



# School Board Report

## Previously Eligible Students



### Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2014–2015

#### Board: London District Catholic School Board (67032)

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

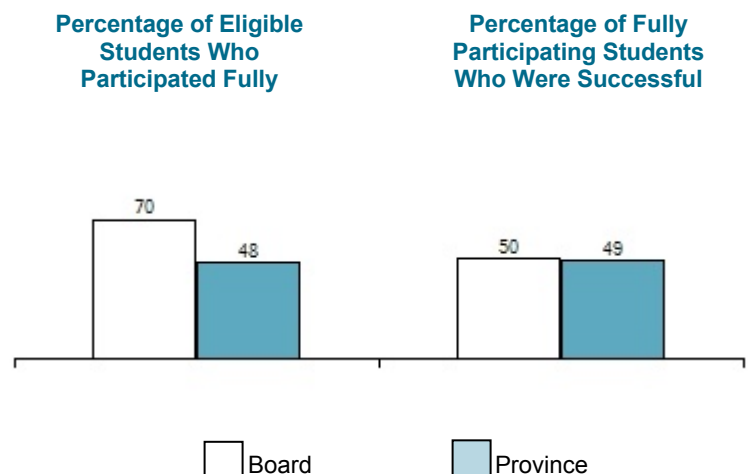
At EQAO, we strongly believe that reliable evidence empowers and guides the judgment and actions of professional educators and school communities. We are pleased to continue our partnership with you as we all work toward helping students reach their full potential. I hope you will find this report to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

Sincerely,

Bruce Rodrigues  
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Education Quality and Accountability Office

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#### PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, 2014–2015: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS



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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 as differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a group of 30 students, a difference of 10% represents only three students.



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 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 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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### Contextual Information

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

	Board		Province	
<b>Enrolment</b>				
Number of previously eligible students	448		54 024	
Number of schools with previously eligible students	9		819	
Number of students who were exempted	4		2 074	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Participation in the Test</b>				
Of all previously eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	313	70%	25 989	48%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were absent	25	6%	4 639	9%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were deferred	13	3%	5 835	11%
Of all previously eligible students, those who are completing the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)	97	22%	17 562	33%
<b>Gender<sup>†</sup> Based on number of previously eligible students</b>				
Female	171	38%	21 079	39%
Male	277	62%	32 945	61%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Student Status<sup>†</sup> Based on number of previously eligible students</b>				
English language learners*	30	7%	8 278	15%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	26	8%	4 282	16%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	166	37%	21 881	41%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	93	30%	8 724	34%
<b>Language<sup>††</sup> Based on Student Questionnaire data</b>				
	Number of Respondents: 291		24 015	
First language learned at home was other than English	97	33%	8 119	34%
Speak only or mostly English at home	176	60%	14 853	62%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	62	21%	5 026	21%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	50	17%	3 919	16%

† 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.

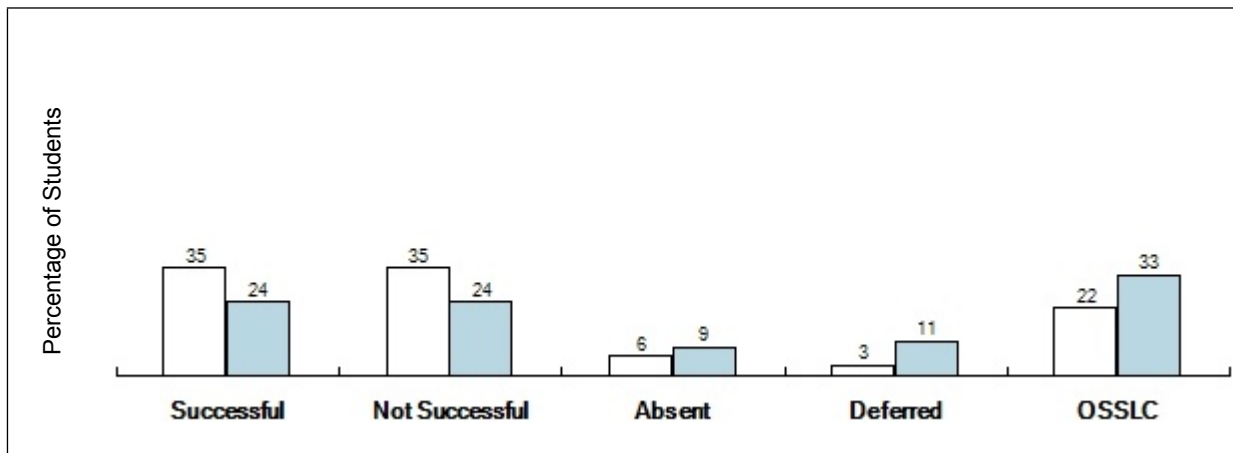
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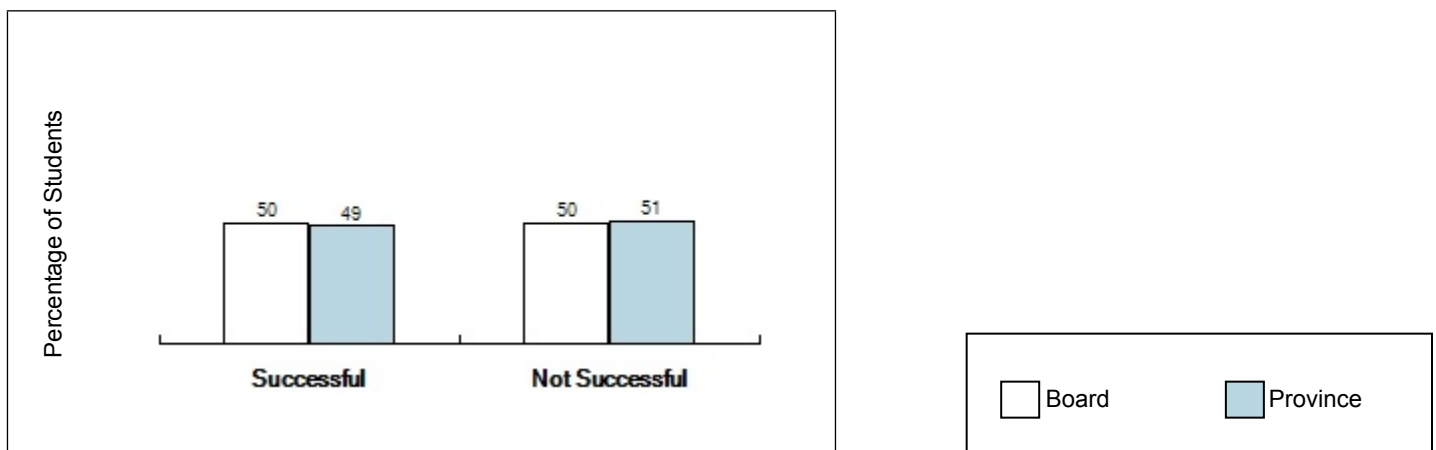
### Results for All Students\*

	Results for All Students Previously Eligible Students				
	All		Fully Participating		
	Board # = 448	Province # = 54 024	Board # = 313	Province # = 25 989	
Successful	157	35%	24%	50%	49%
Not Successful	156	35%	24%	50%	51%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>48%</b>		
Absent	25	6%	9%		
Deferred	13	3%	11%		
OSSLC	97	22%	33%		

### Results for All Previously Eligible Students



### Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students



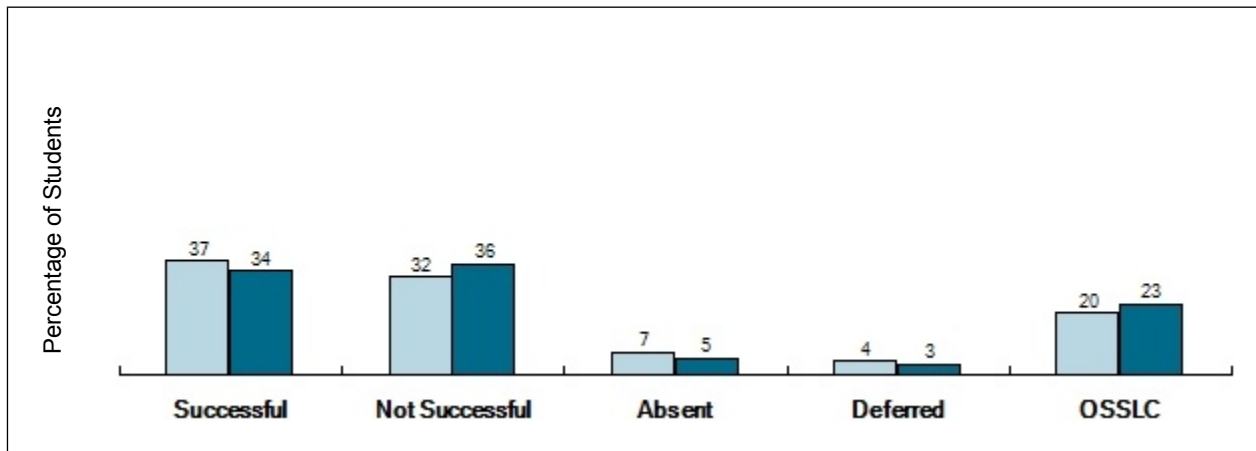
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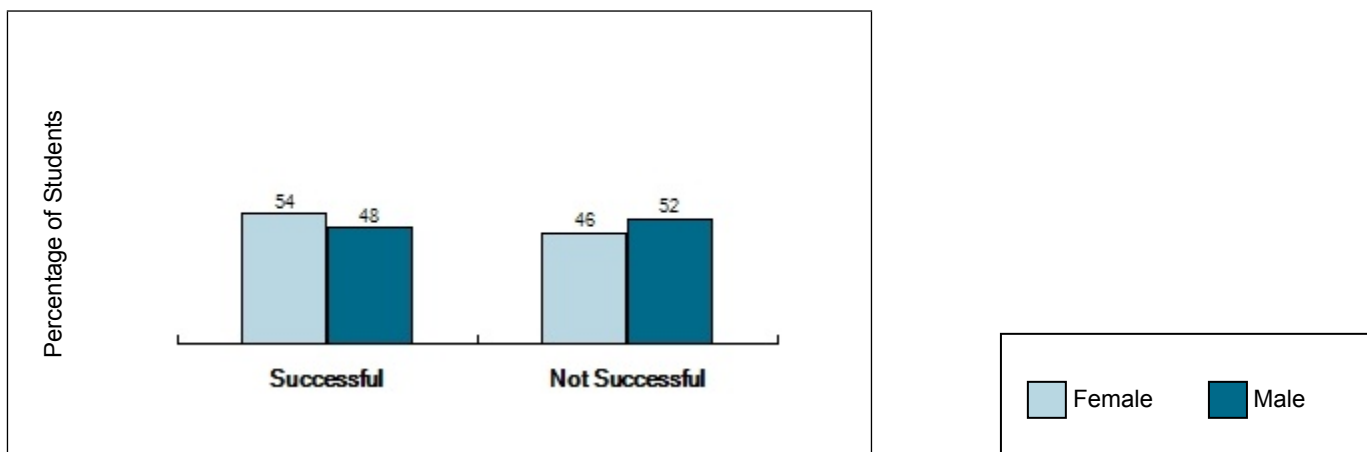
### Board Results by Gender\*†

Board Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 171		Male # = 277		Female # = 119	Male # = 194
Successful	64	37%	93	34%	54%	48%
Not Successful	55	32%	101	36%	46%	52%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>70%</b>		
Absent	12	7%	13	5%		
Deferred	6	4%	7	3%		
OSSLC	34	20%	63	23%		

### Board Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



### Board Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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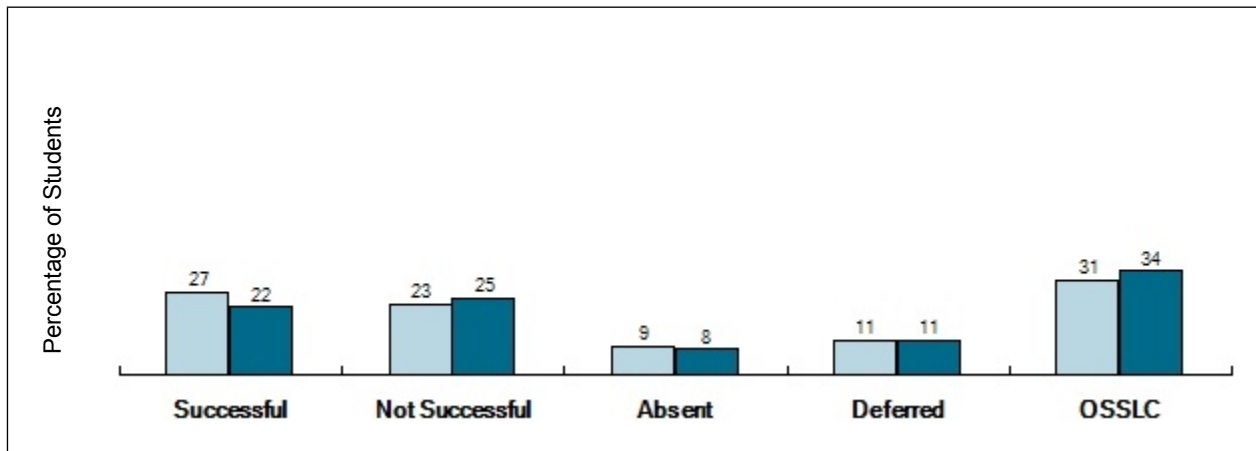
† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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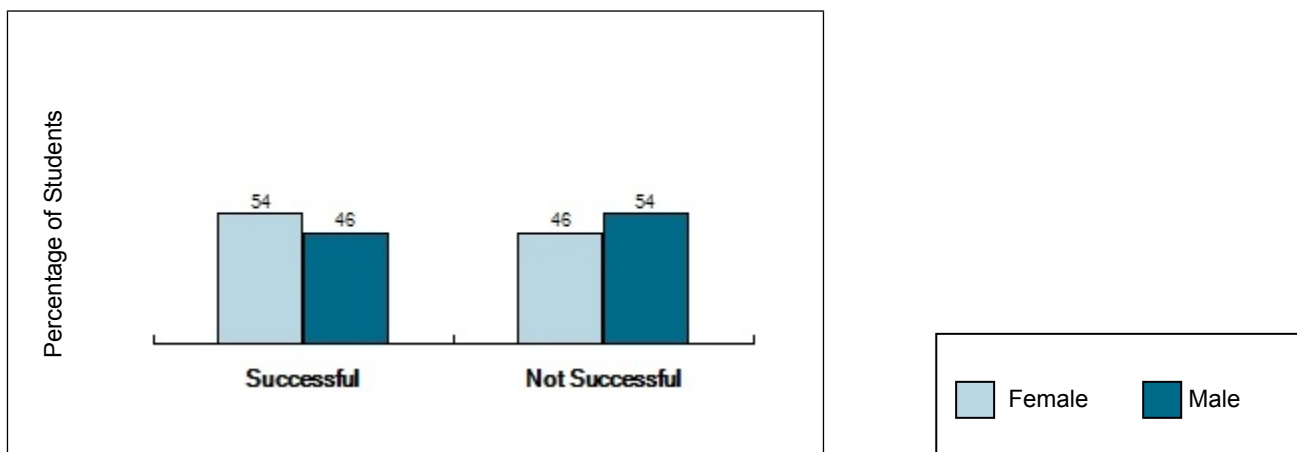
### Provincial Results by Gender\*†

Provincial Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 21 079		Male # = 32 945		Female # = 10 444	Male # = 15 545
Successful	5 669	27%	7 169	22%	54%	46%
Not Successful	4 775	23%	8 376	25%	46%	54%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>10 444</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>15 545</b>	<b>47%</b>		
Absent	1 851	9%	2 788	8%		
Deferred	2 311	11%	3 524	11%		
OSSLC	6 473	31%	11 089	34%		

### Provincial Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



### Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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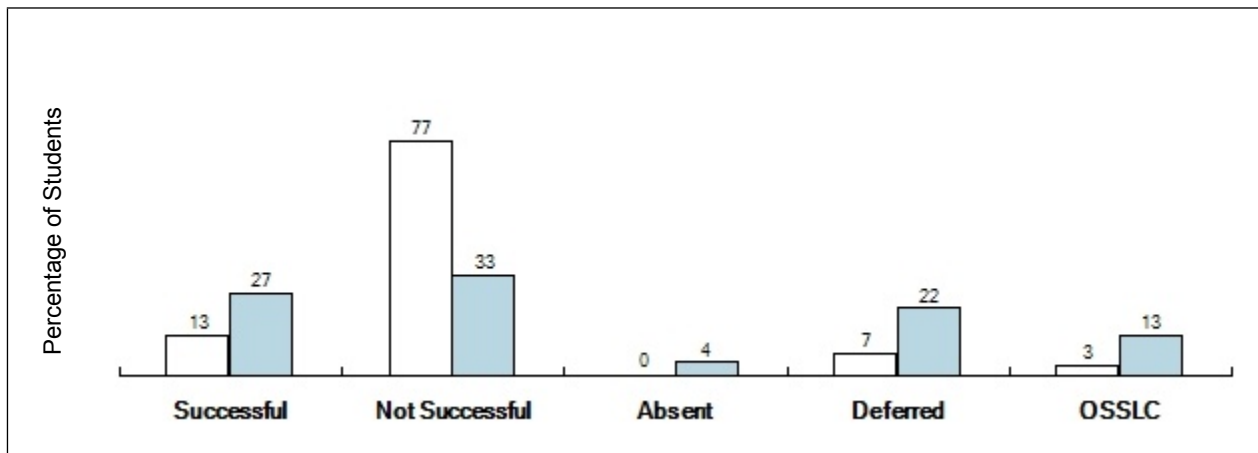
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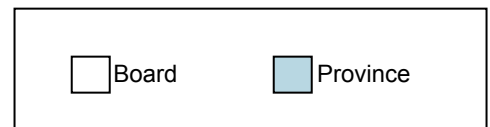
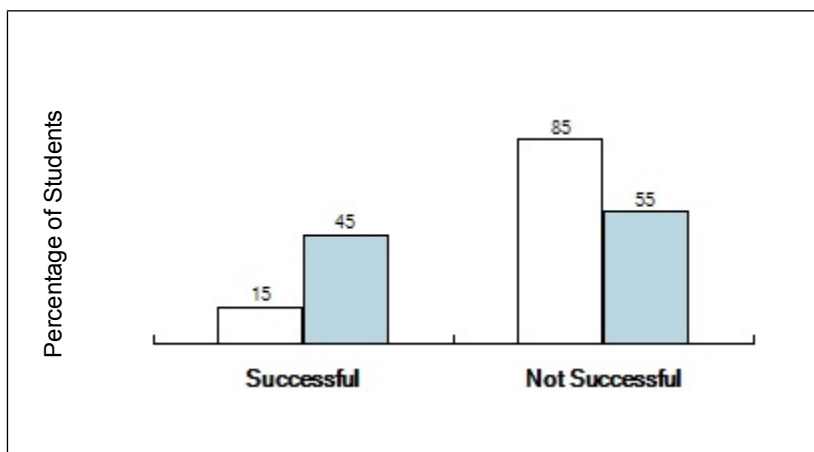
### Results for English Language Learners\*

	Results for English Language Learners Previously Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = 30	Province # = 8 278	Board # = 27	Province # = 5 040
Successful	4	13%	27%	45%
Not Successful	23	77%	33%	55%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>61%</b>	
Absent	0	0%	4%	
Deferred	2	7%	22%	
OSSLC	1	3%	13%	

### Results for All Previously Eligible English Language Learners



### Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible English Language Learners



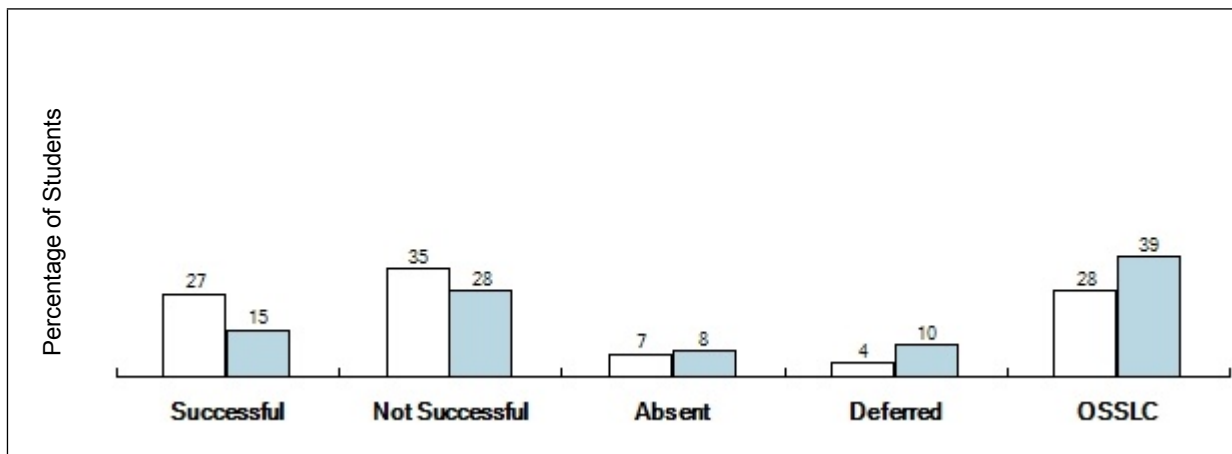
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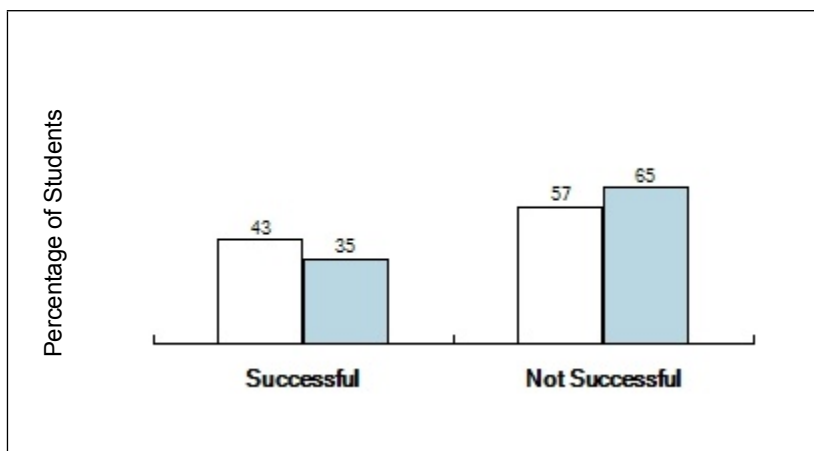
### Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)\*

	Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = 166	Province # = 21 881	Board # = 102	Province # = 9 370
Successful	44	27%	43%	35%
Not Successful	58	35%	57%	65%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>43%</b>	
Absent	11	7%	4%	8%
Deferred	7	4%	10%	
OSSLC	46	28%	28%	39%

### Results for All Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)



### Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)



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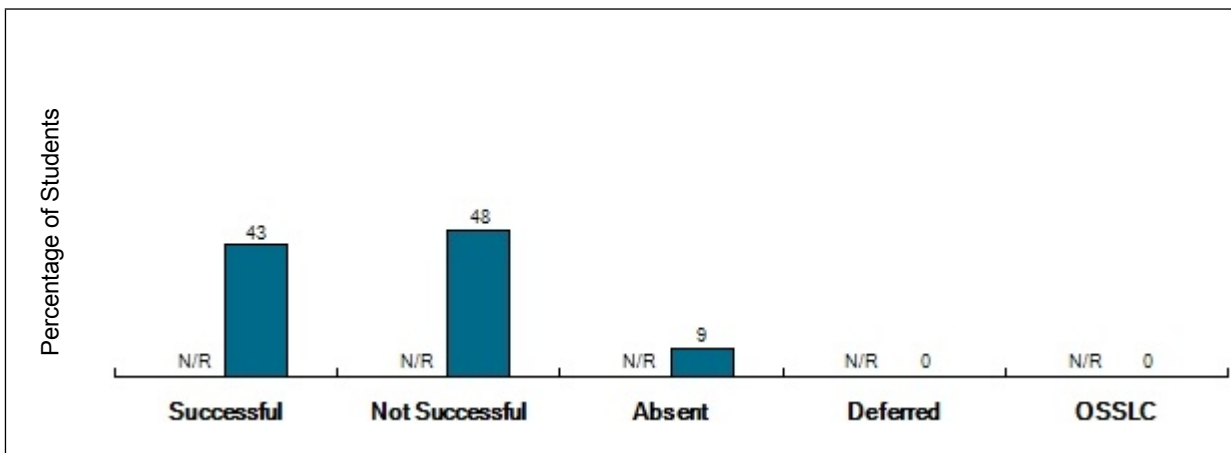


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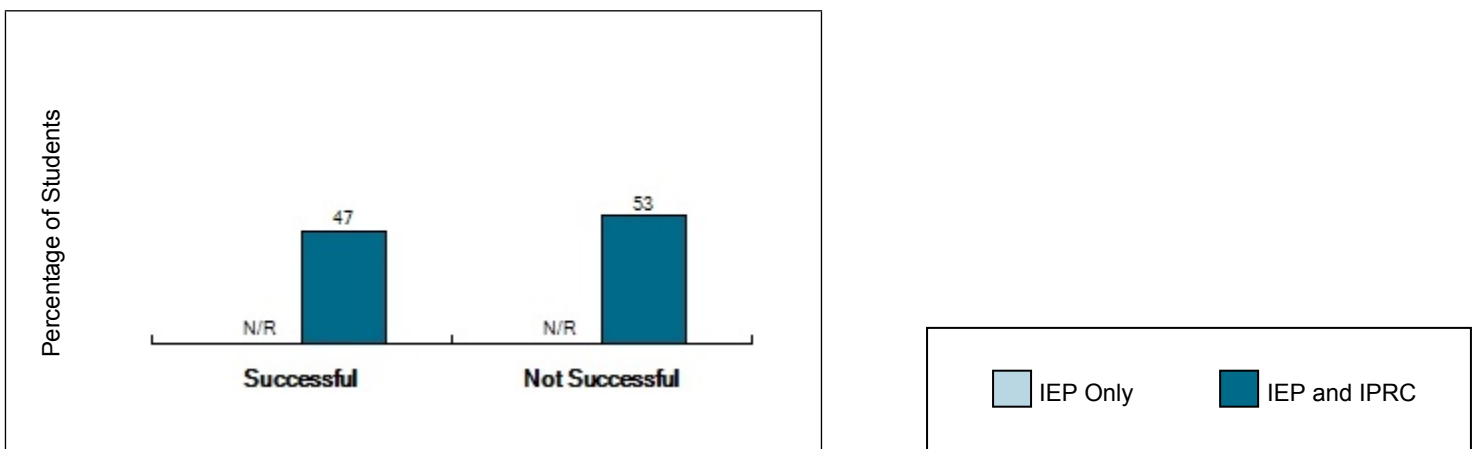
### Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = N/R		IEP and IPRC # = 100		IEP Only # = N/R	IEP and IPRC # = 91
Successful	N/R	N/R	43	43%	N/R	47%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	48	48%	N/R	53%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	N/R	N/R	91	91%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	9	9%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	0	0%		
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	0	0%		

### Board Results for All Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



### Board Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



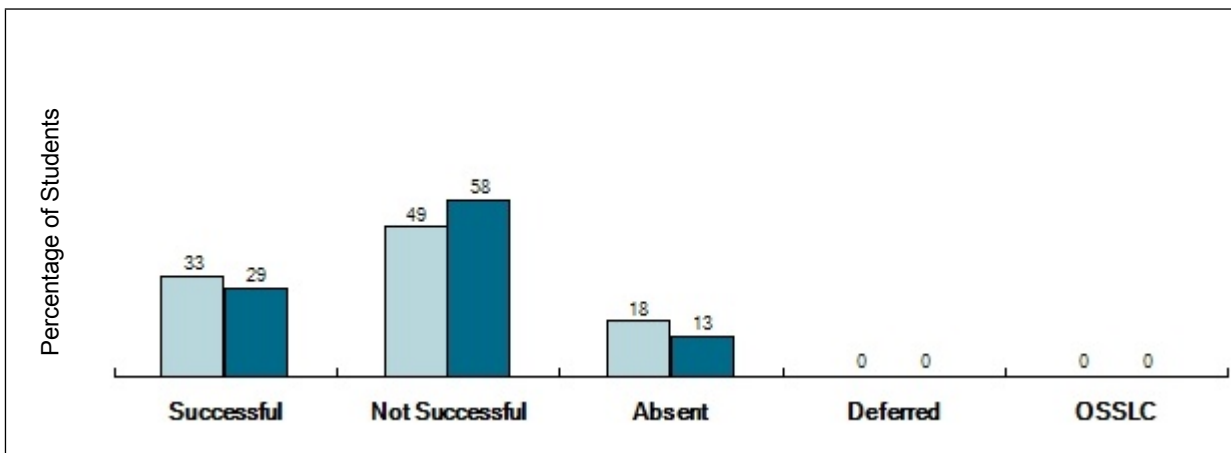
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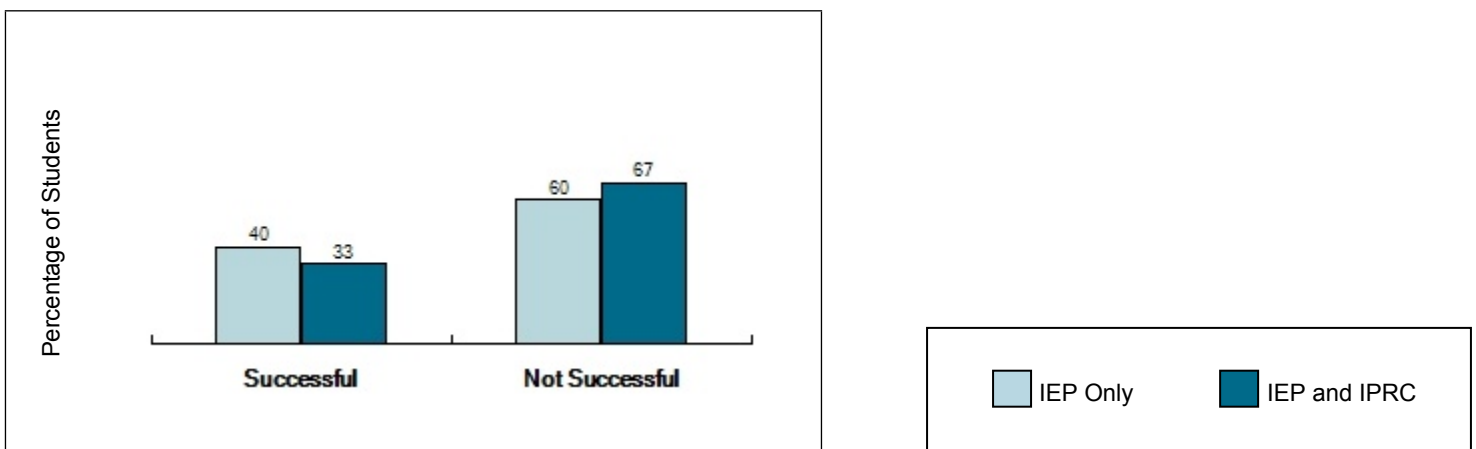
### Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 4 135		IEP and IPRC # = 6 113		IEP Only # = 3 407	IEP and IPRC # = 5 317
Successful	1 363	33%	1 777	29%	40%	33%
Not Successful	2 044	49%	3 540	58%	60%	67%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>3 407</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>5 317</b>	<b>87%</b>		
Absent	728	18%	797	13%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		
OSSLC	0	0%	0	0%		

### Provincial Results for All Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)




### Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



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## STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 291)

Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*		Number of Students Who Answered "Yes"
	0	100	
<b>1. Types of materials students read in English outside school most weeks:</b>			
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	34	62	99
comics	26	68	77
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	89	9	259
letters	35	60	103
magazines	45	52	130
manuals, instructions	44	51	129
newspapers	27	68	79
novels, fiction, short stories	54	41	158
song lyrics, poems	66	31	193
religious or spiritual writings	23	72	66
<b>2. Types of writing students do in English outside school most weeks:</b>			
e-mail, chat messages	94	5	273
letter, journals, diaries	25	71	72
notes, directions, instructions	47	50	138
song lyrics, poems	44	52	129
stories, fiction	26	70	76
work-related writing	49	48	142
<b>3. Types of English language materials students have at home (print or electronic):</b>			
dictionaries, encyclopedias	71	25	207
books	88	10	257
newspapers	64	34	185
magazines	67	31	195
			

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## STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 291)

Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*		Number of Students
	0	100	
<b>4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:</b>			
one hour or less		41	119
more than one hour but less than three hours		29	85
more than three hours but less than five hours		18	51
five hours or more		12	34
<b>5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:</b>			
one hour or less		42	123
more than one hour but less than three hours		33	95
more than three hours but less than five hours		14	40
five hours or more		10	28
<b>6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:</b>			
don't have a computer at home		9	26
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework		20	57
use a computer once or twice a month for homework		20	58
use a computer once or twice a week for homework		31	90
use a computer almost every day for homework		20	59
<b>7. First language students learned at home was English:</b>			
yes		66	193
no		33	97
<b>8. Language(s) students speak at home:</b>			
only or mostly English		60	176
another language (or other languages) as often as English		21	62
only or mostly another language (or other languages)		17	50

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All (# = 291)	Female* (# = 112)	Male* (# = 179)	All (# = 24 015)	Female* (# = 9 807)	Male* (# = 14 208)
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they</b>						
have a computer at home.	91%	95%	88%	91%	92%	91%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	20%	22%	19%	25%	28%	23%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they read the following types of materials in English outside school most weeks:</b>						
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	34%	35%	34%	39%	39%	39%
comics	26%	15%	34%	34%	27%	39%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	89%	91%	88%	91%	94%	90%
letters	35%	38%	34%	37%	40%	35%
magazines	45%	58%	36%	46%	55%	40%
manuals, instructions	44%	36%	50%	49%	39%	55%
newspapers	27%	23%	30%	37%	35%	38%
novels, fiction, short stories	54%	66%	47%	62%	74%	54%
song lyrics, poems	66%	78%	59%	68%	79%	60%
religious or spiritual writings	23%	24%	22%	27%	29%	25%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for</b>						
more than three hours a week.	29%	30%	28%	30%	35%	27%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home (print or electronic):</b>						
dictionaries, encyclopedias	71%	71%	71%	71%	74%	69%
books	88%	92%	86%	88%	91%	86%
newspapers	64%	61%	65%	66%	65%	67%
magazines	67%	70%	65%	64%	67%	62%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:</b>						
e-mail, chat messages	94%	96%	92%	93%	94%	92%
letters, journals, diaries	25%	36%	18%	29%	43%	20%
notes, directions, instructions	47%	49%	46%	53%	57%	51%
song lyrics, poems	44%	54%	38%	41%	49%	36%
stories, fiction	26%	31%	23%	31%	36%	27%
work-related writing	49%	50%	48%	55%	55%	55%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for</b>						
more than three hours a week.	23%	25%	22%	25%	29%	23%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was</b>						
other than English.	33%	37%	31%	34%	36%	32%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**</b>						
only or mostly English	60%	57%	63%	62%	59%	64%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	21%	25%	19%	21%	23%	20%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	17%	18%	17%	16%	17%	16%

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS	
<b>First-Time Eligible Students</b>	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.
<b>Previously Eligible Students</b>	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.
<b>All Eligible Students</b>	This method of reporting provides percentages based on <b>all</b> 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).
<b>Fully Participating Students</b>	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.
<b>Successful</b>	Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that met the expected standard.
<b>Not Successful</b>	Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that did not meet the expected standard.
<b>Absent</b>	Students who did not submit work for <b>one or both</b> sessions due to absence or for other reasons.
<b>Deferred</b>	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.
<b>OSSLC</b>	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 ( <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca">www.edu.gov.on.ca</a> ). If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as OSSLC.
<b>Exempted</b>	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.
<b>English Language Learners</b>	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).
<b>English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions</b>	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> .
<b>Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)</b>	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.
<b>Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)</b>	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> .
<b>N/R</b>	"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.
<b>N/D</b>	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the group or year specified.
<b>W</b>	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact personnel at the board.