



School Board Report

First-Time Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013

Board: Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB (67024)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2013 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

This report provides the 2013 school and board results as well as results for previous years, so you can track progress over time. You'll also find demographic and attitudinal information about schools, which provides context for a deeper analysis of the achievement results.

Given that a large number of students were unable to write the test scheduled for April 11, 2013, due to inclement weather, an alternative test date was provided on May 14. The alternative test ensured all students who were not able to attend school on April 11 were provided with another opportunity to write the OSSLT this year. Since successful completion of the OSSLT is one of the 32 requirements for obtaining an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, this is of particular importance to students in Grade 12.

The alternative test was designed following the same technical guidelines as the version administered on April 11. Just like EQAO tests are comparable from one year to the next, these two versions of the OSSLT are entirely comparable as well. Both measure whether or not students are demonstrating the required level of reading and writing literacy.

Reading and writing skills are critical to success both in and out of school in the 21st century. It is important for students to become readers who can actively construct meaning from what is read and communicate in a clear and coherent manner when they write. The OSSLT assesses whether Ontario students have acquired these fundamental reading and writing skills across all subjects and up to the end of Grade 9.

We continue to advocate the use of EQAO data in combination with classroom-generated results and other information sources to develop strategies and action plans that will make a measurable difference in learning outcomes.

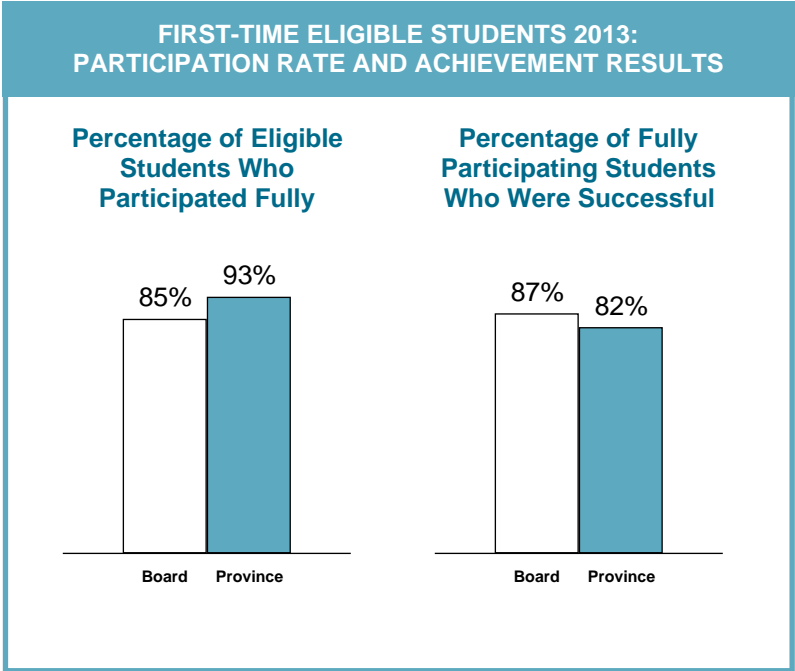
At EQAO we are pleased to partner with parents and educators who are working hard to help students develop essential skills and reach their full potential. I trust you will find our reports to be a helpful tool as you turn knowledge into action for the benefit of your students and community.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rodrigues
 Chief Executive Officer
 Education Quality and Accountability Office

September 25, 2013

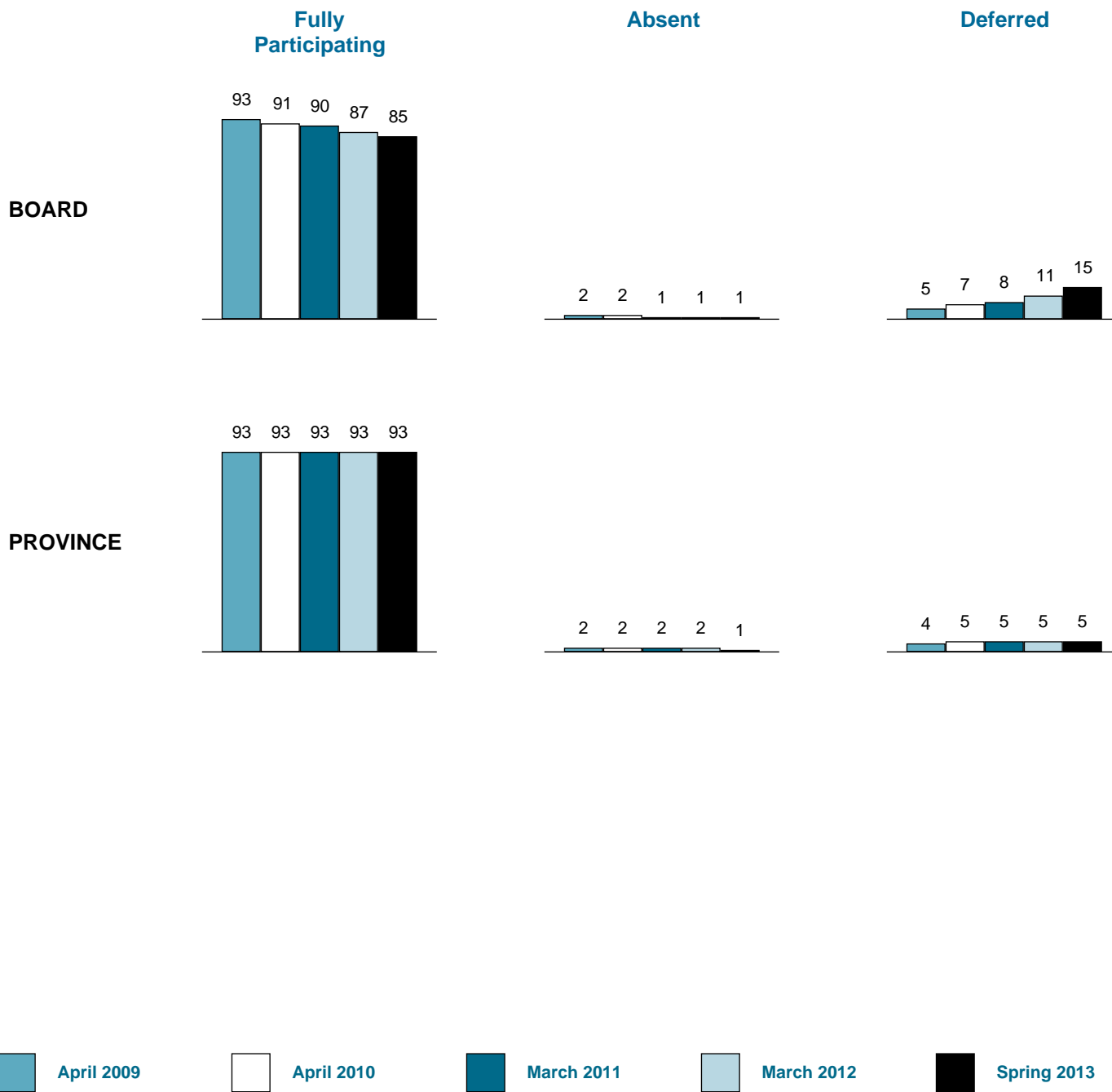
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PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*



| | <u>April 2009</u> | <u>April 2010</u> | <u>March 2011</u> | <u>March 2012</u> | <u>Spring 2013</u> |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Board | 2 023 | 2 028 | 2 054 | 1 862 | 1 756 |
| Province | 152 830 | 153 490 | 153 635 | 147 306 | 143 358 |

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

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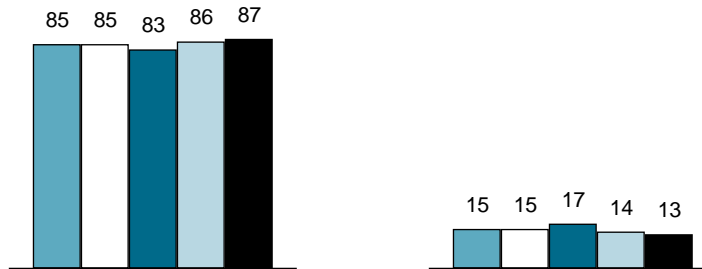
ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*

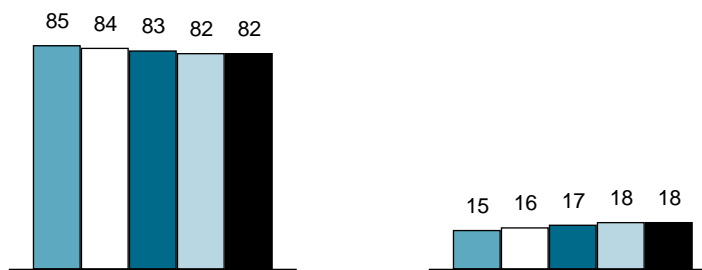
Successful

Not Successful

BOARD



PROVINCE



Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

| | <u>April 2009</u> | <u>April 2010</u> | <u>March 2011</u> | <u>March 2012</u> | <u>Spring 2013</u> |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Board | 1 883 | 1 847 | 1 858 | 1 625 | 1 490 |
| Province | 142 394 | 142 955 | 143 246 | 137 002 | 134 033 |

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TIPS

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



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



Exercise caution when interpreting results for small boards. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a board of 100 students, a difference of 10% represents only ten students.



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



EQAO values students' privacy. Results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 10 students fully participated in 2012-2013, or fewer than 15 students fully participated prior to 2012-2013 because it might be possible to identify individual students.

WHAT IS IN THIS REPORT?

This report shows how well students in this board 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 board compared to the province;
- ◆ a comparison of results of the current and previous administrations of the test 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 between the board and the province. Consider the challenges that any differences might present.
- ◆ Examine the board 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 board chair about the goals for improving student performance.

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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

Contextual Information

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

| | Board | | Province | |
|---|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Enrolment | | | | |
| Number of first-time eligible students | 1 756 | | 143 358 | |
| Number of schools with first-time eligible students | 9 | | 792 | |
| Number of students who were exempted | 37 | | 1 670 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Participation in the Test | | | | |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment | 1 490 | 85% | 134 033 | 93% |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent | 11 | 1% | 2 059 | 1% |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred | 255 | 15% | 7 266 | 5% |
| Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students | | | | |
| Female | 858 | 49% | 70 092 | 49% |
| Male | 898 | 51% | 73 260 | 51% |
| Gender not specified | 0 | 0% | 6 | <1% |
| Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students | | | | |
| English language learners* | 106 | 6% | 8 051 | 6% |
| English language learners receiving special provisions** | 14 | 1% | 4 294 | 3% |
| Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)* | 243 | 14% | 25 390 | 18% |
| Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)** | 123 | 8% | 20 580 | 15% |
| Course Type in English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students | | | | |
| Academic | 1 148 | 65% | 102 260 | 71% |
| Applied | 429 | 24% | 31 172 | 22% |
| Locally developed | 76 | 4% | 4 791 | 3% |
| ESL/ELD | 82 | 5% | 3 348 | 2% |
| Other | 21 | 1% | 1 749 | 1% |
| Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data | | | | |
| | Number of Respondents: | | 130 397 | |
| | 1 451 | | | |
| First language learned at home was other than English | 240 | 17% | 29 916 | 23% |
| Speak only or mostly English at home | 1 137 | 78% | 96 271 | 74% |
| Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home | 232 | 16% | 24 467 | 19% |
| Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home | 73 | 5% | 8 587 | 7% |

[†] Contextual data are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by schools or boards.

* See Explanation of Terms.

** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

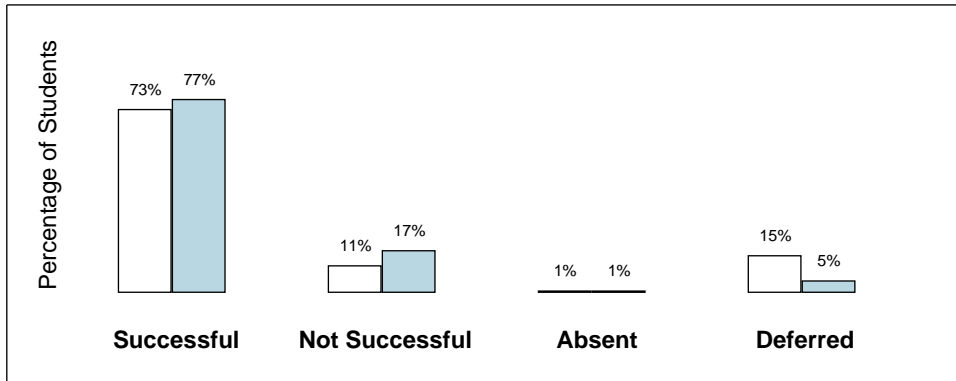
^{††} Contextual data pertaining to "language" are gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by students.

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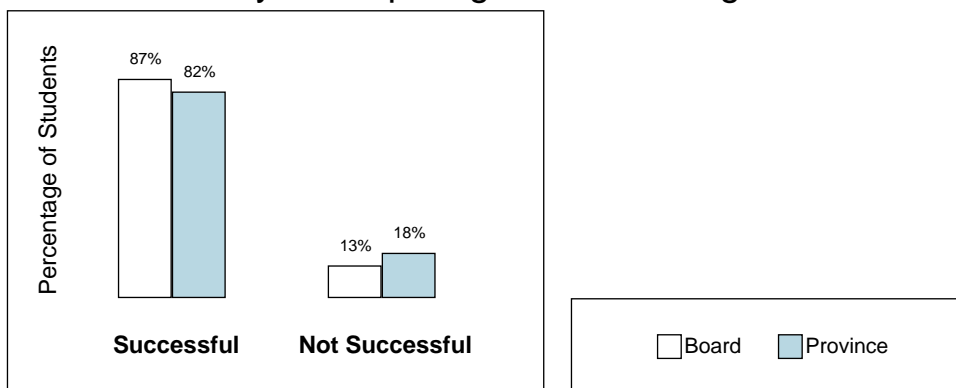
Results for All Students*

| | First-Time Eligible Students | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | All | | Fully Participating | |
| | Board # = 1 756 | Province # = 143 358 | Board # = 1 490 | Province # = 134 033 |
| Successful | 1 289 | 73% | 77% | 87% |
| Not Successful | 201 | 11% | 17% | 13% |
| Fully Participating | 1 490 | 85% | 93% | |
| Absent | 11 | 1% | 1% | |
| Deferred | 255 | 15% | 5% | |

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students



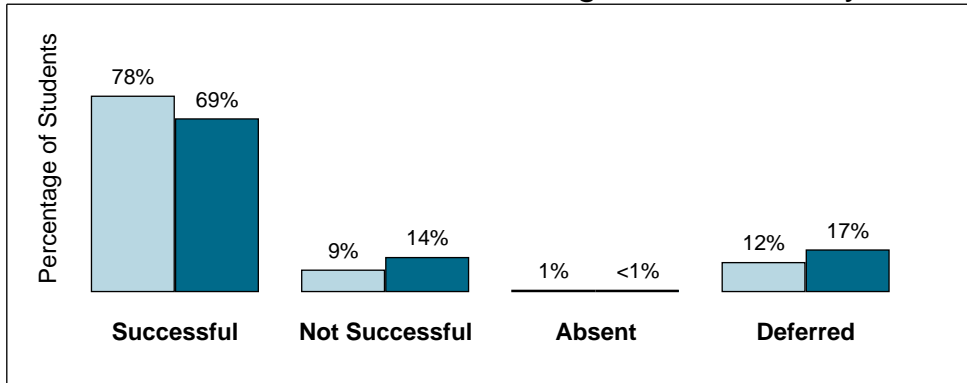
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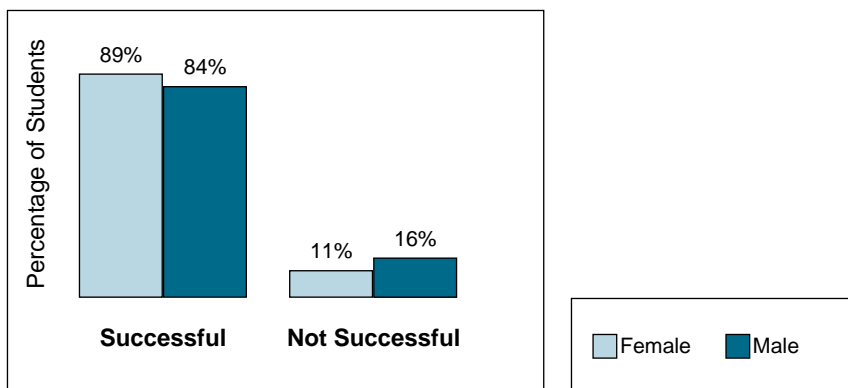
Board Results by Gender*†

| Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | All | | | | Fully Participating | |
| | Female # = 858 | | Male # = 898 | | Female # = 748 | Male # = 742 |
| Successful | 669 | 78% | 620 | 69% | 89% | 84% |
| Not Successful | 79 | 9% | 122 | 14% | 11% | 16% |
| Fully Participating | 748 | 87% | 742 | 83% | | |
| Absent | 9 | 1% | 2 | <1% | | |
| Deferred | 101 | 12% | 154 | 17% | | |

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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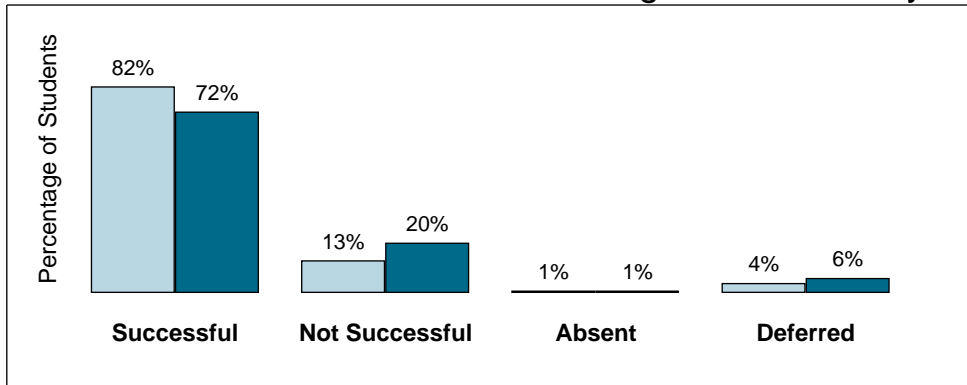
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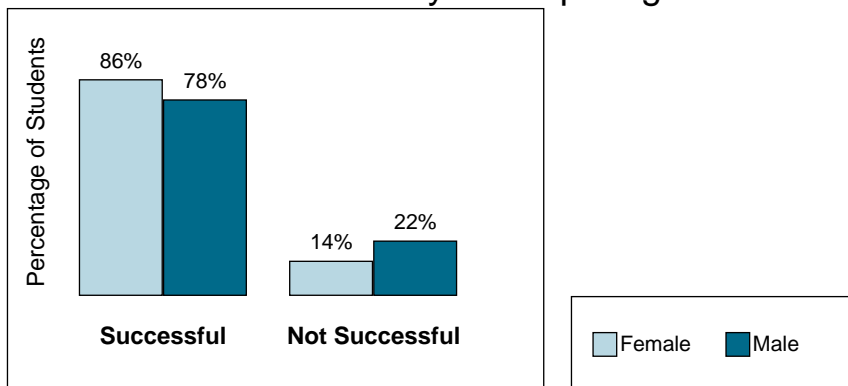
Provincial Results by Gender*†

| | Provincial Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | All | | Fully Participating | |
| | Female # = 70 092 | Male # = 73 260 | Female # = 66 262 | Male # = 67 765 |
| Successful | 57 204 | 82% | 52 952 | 72% |
| Not Successful | 9 058 | 13% | 14 813 | 20% |
| Fully Participating | 66 262 | 95% | 67 765 | 92% |
| Absent | 996 | 1% | 1 063 | 1% |
| Deferred | 2 834 | 4% | 4 432 | 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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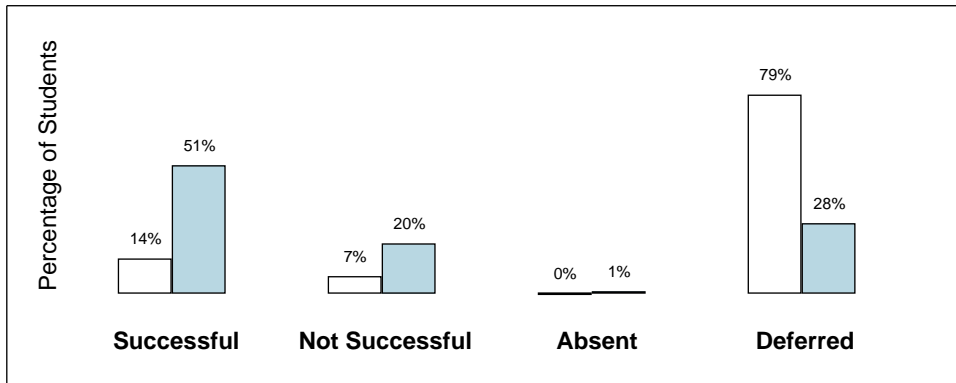
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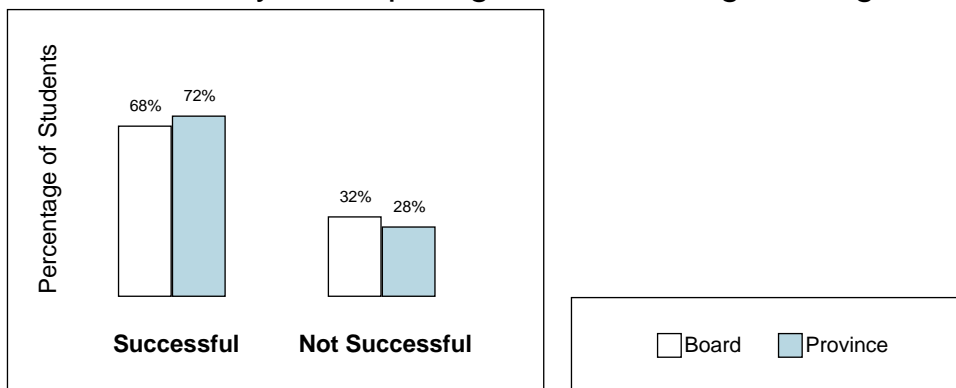
Results for English Language Learners*

| Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | All | | | Fully Participating | |
| | Board # = 106 | Province # = 8 051 | | Board # = 22 | Province # = 5 727 |
| Successful | 15 | 14% | 51% | 68% | 72% |
| Not Successful | 7 | 7% | 20% | 32% | 28% |
| Fully Participating | 22 | 21% | 71% | | |
| Absent | 0 | 0% | 1% | | |
| Deferred | 84 | 79% | 28% | | |

Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



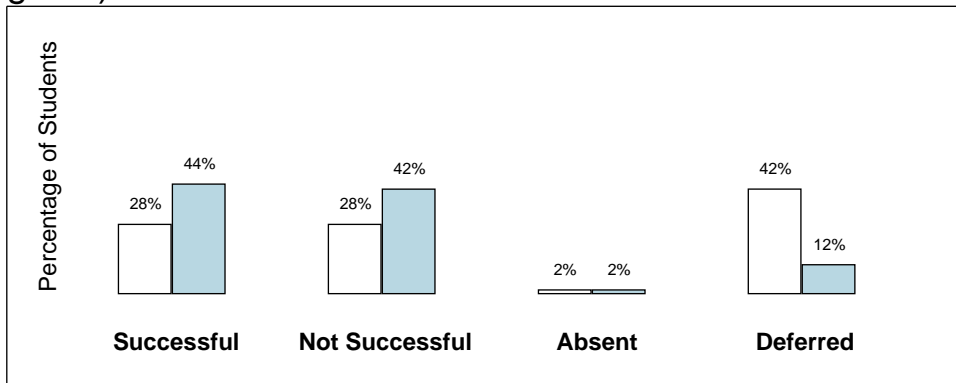
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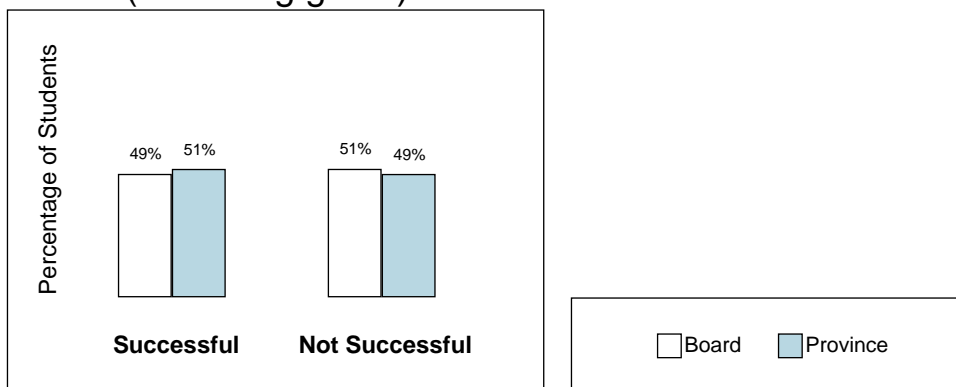
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

| Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | All | | | Fully Participating | |
| | Board # = 243 | Province # = 25 390 | | Board # = 136 | Province # = 21 831 |
| Successful | 67 | 28% | 44% | 49% | 51% |
| Not Successful | 69 | 28% | 42% | 51% | 49% |
| Fully Participating | 136 | 56% | 86% | | |
| Absent | 4 | 2% | 2% | | |
| Deferred | 103 | 42% | 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)



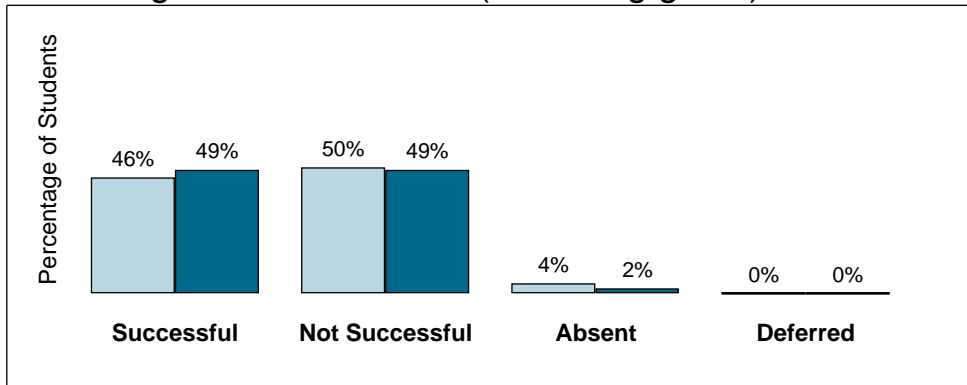
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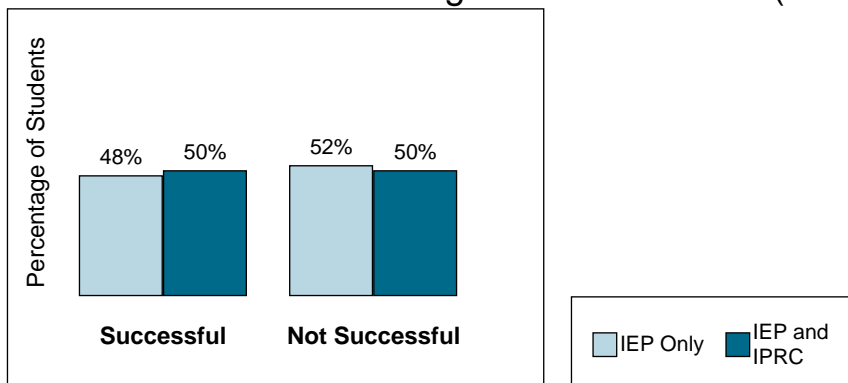
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

| Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | All | | | | Fully Participating | |
| | IEP Only # = 72 | | IEP and IPRC # = 55 | | IEP Only # = 69 | IEP and IPRC # = 54 |
| Successful | 33 | 46% | 27 | 49% | 48% | 50% |
| Not Successful | 36 | 50% | 27 | 49% | 52% | 50% |
| Fully Participating | 69 | 96% | 54 | 98% | | |
| Absent | 3 | 4% | 1 | 2% | | |
| 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)



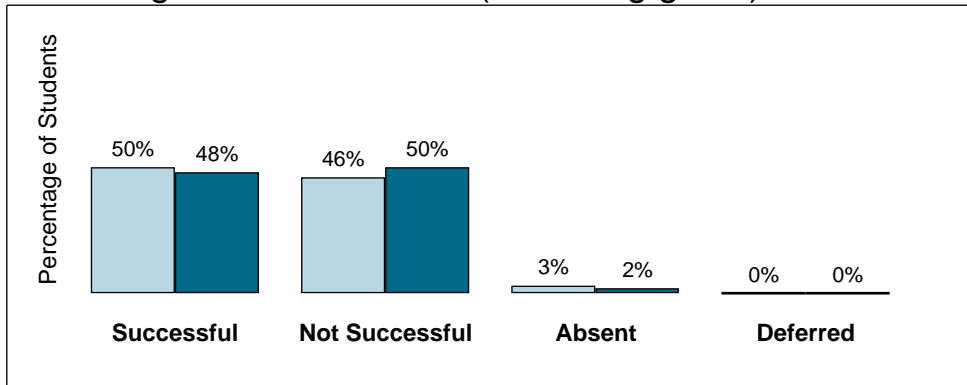
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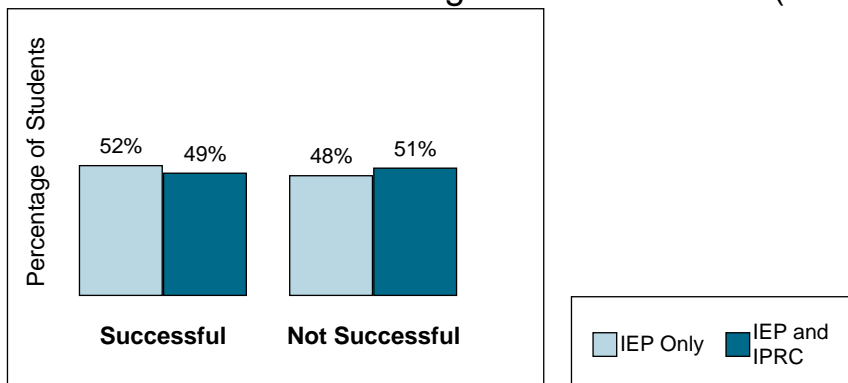
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

| Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | All | | | | Fully Participating | |
| | IEP Only # = 8 204 | | IEP and IPRC # = 12 931 | | IEP Only # = 7 927 | IEP and IPRC # = 12 653 |
| Successful | 4 115 | 50% | 6 213 | 48% | 52% | 49% |
| Not Successful | 3 812 | 46% | 6 440 | 50% | 48% | 51% |
| Fully Participating | 7 927 | 97% | 12 653 | 98% | | |
| Absent | 277 | 3% | 278 | 2% | | |
| 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)



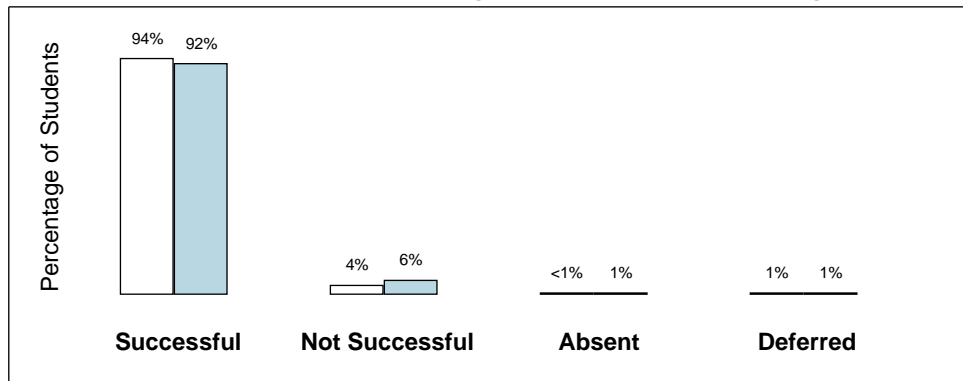
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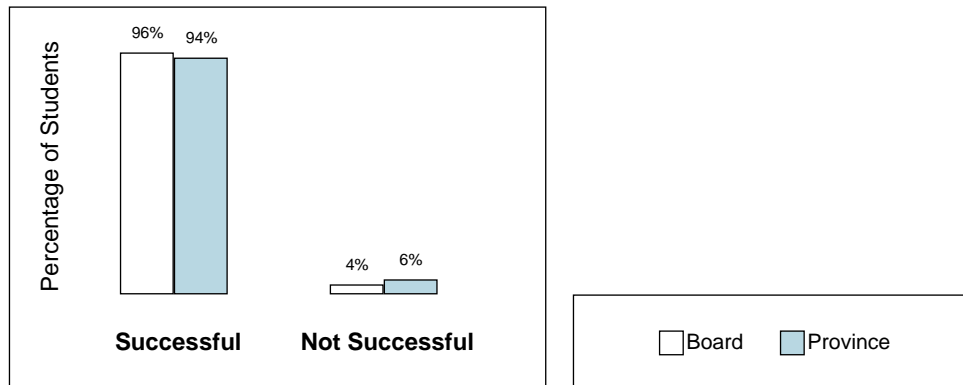
Results for Students Taking Academic English Course*

| Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| | All | | Fully Participating | | |
| | Board # = 1 148 | Province # = 102 260 | Board # = 1 132 | Province # = 100 711 | |
| Successful | 1 082 | 94% | 92% | 96% | 94% |
| Not Successful | 50 | 4% | 6% | 4% | 6% |
| Fully Participating | 1 132 | 99% | 98% | | |
| Absent | 3 | <1% | 1% | | |
| Deferred | 13 | 1% | 1% | | |

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



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



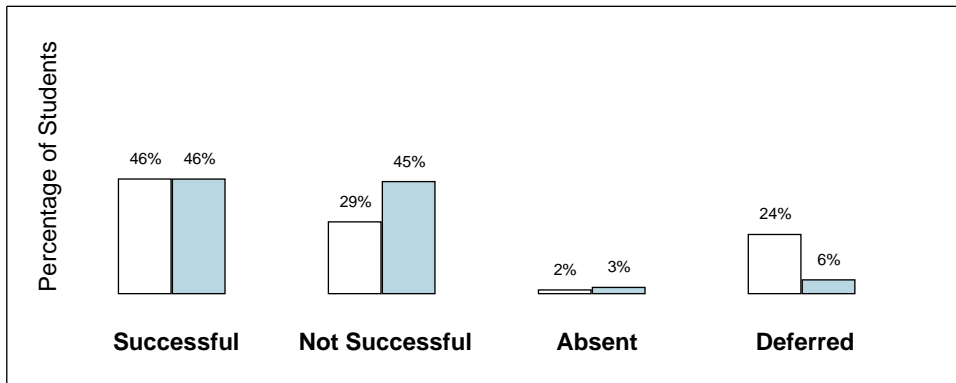
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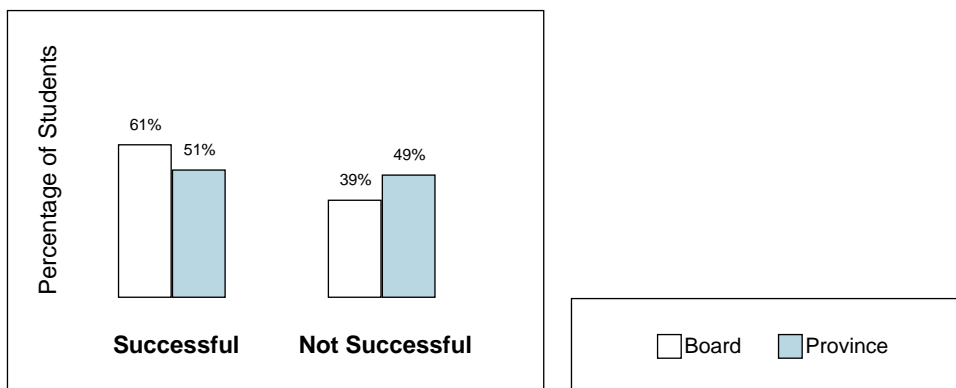
Results for Students Taking Applied English Course*

| Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | All | | | Fully Participating | |
| | Board # = 429 | Province # = 31 172 | | Board # = 319 | Province # = 28 252 |
| Successful | 196 | 46% | 46% | 61% | 51% |
| Not Successful | 123 | 29% | 45% | 39% | 49% |
| Fully Participating | 319 | 74% | 91% | | |
| Absent | 7 | 2% | 3% | | |
| Deferred | 103 | 24% | 6% | | |

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



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



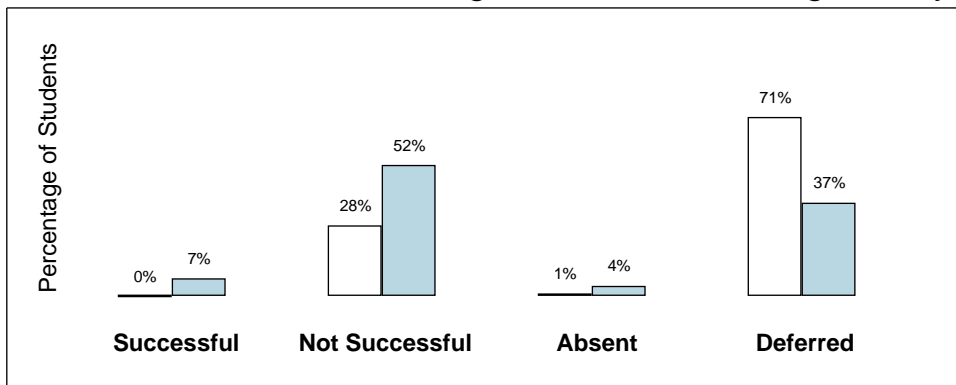
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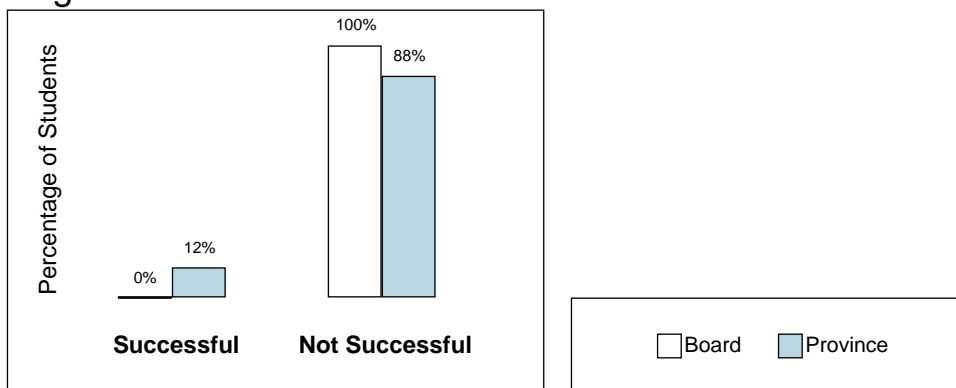
Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course*

| Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | All | | | Fully Participating | |
| | Board # = 76 | Province # = 4 791 | | Board # = 21 | Province # = 2 814 |
| Successful | 0 | 0% | 7% | 0% | 12% |
| Not Successful | 21 | 28% | 52% | 100% | 88% |
| Fully Participating | 21 | 28% | 59% | | |
| Absent | 1 | 1% | 4% | | |
| Deferred | 54 | 71% | 37% | | |

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



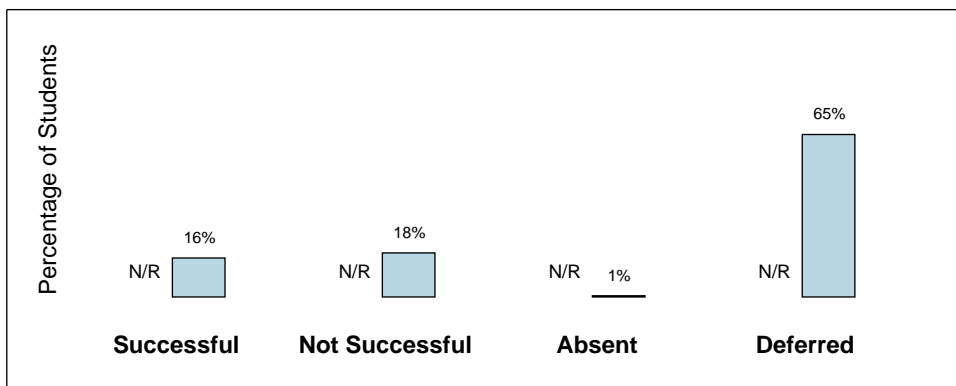
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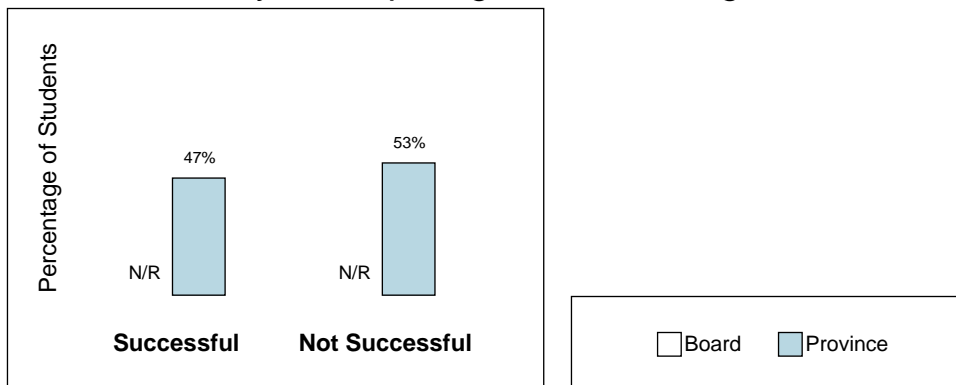
Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course*

| | Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | All | | | Fully Participating | |
| | Board # = N/R | Province # = 3 348 | Province # = 3 348 | Board # = N/R | Province # = 1 137 |
| Successful | N/R | N/R | 16% | N/R | 47% |
| Not Successful | N/R | N/R | 18% | N/R | 53% |
| Fully Participating | N/R | N/R | 34% | | |
| Absent | N/R | N/R | 1% | | |
| Deferred | N/R | N/R | 65% | | |

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



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



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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

Contextual Information over Time

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

| | Apr. 2009 | Apr. 2010 | Mar. 2011 | Mar. 2012 | Spr. 2013 |
|---|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Enrolment | | | | | |
| Number of first-time eligible students | 2 023 | 2 028 | 2 054 | 1 862 | 1 756 |
| Number of schools with first-time eligible students | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Number of students who were exempted | 33 | 29 | 34 | 6 | 37 |
| Participation in the Test | | | | | |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment | 93% | 91% | 90% | 87% | 85% |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred | 5% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 15% |
| Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students | | | | | |
| Female | 51% | 50% | 50% | 48% | 49% |
| Male | 49% | 50% | 50% | 52% | 51% |
| Gender not specified | 0% | <1% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students | | | | | |
| English language learners* | 2% | 4% | 5% | 4% | 6% |
| English language learners receiving special provisions** | <1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)* | 14% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 14% |
| Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)** | 10% | 11% | 10% | 9% | 8% |
| Course Type in English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students | | | | | |
| Academic | 65% | 67% | 64% | 67% | 65% |
| Applied | 27% | 25% | 27% | 25% | 24% |
| Locally developed | 6% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 4% |
| ESL/ELD | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 5% |
| Other | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data | | | | | |
| | Number of Respondents: | | | | |
| | 1 868 | 1 831 | 1 801 | 1 591 | 1 451 |
| First language learned at home was other than English | 16% | 15% | 16% | 18% | 17% |
| Speak only or mostly English at home | 81% | 80% | 80% | 77% | 78% |
| Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home | 14% | 14% | 15% | 18% | 16% |
| Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home | 4% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 5% |

[†] Contextual data are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by schools or boards.

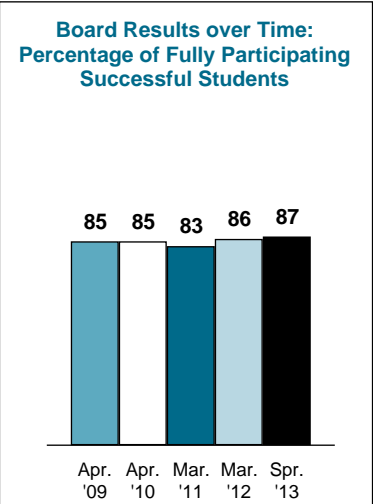
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** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

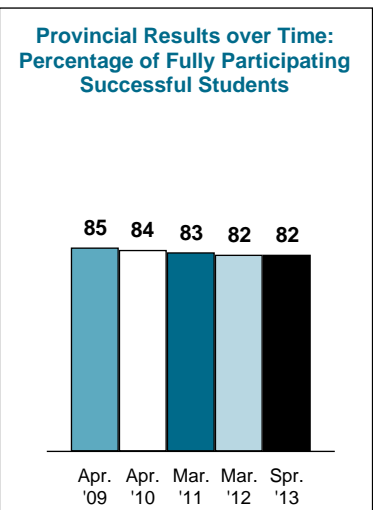
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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students Results over Time, April 2009–Spring 2013

| Board Results over Time* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|------------|-----|
| | April '09 | | April '10 | | March '11 | | March '12 | | Spring '13 | |
| <i>All Students</i> | 2 023 | | 2 028 | | 2 054 | | 1 862 | | 1 756 | |
| Successful (all) | 1 595 | 79% | 1 577 | 78% | 1 537 | 75% | 1 404 | 75% | 1 289 | 73% |
| Not Successful | 288 | 14% | 270 | 13% | 321 | 16% | 221 | 12% | 201 | 11% |
| Fully Participating | 1 883 | 93% | 1 847 | 91% | 1 858 | 90% | 1 625 | 87% | 1 490 | 85% |
| Absent | 32 | 2% | 35 | 2% | 29 | 1% | 26 | 1% | 11 | 1% |
| Deferred | 108 | 5% | 146 | 7% | 167 | 8% | 211 | 11% | 255 | 15% |
| Fully Participating Successful | 1 595 | 85% | 1 577 | 85% | 1 537 | 83% | 1 404 | 86% | 1 289 | 87% |



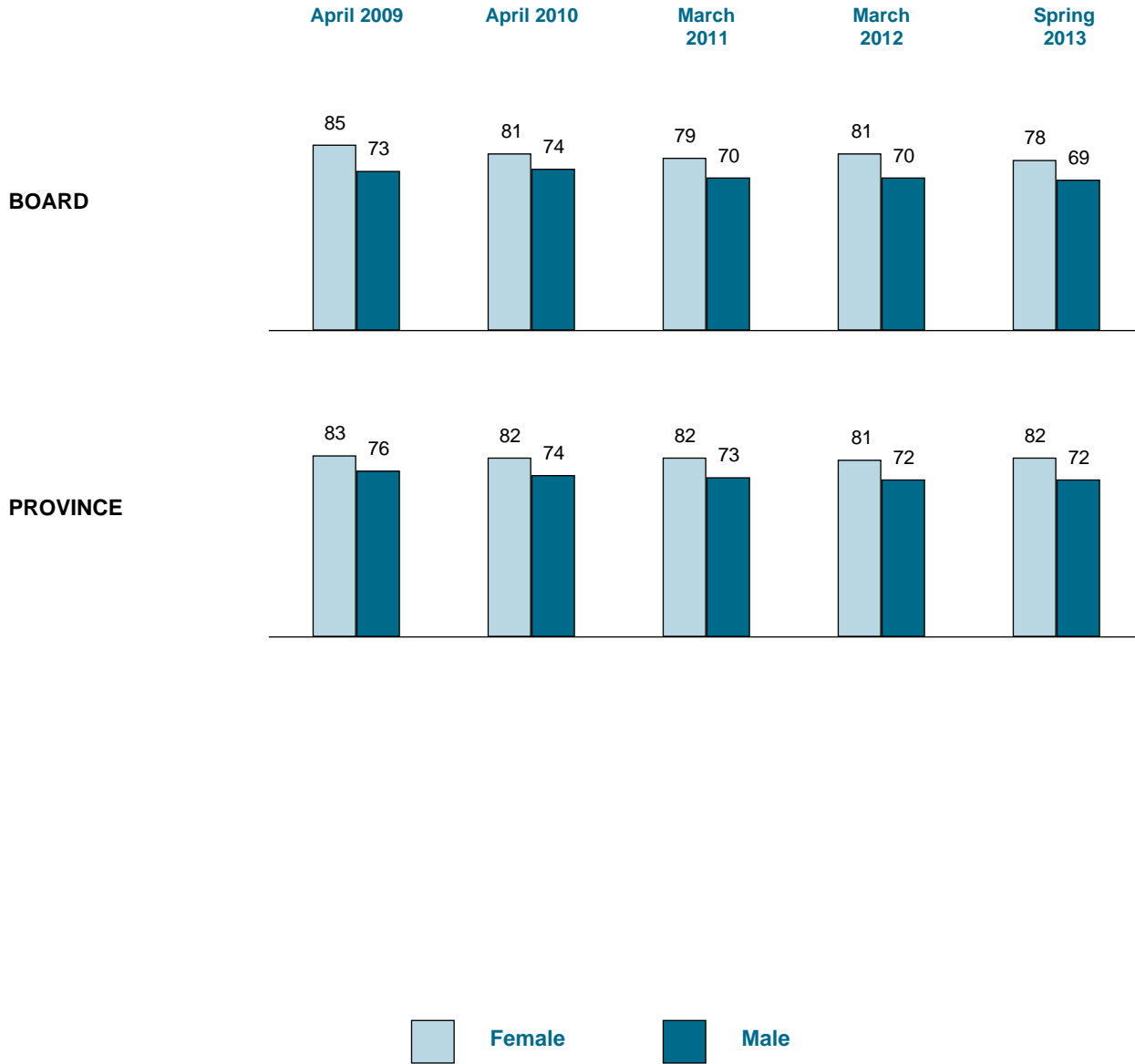
| Provincial Results over Time* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|------------|-----|
| | April '09 | | April '10 | | March '11 | | March '12 | | Spring '13 | |
| <i>All Students</i> | 152 830 | | 153 490 | | 153 635 | | 147 306 | | 143 358 | |
| Successful (all) | 120 776 | 79% | 120 218 | 78% | 118 961 | 77% | 112 717 | 77% | 110 162 | 77% |
| Not Successful | 21 618 | 14% | 22 737 | 15% | 24 285 | 16% | 24 285 | 16% | 23 871 | 17% |
| Fully Participating | 142 394 | 93% | 142 955 | 93% | 143 246 | 93% | 137 002 | 93% | 134 033 | 93% |
| Absent | 3 707 | 2% | 3 479 | 2% | 3 237 | 2% | 2 966 | 2% | 2 059 | 1% |
| Deferred | 6 729 | 4% | 7 056 | 5% | 7 152 | 5% | 7 338 | 5% | 7 266 | 5% |
| Fully Participating Successful | 120 776 | 85% | 120 218 | 84% | 118 961 | 83% | 112 717 | 82% | 110 162 | 82% |



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

ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

**PERCENTAGE OF ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL:
ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST**



Female Male

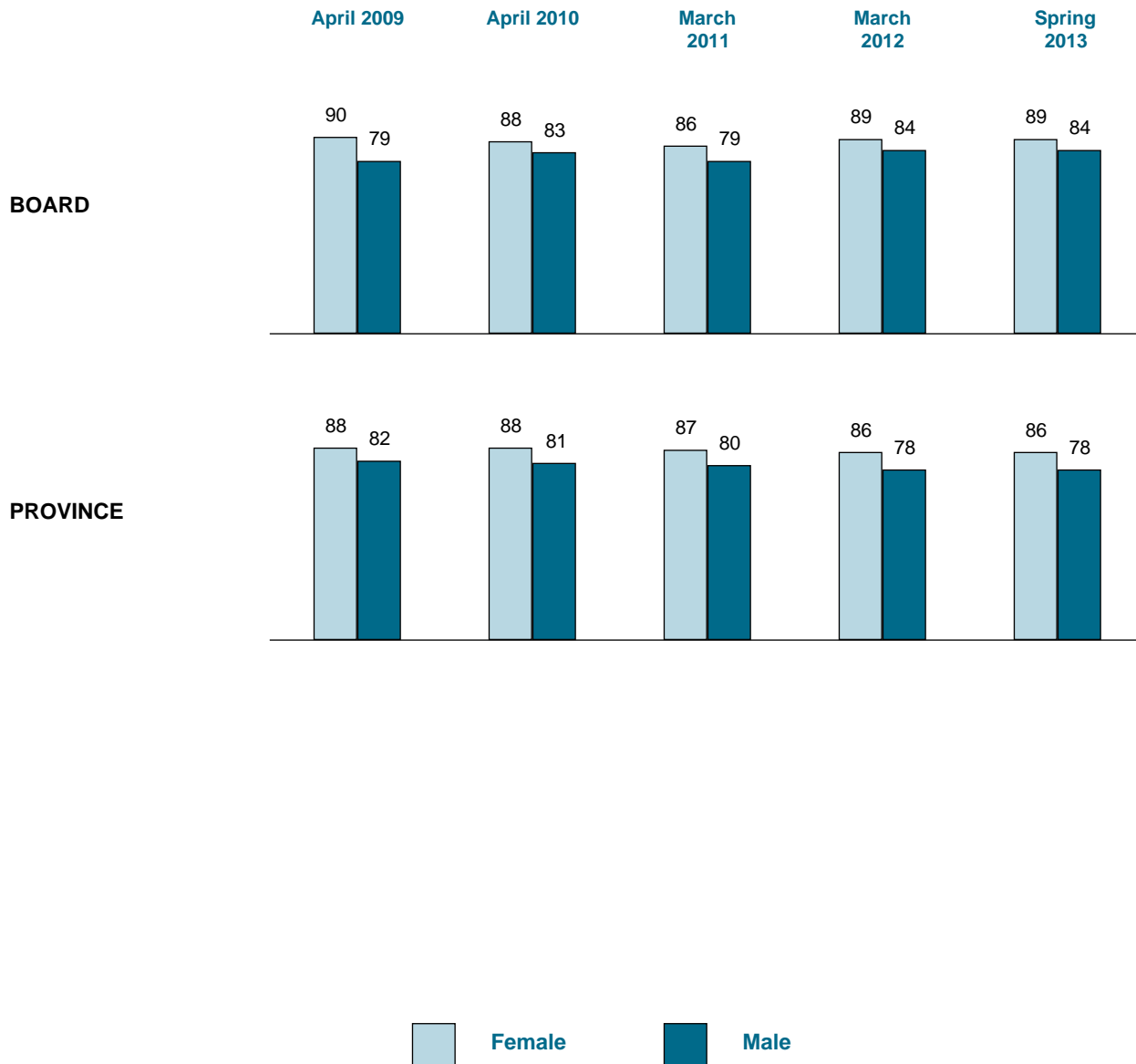
Number of First-Time Eligible Students†

| | <u>April 2009</u> | | <u>April 2010</u> | | <u>March 2011</u> | | <u>March 2012</u> | | <u>Spring 2013</u> | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Board | 1 022 | 1 001 | 1 010 | 1 016 | 1 031 | 1 023 | 901 | 961 | 858 | 898 |
| Province | 74 355 | 78 459 | 74 545 | 78 940 | 74 954 | 78 681 | 71 934 | 75 370 | 70 092 | 73 260 |

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

**PERCENTAGE OF FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL:
ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST**

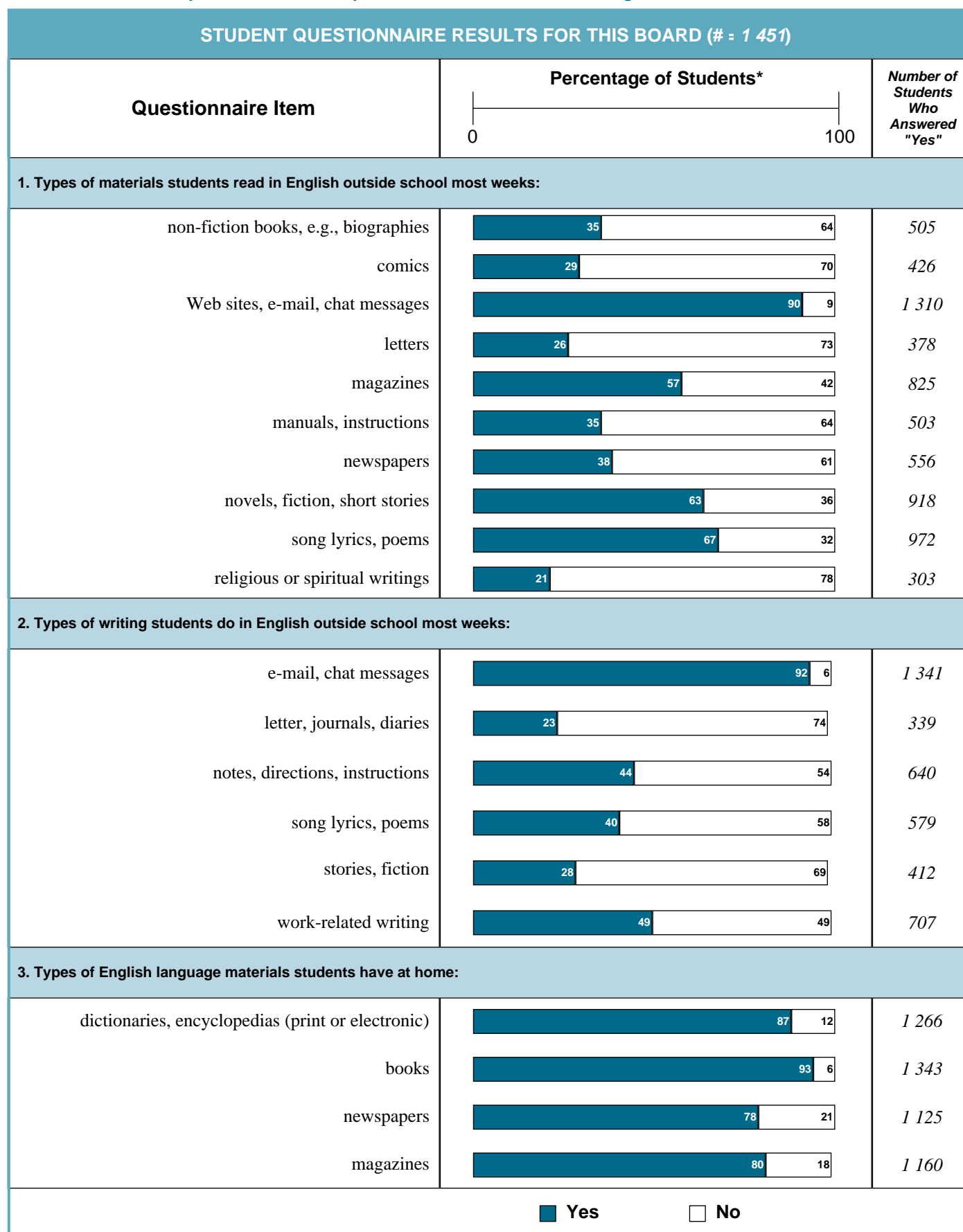


Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†

| | <u>April 2009</u> | | <u>April 2010</u> | | <u>March 2011</u> | | <u>March 2012</u> | | <u>Spring 2013</u> | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Board | 961 | 922 | 938 | 908 | 951 | 907 | 824 | 801 | 748 | 742 |
| Province | 69 954 | 72 432 | 70 055 | 72 896 | 70 606 | 72 640 | 67 631 | 69 369 | 66 262 | 67 765 |

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students



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

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 1 451) | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Questionnaire Item | Percentage of Students* | |
| | | |
| | | Number of Students |
| 4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework: | | |
| one hour or less | 35 | 505 |
| more than one hour but less than three hours | 30 | 439 |
| more than three hours but less than five hours | 18 | 254 |
| five hours or more | 16 | 238 |
| 5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework: | | |
| one hour or less | 46 | 668 |
| more than one hour but less than three hours | 31 | 446 |
| more than three hours but less than five hours | 13 | 186 |
| five hours or more | 9 | 130 |
| 6. How often students use a computer at home for homework: | | |
| don't have a computer at home | 1 | 19 |
| never or hardly ever use a computer for homework | 6 | 94 |
| use a computer once or twice a month for homework | 18 | 263 |
| use a computer once or twice a week for homework | 46 | 667 |
| use a computer almost every day for homework | 28 | 406 |
| 7. First language students learned at home was English: | | |
| yes | 83 | 1 210 |
| no | 17 | 240 |
| 8. Language(s) students speak at home: | | |
| only or mostly English | 78 | 1 137 |
| another language (or other languages) as often as English | 16 | 232 |
| only or mostly another language (or other languages) | 5 | 73 |

* Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male) | Board | | | Province | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | All (#= 1 451) | Female* (#= 731) | Male* (#= 720) | All (#= 130 397) | Female* (#= 64 707) | Male* (#= 65 684) |
| Percentage of students indicating that they | | | | | | |
| have a computer at home | 99% | 99% | 98% | 97% | 98% | 97% |
| use the computer almost every day for homework | 28% | 29% | 27% | 34% | 36% | 32% |
| Percentage of students indicating that they read the following types of materials in English outside school most weeks: | | | | | | |
| non-fiction books, e.g., biographies | 35% | 32% | 38% | 36% | 33% | 40% |
| comics | 29% | 22% | 37% | 33% | 25% | 41% |
| Web sites, e-mail, chat messages | 90% | 93% | 88% | 90% | 92% | 88% |
| letters | 26% | 29% | 23% | 28% | 30% | 26% |
| magazines | 57% | 68% | 45% | 55% | 66% | 44% |
| manuals, instructions | 35% | 25% | 45% | 39% | 29% | 48% |
| newspapers | 38% | 32% | 45% | 41% | 38% | 43% |
| novels, fiction, short stories | 63% | 76% | 50% | 70% | 81% | 59% |
| song lyrics, poems | 67% | 79% | 55% | 65% | 77% | 53% |
| religious or spiritual writings | 21% | 21% | 21% | 23% | 24% | 22% |
| Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for | | | | | | |
| more than three hours a week. | 34% | 40% | 28% | 37% | 43% | 32% |
| Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home: | | | | | | |
| dictionaries, encyclopedias (print or electronic) | 87% | 90% | 85% | 87% | 89% | 85% |
| books | 93% | 96% | 89% | 93% | 96% | 91% |
| newspapers | 78% | 77% | 78% | 79% | 80% | 78% |
| magazines | 80% | 85% | 75% | 78% | 82% | 73% |
| Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks: | | | | | | |
| e-mail, chat messages | 92% | 93% | 91% | 93% | 95% | 91% |
| letters, journals, diaries | 23% | 35% | 11% | 27% | 40% | 14% |
| notes, directions, instructions | 44% | 44% | 44% | 46% | 49% | 44% |
| song lyrics, poems | 40% | 48% | 32% | 36% | 43% | 29% |
| stories, fiction | 28% | 35% | 22% | 32% | 38% | 27% |
| work-related writing | 49% | 48% | 49% | 55% | 55% | 55% |
| Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for | | | | | | |
| more than three hours a week. | 22% | 23% | 21% | 25% | 28% | 22% |
| Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was | | | | | | |
| other than English. | 17% | 17% | 17% | 23% | 23% | 23% |
| Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:** | | | | | | |
| only or mostly English | 78% | 79% | 77% | 74% | 74% | 74% |
| another language (or other languages) as often as English | 16% | 15% | 17% | 19% | 19% | 18% |
| only or mostly another language (or other languages) | 5% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 6% | 7% |

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

** Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

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|---|--|
| First-Time Eligible Students | First-time eligible students are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and typically entered Grade 9 during the 2011–2012 school year or entered Grade 10 in the 2012–2013 school year from out of province. These students were required to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for the first time in 2013. |
| 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 now working toward an OSSD; entered Grade 11 or 12 in the 2012–2013 school year 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 (www.edu.gov.on.ca). 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 <i>English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12</i> (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 <i>Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements</i> (2011) and in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> . |
| N/R | "Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire is so small (fewer than six in a group) 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 for some or all students are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact personnel at the board. |