages based on all students in the cohort who are working toward an OSSD. The only students excluded are those who are not working toward an OSSD (exempt students).
Fully Participating Students	This method of reporting provides percentages based on students for whom there is work for both sessions of the administration of the OSSLT and who were assigned an achievement result (successful, not successful). Students who are not working toward an OSSD, those who were absent and those who were deferred are excluded.
Successful	Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that met the expected standard.
Not Successful	Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that did not meet the expected standard.
Absent	Students who did not submit work for one or both sessions due to absence or for other reasons.
Deferred	Students' participation in the OSSLT can be deferred under several circumstances, as outlined in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> . A student is categorized as deferred only if the school indicates a deferral. If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as deferred.
OSSLC	Students are placed in this category of reporting if the school indicated that the students would be fulfilling the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). For details about the OSSLC, see the Ministry of Education Web site (<u>www.edu.gov.on.ca</u>). If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as OSSLC.
Exempted	Students can be exempted from the OSSLT only if they are not working toward an OSSD. A student is categorized as exempted only if the school indicates that the student is exempted. If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as exempted.
English Language Learners	Students who have been identified by the school in accordance with English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12 (2007).
English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions	English language learners identified by the school as receiving special provisions. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> .
Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)	Students who have been formally identified by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC), as well as students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Students identified solely as gifted are not included.
Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)	Students with special education needs identified by the school as receiving test accommodations. Students identified solely as gifted are not included. Detailed information about accommodations is available in the Ministry of Education Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements (2011) and in EQAO's Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions.
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire (fewer than six in a group) is so small that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore results are not reported.
N/D	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the group or year specified.
W	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact the school principal.