



# School Report

## First-Time Eligible Students



### Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013

**School: Blessed Trinity SS (690791)**

**Board: Niagara Catholic DSB (67156)**

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,

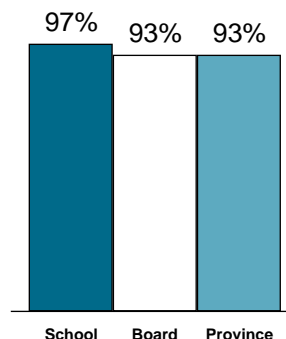
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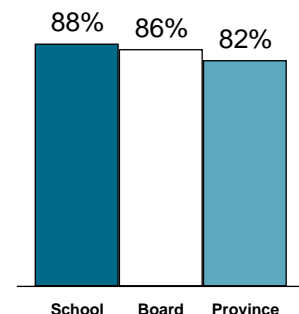
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### FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS 2013: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

**Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully**



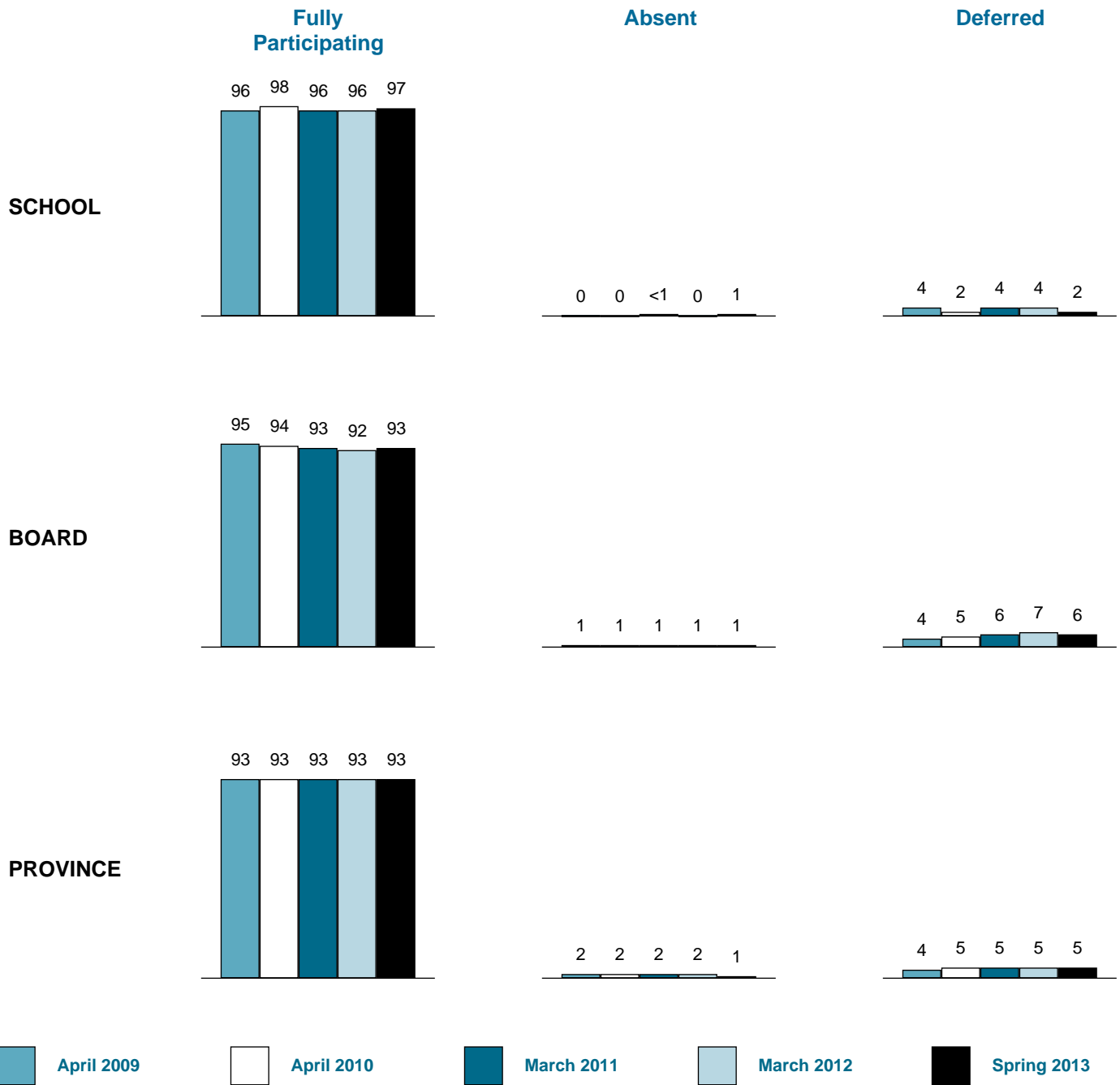
**Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful**



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## PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

### PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS\*



### 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>
School	243	217	205	204	225
Board	2 065	2 024	2 095	1 846	1 750
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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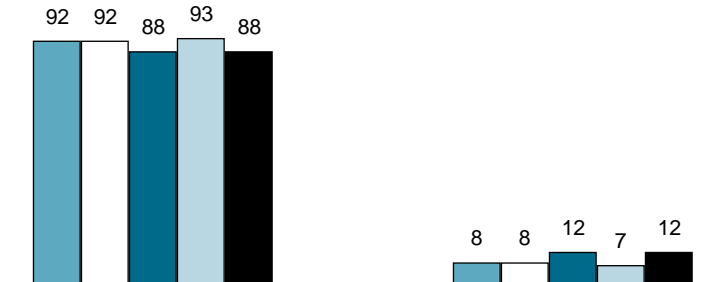
## ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

### PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS\*

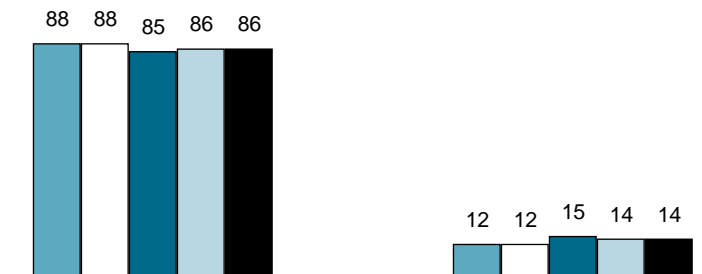
#### Successful

#### Not Successful

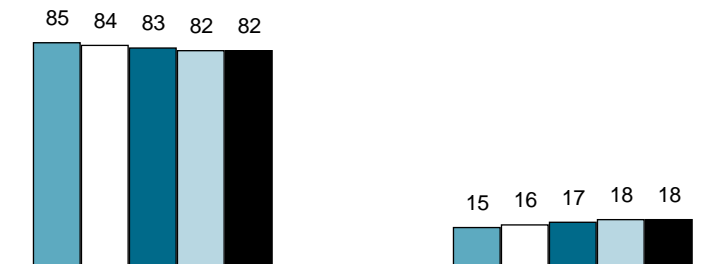
#### SCHOOL



#### 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>
School	234	213	196	195	218
Board	1 960	1 901	1 952	1 695	1 630
Province	142 394	142 955	143 246	137 002	134 033

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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.



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 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.



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.



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 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.

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

## Contextual Information

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

	School		Board		Province	
<b>Enrolment</b>						
Number of first-time eligible students	225		1 750		143 358	
Number of schools with first-time eligible students	<i>n/a</i>		8		792	
Number of students who were exempted	4		20		1 670	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Participation in the Test</b>						
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	218	97%	1 630	93%	134 033	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	2	1%	13	1%	2 059	1%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	5	2%	107	6%	7 266	5%
<b>Gender<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>						
Female	101	45%	845	48%	70 092	49%
Male	124	55%	905	52%	73 260	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	6	<1%
<b>Student Status<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>						
English language learners*	2	1%	17	1%	8 051	6%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	2	1%	10	1%	4 294	3%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	40	18%	288	16%	25 390	18%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	37	17%	204	13%	20 580	15%
<b>Course Type in English<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>						
Academic	177	79%	1 297	74%	102 260	71%
Applied	44	20%	363	21%	31 172	22%
Locally developed	2	1%	45	3%	4 791	3%
ESL/ELD	2	1%	26	1%	3 348	2%
Other	0	0%	19	1%	1 749	1%
<b>Language<sup>††</sup> Based on Student Questionnaire data</b>						
	Number of Respondents:		218	1 586	130 397	
First language learned at home was other than English	12	6%	153	10%	29 916	23%
Speak only or mostly English at home	198	91%	1 368	86%	96 271	74%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	15	7%	138	9%	24 467	19%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	2	1%	61	4%	8 587	7%

<sup>†</sup> 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.

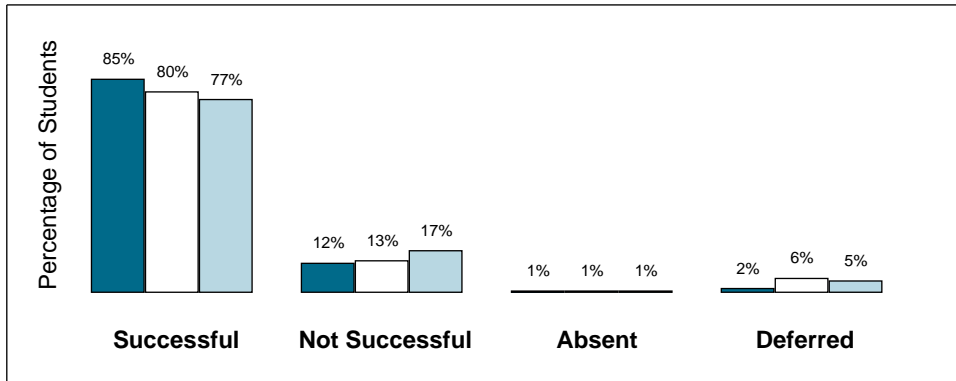
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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

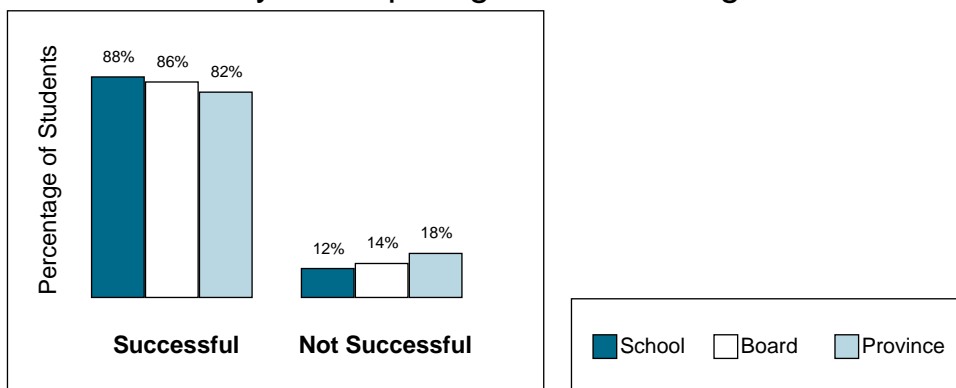
### Results for All Students\*

First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 225	Board # = 1 750	Province # = 143 358	School # = 218	Board # = 1 630	Province # = 134 033	
Successful	192	85%	80%	77%	88%	86%	82%
Not Successful	26	12%	13%	17%	12%	14%	18%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>			
Absent	2	1%	1%	1%			
Deferred	5	2%	6%	5%			

### Results for All First-Time Eligible Students



### Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students



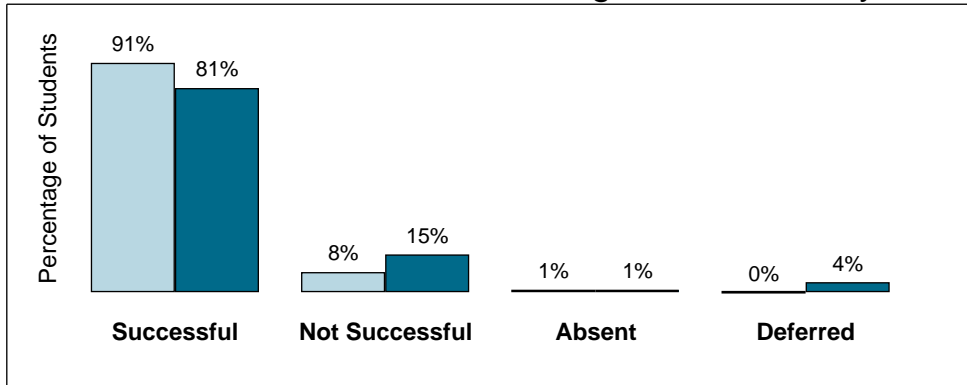
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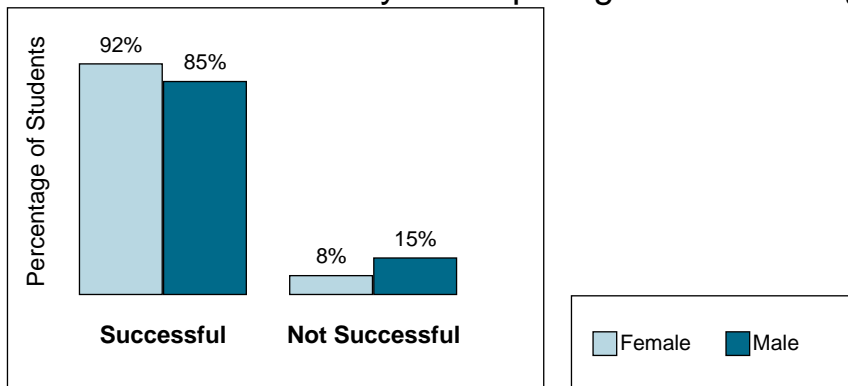
### School Results by Gender\*†

School Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 101		Male # = 124		Female # = 100	Male # = 118
Successful	92	91%	100	81%	92%	85%
Not Successful	8	8%	18	15%	8%	15%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>95%</b>		
Absent	1	1%	1	1%		
Deferred	0	0%	5	4%		

### 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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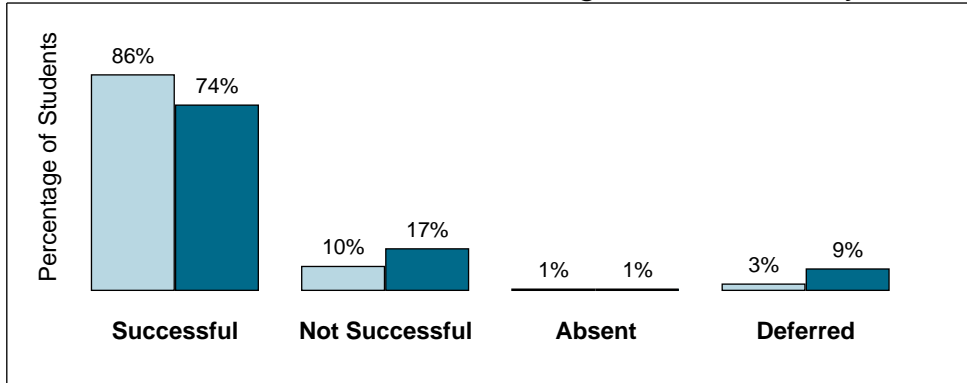
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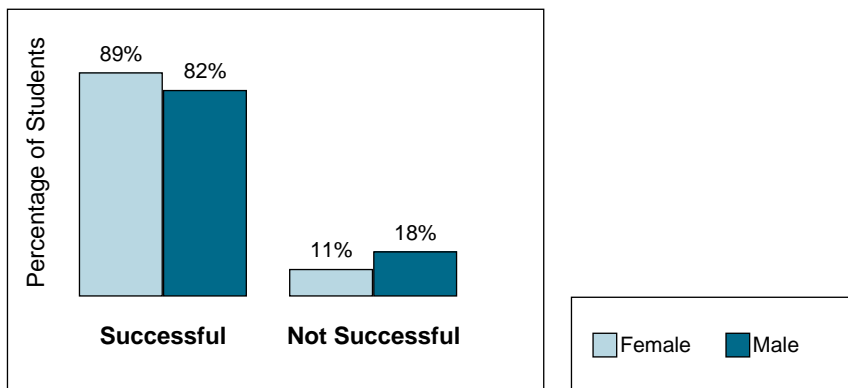
### Board Results by Gender\*†

Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 845		Male # = 905		Female # = 809	Male # = 821
Successful	724	86%	670	74%	89%	82%
Not Successful	85	10%	151	17%	11%	18%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>91%</b>		
Absent	7	1%	6	1%		
Deferred	29	3%	78	9%		

### 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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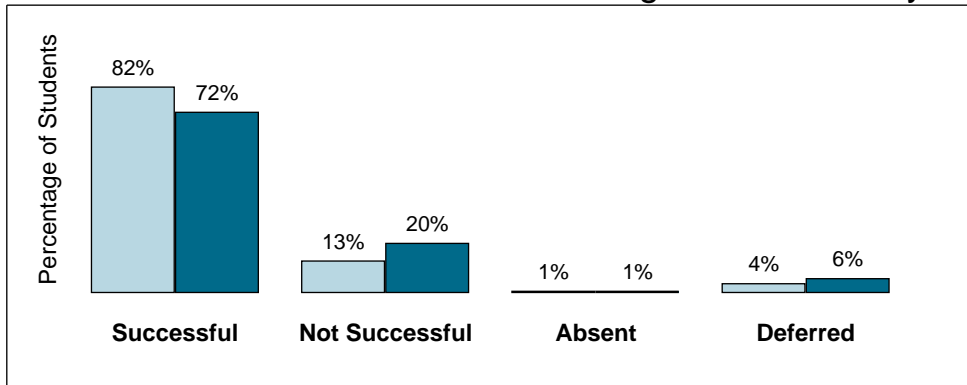


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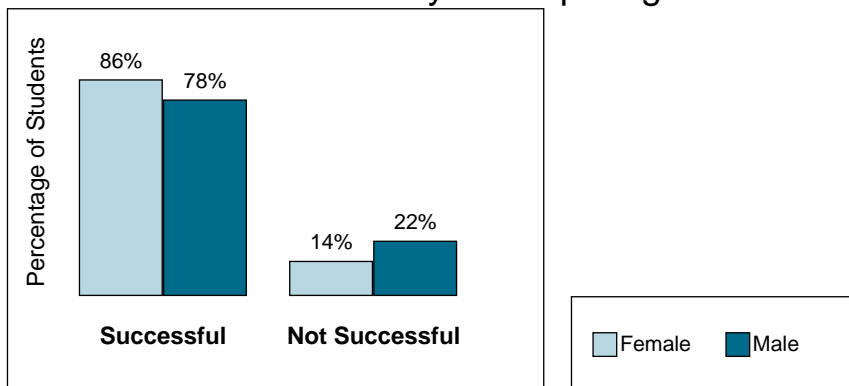
### Provincial Results by Gender<sup>\*†</sup>

	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%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>66 262</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>67 765</b>	<b>92%</b>
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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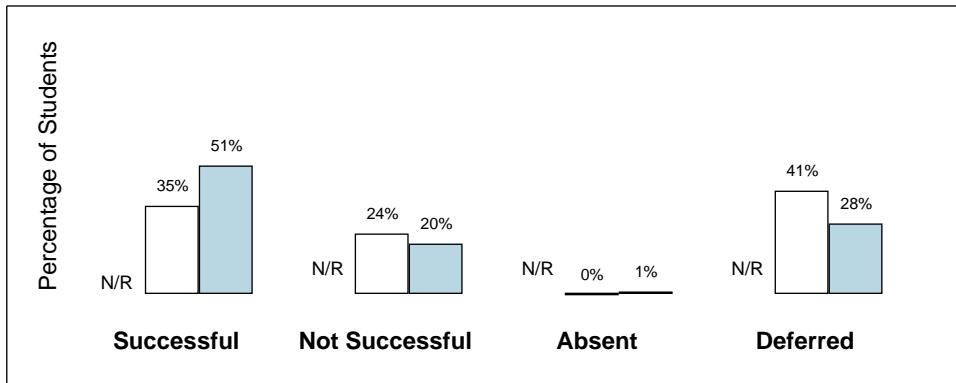
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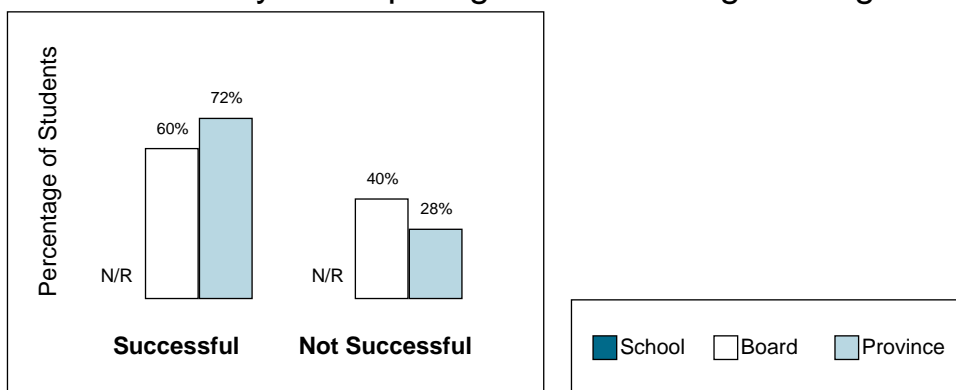
### Results for English Language Learners\*

Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = N/R	Board # = 17	Province # = 8 051	School # = N/R	Board # = 10	Province # = 5 727	
Successful	N/R	N/R	35%	51%	N/R	60%	72%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	24%	20%	N/R	40%	28%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	N/R	N/R	59%	71%			
Absent	N/R	N/R	0%	1%			
Deferred	N/R	N/R	41%	28%			

### Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



### Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



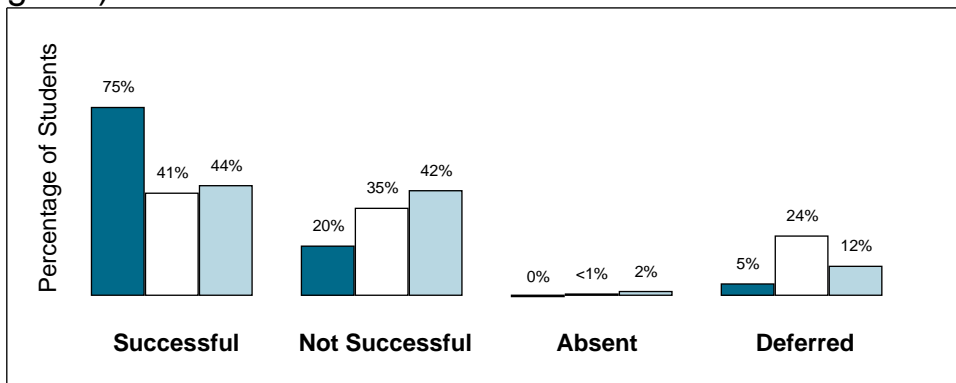
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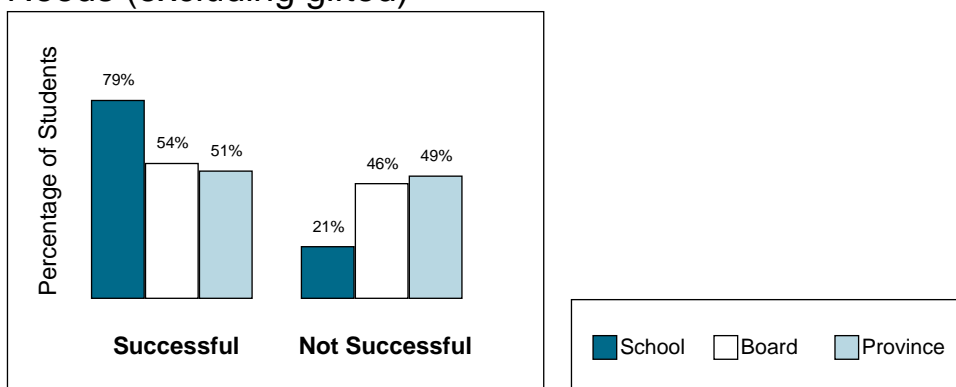
### Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)\*

Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 40	Board # = 288	Province # = 25 390	School # = 38	Board # = 217	Province # = 21 831	
Successful	30	75%	41%	44%	79%	54%	51%
Not Successful	8	20%	35%	42%	21%	46%	49%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>86%</b>			
Absent	0	0%	<1%	2%			
Deferred	2	5%	24%	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)



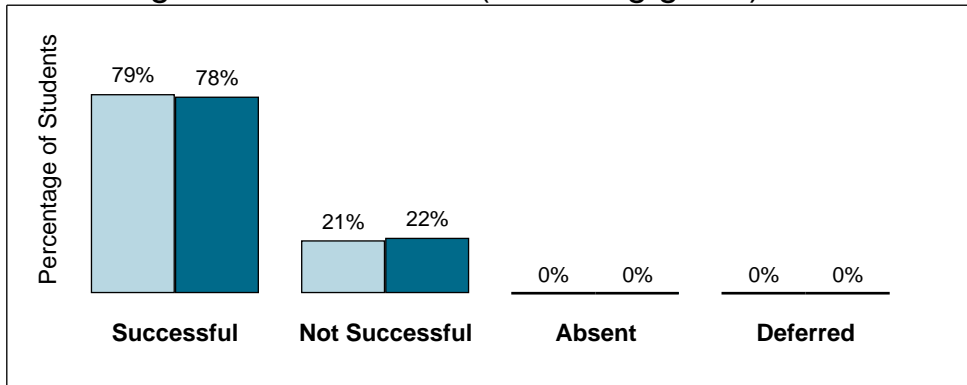
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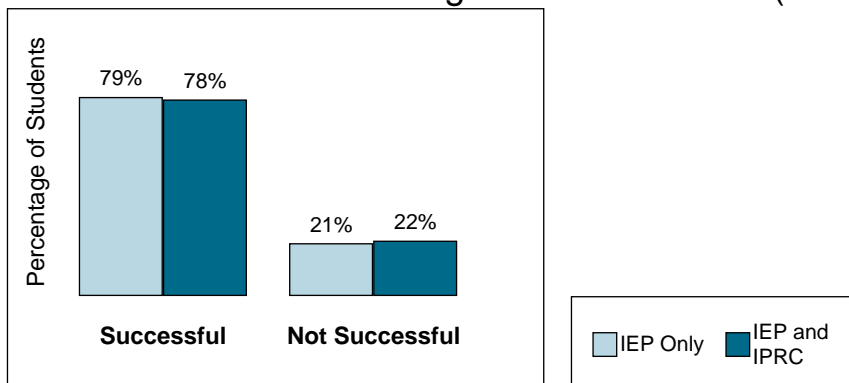
### School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 19		IEP and IPRC # = 18		IEP Only # = 19	IEP and IPRC # = 18
Successful	15	79%	14	78%	79%	78%
Not Successful	4	21%	4	22%	21%	22%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>100%</b>		
Absent	0	0%	0	0%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		

### 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)



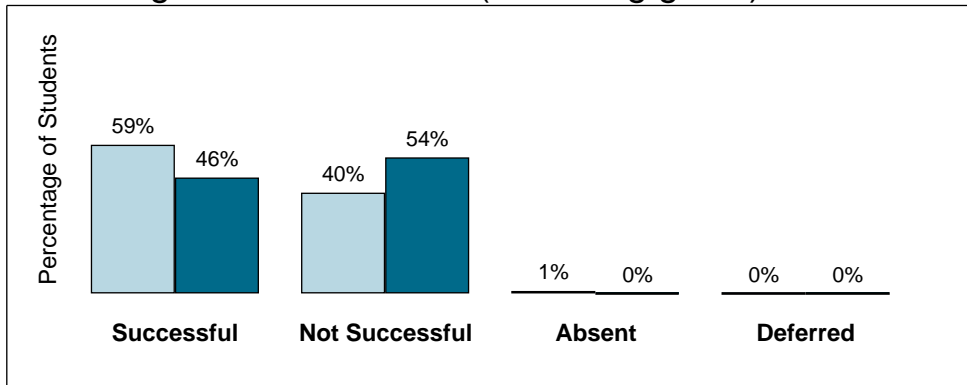
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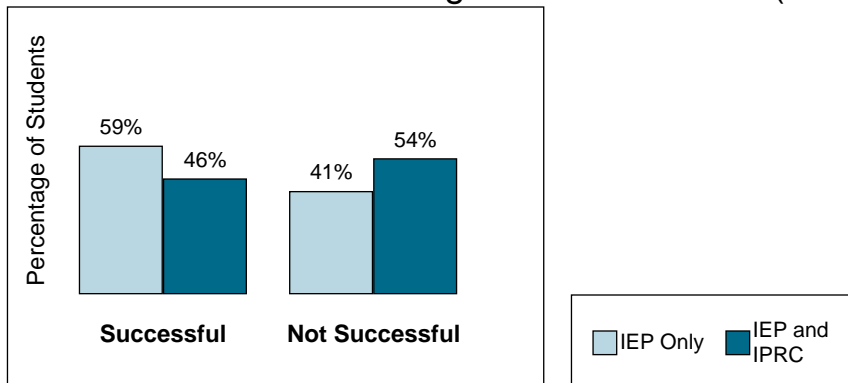
### Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 112		IEP and IPRC # = 93		IEP Only # = 111	IEP and IPRC # = 93
Successful	66	59%	43	46%	59%	46%
Not Successful	45	40%	50	54%	41%	54%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100%</b>		
Absent	1	1%	0	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)



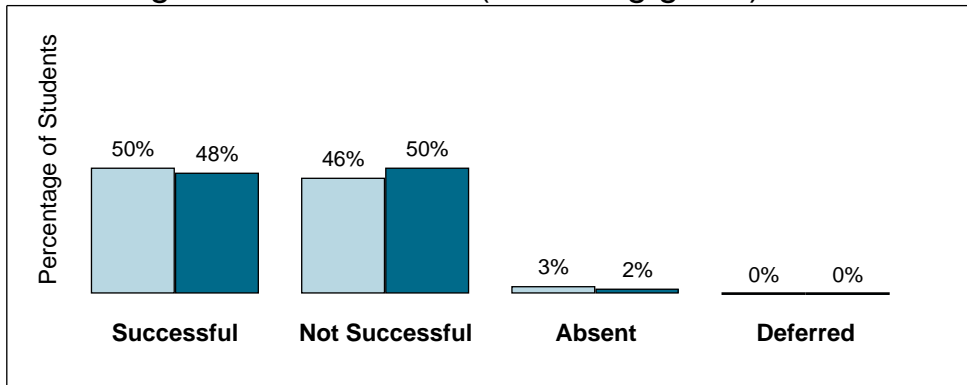
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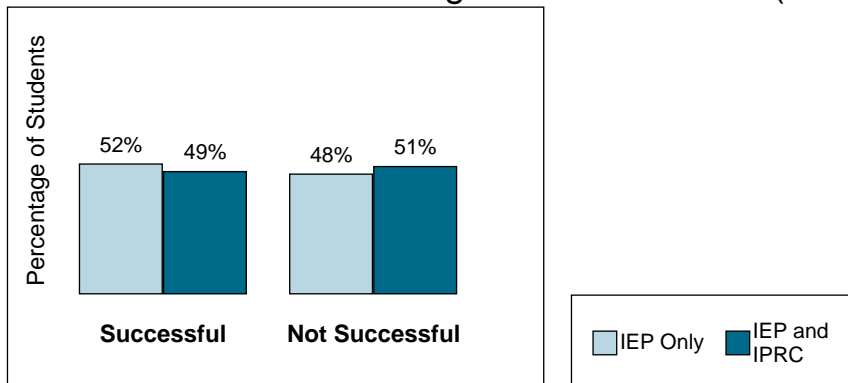
### Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	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%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>7 927</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>12 653</b>	<b>98%</b>		
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)



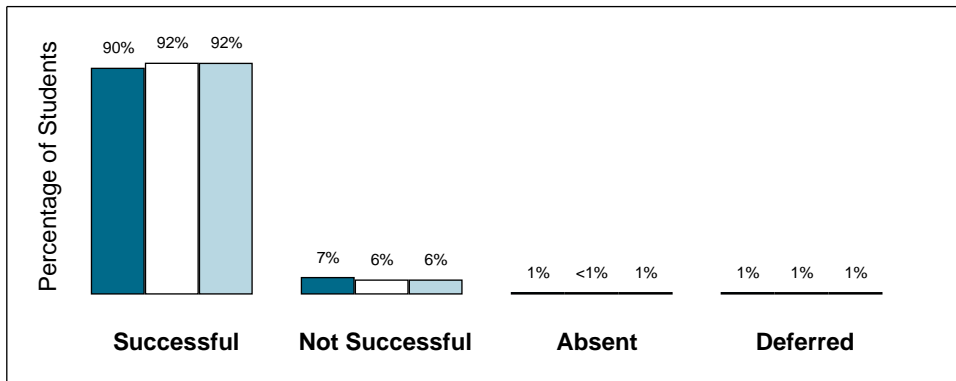
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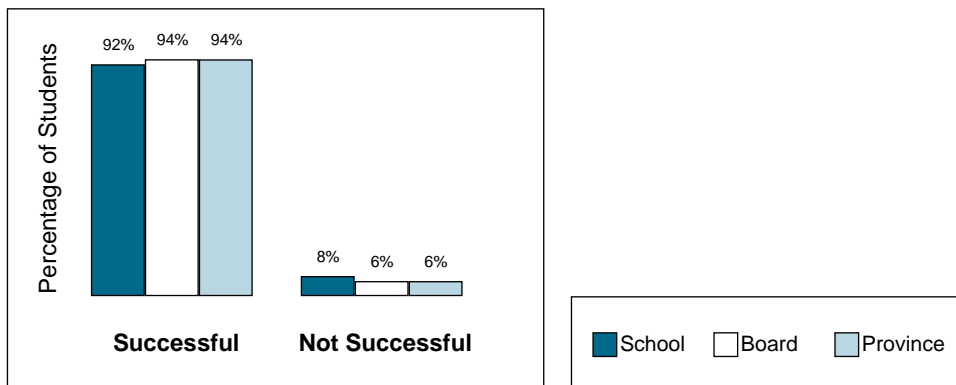
### Results for Students Taking Academic English Course\*

Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 177	Board # = 1 297	Province # = 102 260	School # = 173	Board # = 1 277	Province # = 100 711	
Successful	160	90%	92%	92%	94%	94%	
Not Successful	13	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%	
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>			
Absent	2	1%	<1%	1%			
Deferred	2	1%	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



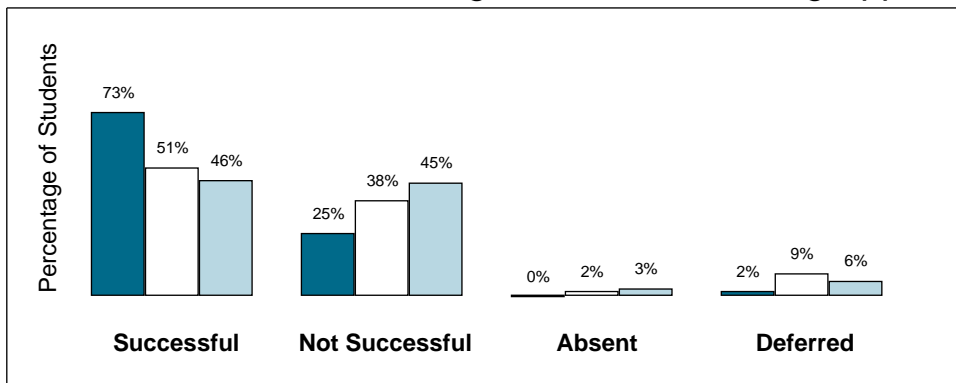
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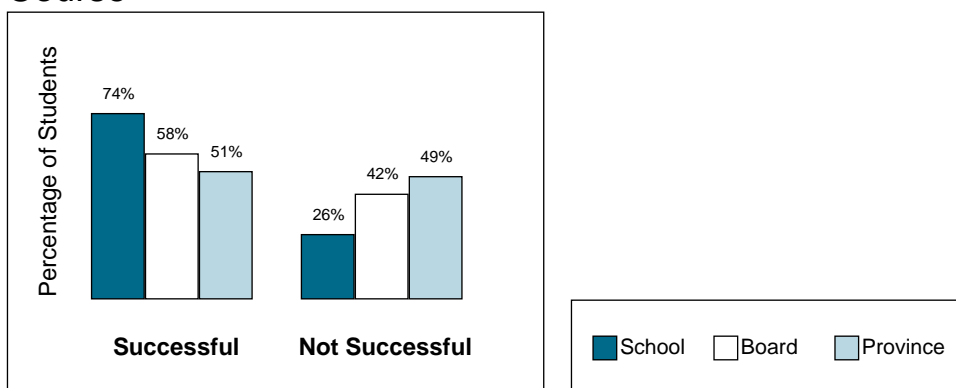
### Results for Students Taking Applied English Course\*

	Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 44	Board # = 363	Province # = 31 172	School # = 43	Board # = 323	Province # = 28 252	
Successful	32	73%	51%	46%	74%	58%	51%
Not Successful	11	25%	38%	45%	26%	42%	49%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>91%</b>			
Absent	0	0%	2%	3%			
Deferred	1	2%	9%	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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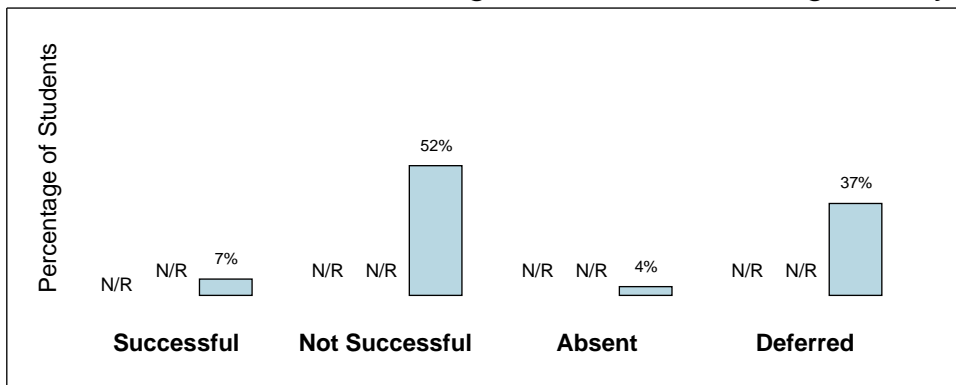


## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

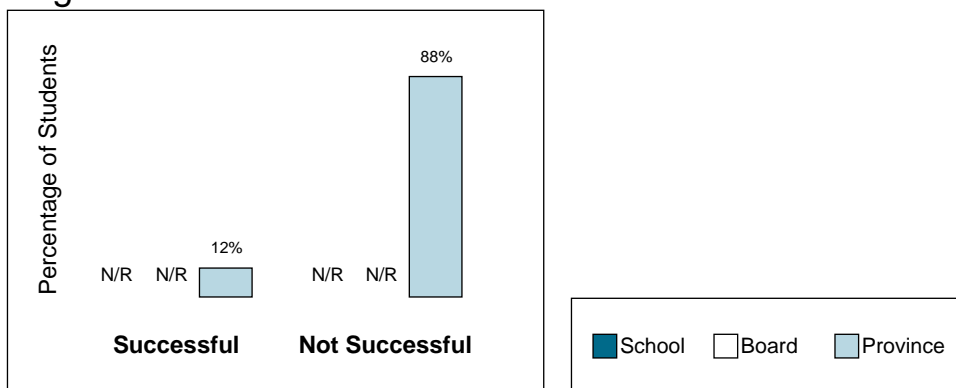
### Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course\*

	Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = N/R	Board # = N/R	Province # = 4 791	School # = N/R	Board # = N/R	Province # = 2 814	
Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	7%	N/R	N/R	12%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	52%	N/R	N/R	88%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	N/R	N/R	N/R	59%			
Absent	N/R	N/R	N/R	4%			
Deferred	N/R	N/R	N/R	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



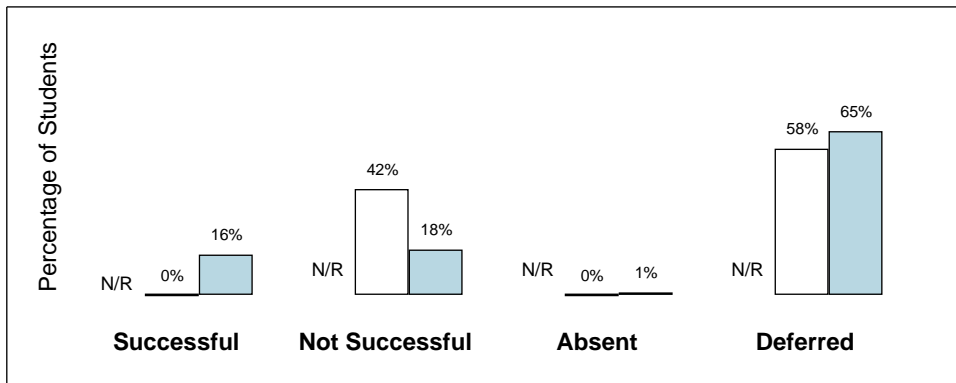
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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students

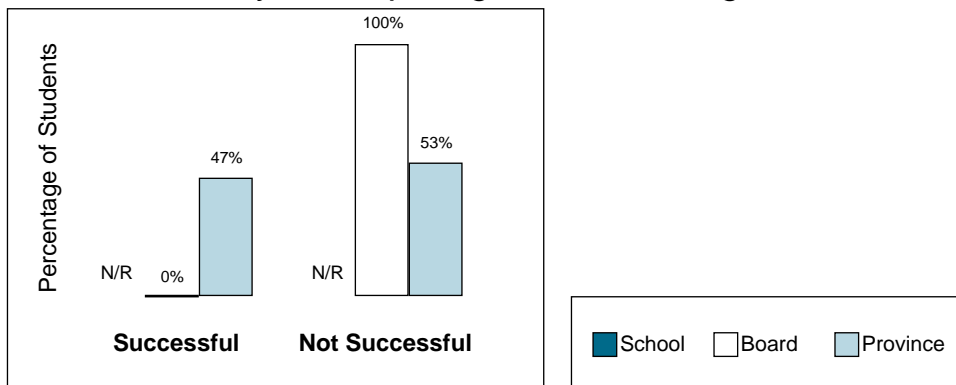
### Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course\*

Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = N/R	Board # = 26	Province # = 3 348	School # = N/R	Board # = 11	Province # = 1 137	
Successful	N/R	N/R	0%	16%	N/R	0%	47%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	42%	18%	N/R	100%	53%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	N/R	N/R	42%	34%			
Absent	N/R	N/R	0%	1%			
Deferred	N/R	N/R	58%	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 school's results of the current and previous administrations.

	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010	Mar. 2011	Mar. 2012	Spr. 2013
<b>Enrolment</b>					
Number of first-time eligible students	243	217	205	204	225
Number of students who were exempted	2	2	1	1	4
<b>Participation in the Test</b>					
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	96%	98%	96%	96%	97%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	0%	0%	<1%	0%	1%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%
<b>Gender<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>					
Female	45%	52%	53%	55%	45%
Male	55%	48%	47%	45%	55%
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Student Status<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>					
English language learners*	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	10%	16%	12%	16%	18%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	10%	15%	10%	15%	17%
<b>Course Type in English<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>					
Academic	78%	80%	75%	79%	79%
Applied	17%	14%	20%	18%	20%
Locally developed	3%	5%	3%	2%	1%
ESL/ELD	<1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Other	2%	1%	1%	<1%	0%
<b>Language<sup>††</sup> Based on Student Questionnaire data</b>					
	Number of Respondents: 228 211 194 194 218				
First language learned at home was other than English	6%	5%	4%	7%	6%
Speak only or mostly English at home	89%	94%	92%	90%	91%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	8%	3%	7%	8%	7%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%

<sup>†</sup> 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.

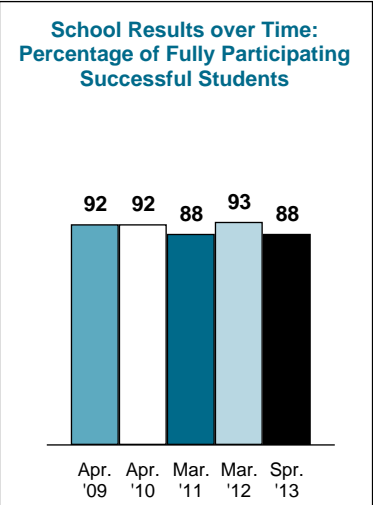
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\*\* Percentages are based on fully participating students.

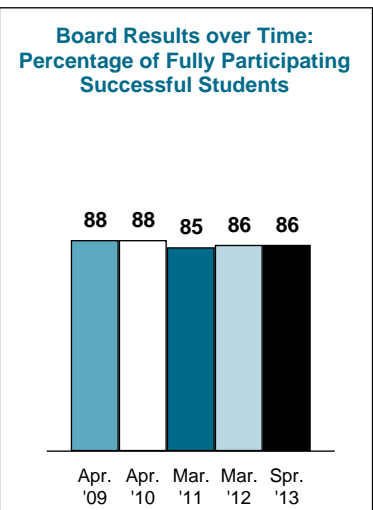
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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013, First-Time Eligible Students Results over Time, April 2009–Spring 2013

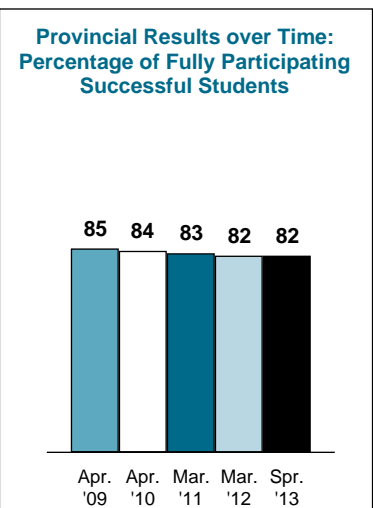
School Results over Time*										
	April '09		April '10		March '11		March '12		Spring '13	
<i>All Students</i>	243		217		205		204		225	
<b>Successful (all)</b>	216	89%	197	91%	172	84%	182	89%	192	85%
Not Successful	18	7%	16	7%	24	12%	13	6%	26	12%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	234	96%	213	98%	196	96%	195	96%	218	97%
Absent	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	2	1%
Deferred	9	4%	4	2%	8	4%	9	4%	5	2%
<b>Fully Participating Successful</b>	216	92%	197	92%	172	88%	182	93%	192	88%



Board Results over Time*										
	April '09		April '10		March '11		March '12		Spring '13	
<i>All Students</i>	2 065		2 024		2 095		1 846		1 750	
<b>Successful (all)</b>	1 725	84%	1 667	82%	1 659	79%	1 453	79%	1 394	80%
Not Successful	235	11%	234	12%	293	14%	242	13%	236	13%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	1 960	95%	1 901	94%	1 952	93%	1 695	92%	1 630	93%
Absent	19	1%	20	1%	20	1%	16	1%	13	1%
Deferred	86	4%	103	5%	123	6%	135	7%	107	6%
<b>Fully Participating Successful</b>	1 725	88%	1 667	88%	1 659	85%	1 453	86%	1 394	86%



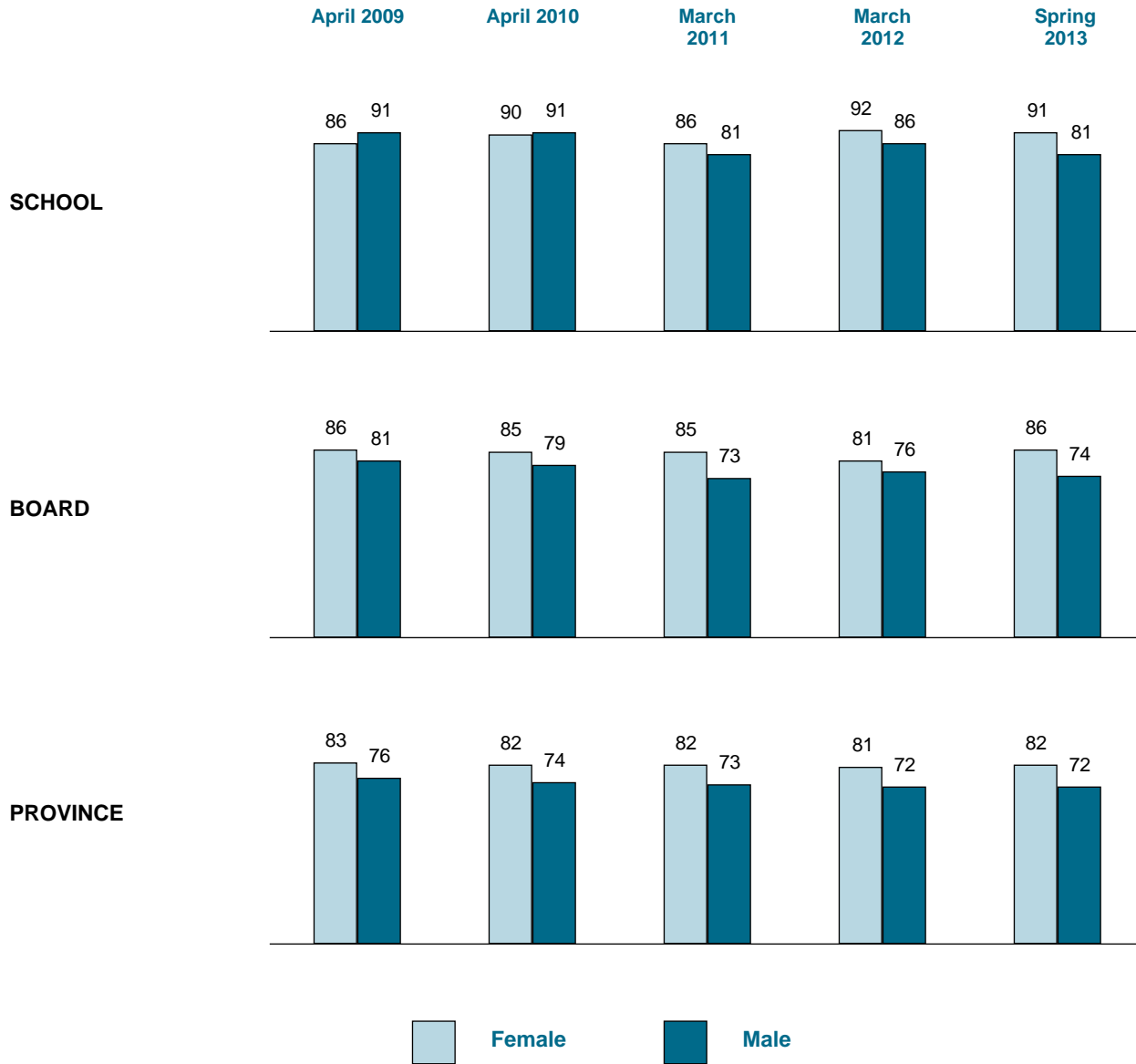
Provincial Results over Time*										
	April '09		April '10		March '11		March '12		Spring '13	
<i>All Students</i>	152 830		153 490		153 635		147 306		143 358	
<b>Successful (all)</b>	120 776	79%	120 218	78%	118 961	77%	112 717	77%	110 162	77%
Not Successful	21 618	14%	22 737	15%	24 285	16%	24 285	16%	23 871	17%
<b>Fully Participating</b>	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%
<b>Fully Participating Successful</b>	120 776	85%	120 218	84%	118 961	83%	112 717	82%	110 162	82%



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**ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†**

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



Female Male

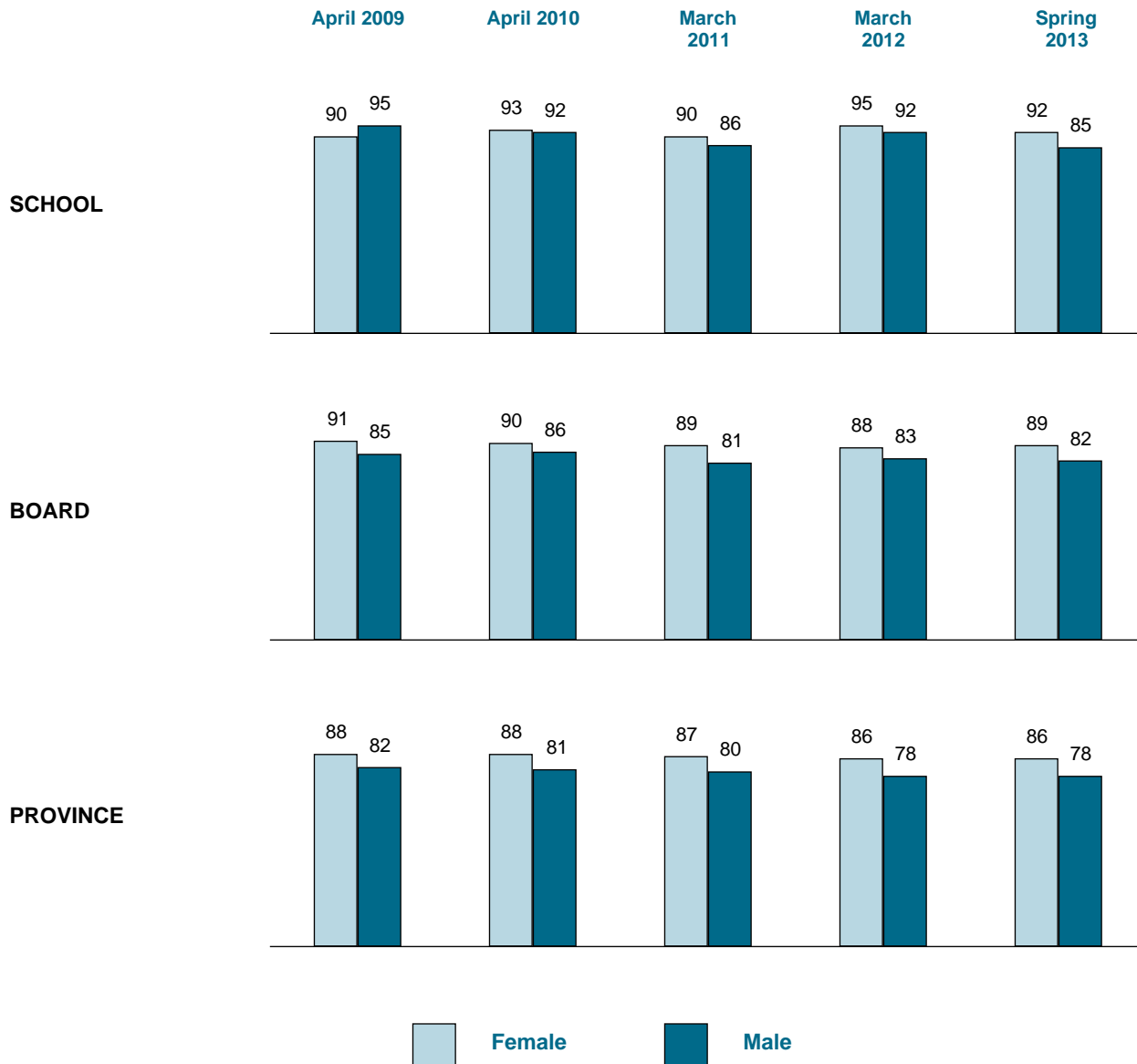
**Number of First-Time Eligible Students†**

	<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
School	109	134	112	105	109	96	113	91	101	124
Board	1 016	1 049	991	1 033	1 090	1 005	940	906	845	905
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**

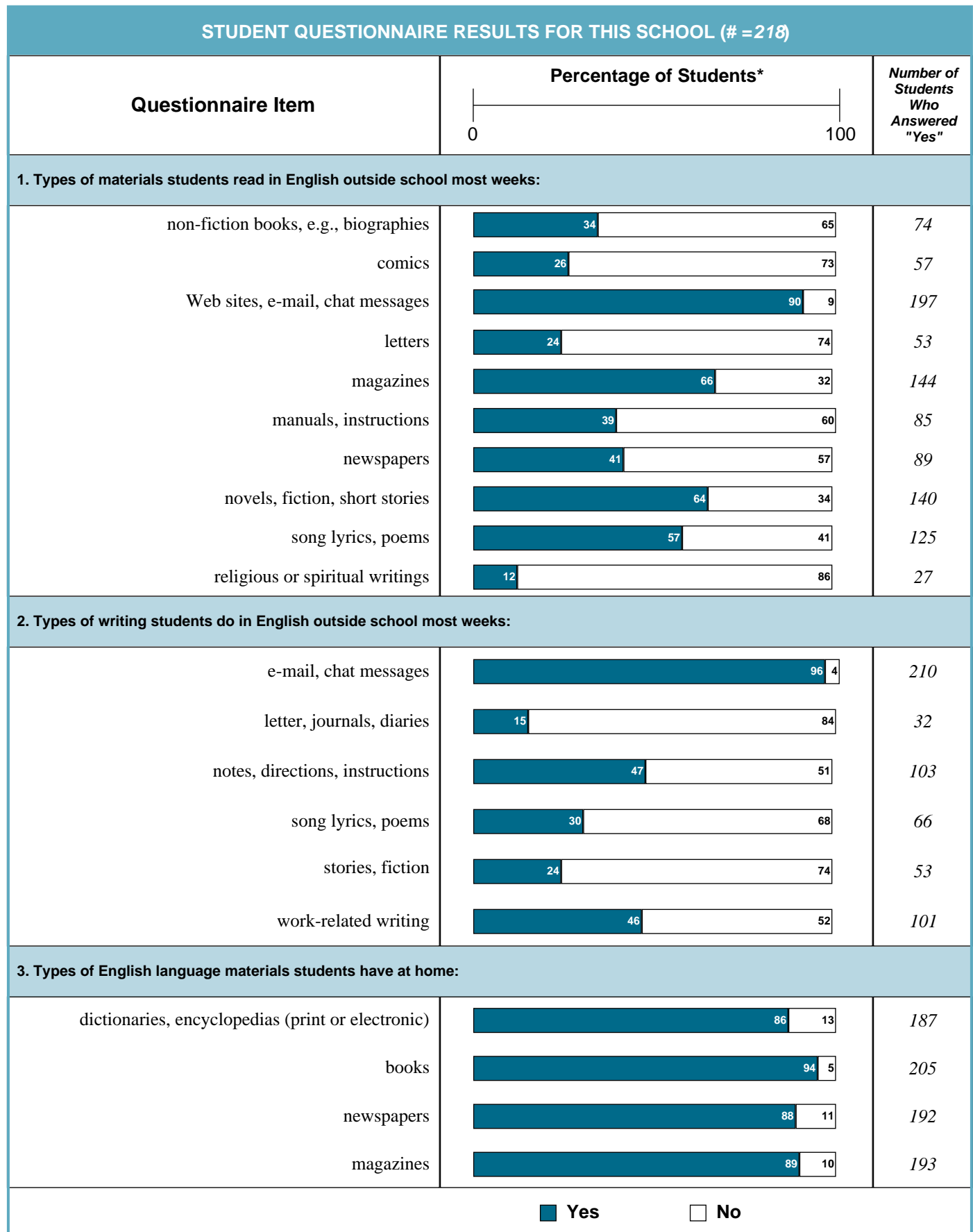


**Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†**

	<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
School	105	129	109	104	105	91	110	85	100	118
Board	965	995	942	959	1 044	908	871	824	809	821
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



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

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 218)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	
		Number of Students
<b>4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:</b>		
one hour or less	37	81
more than one hour but less than three hours	28	60
more than three hours but less than five hours	19	42
five hours or more	16	34
<b>5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:</b>		
one hour or less	45	98
more than one hour but less than three hours	32	70
more than three hours but less than five hours	14	31
five hours or more	8	18
<b>6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:</b>		
don't have a computer at home	2	4
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework	10	22
use a computer once or twice a month for homework	19	41
use a computer once or twice a week for homework	48	105
use a computer almost every day for homework	21	46
<b>7. First language students learned at home was English:</b>		
yes	94	206
no	6	12
<b>8. Language(s) students speak at home:</b>		
only or mostly English	91	198
another language (or other languages) as often as English	7	15
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	1	2

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

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (#= 218)	Female* (#= 100)	Male* (#= 118)	All (#= 1 586)	Female* (#= 790)	Male* (#= 796)	All (#= 130 397)	Female* (#= 64 707)	Male* (#= 65 684)
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they</b>									
have a computer at home	<b>98%</b>	98%	98%	<b>97%</b>	98%	97%	<b>97%</b>	98%	97%
use the computer almost every day for homework	<b>21%</b>	24%	19%	<b>25%</b>	26%	25%	<b>34%</b>	36%	32%
<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	<b>34%</b>	28%	39%	<b>35%</b>	30%	41%	<b>36%</b>	33%	40%
comics	<b>26%</b>	13%	37%	<b>26%</b>	16%	35%	<b>33%</b>	25%	41%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	<b>90%</b>	97%	85%	<b>90%</b>	94%	87%	<b>90%</b>	92%	88%
letters	<b>24%</b>	26%	23%	<b>25%</b>	26%	23%	<b>28%</b>	30%	26%
magazines	<b>66%</b>	79%	55%	<b>62%</b>	73%	52%	<b>55%</b>	66%	44%
manuals, instructions	<b>39%</b>	25%	51%	<b>35%</b>	25%	45%	<b>39%</b>	29%	48%
newspapers	<b>41%</b>	38%	43%	<b>39%</b>	34%	44%	<b>41%</b>	38%	43%
novels, fiction, short stories	<b>64%</b>	83%	48%	<b>66%</b>	78%	53%	<b>70%</b>	81%	59%
song lyrics, poems	<b>57%</b>	72%	45%	<b>63%</b>	76%	50%	<b>65%</b>	77%	53%
religious or spiritual writings	<b>12%</b>	14%	11%	<b>16%</b>	16%	16%	<b>23%</b>	24%	22%
<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.	<b>35%</b>	37%	33%	<b>33%</b>	39%	27%	<b>37%</b>	43%	32%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home:</b>									
dictionaries, encyclopedias (print or electronic)	<b>86%</b>	91%	81%	<b>84%</b>	86%	81%	<b>87%</b>	89%	85%
books	<b>94%</b>	97%	92%	<b>94%</b>	96%	92%	<b>93%</b>	96%	91%
newspapers	<b>88%</b>	90%	86%	<b>85%</b>	85%	85%	<b>79%</b>	80%	78%
magazines	<b>89%</b>	94%	84%	<b>84%</b>	88%	81%	<b>78%</b>	82%	73%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:</b>									
e-mail, chat messages	<b>96%</b>	99%	94%	<b>93%</b>	94%	92%	<b>93%</b>	95%	91%
letters, journals, diaries	<b>15%</b>	24%	7%	<b>21%</b>	29%	12%	<b>27%</b>	40%	14%
notes, directions, instructions	<b>47%</b>	54%	42%	<b>42%</b>	44%	41%	<b>46%</b>	49%	44%
song lyrics, poems	<b>30%</b>	32%	29%	<b>34%</b>	39%	29%	<b>36%</b>	43%	29%
stories, fiction	<b>24%</b>	26%	23%	<b>28%</b>	31%	25%	<b>32%</b>	38%	27%
work-related writing	<b>46%</b>	53%	41%	<b>52%</b>	53%	50%	<b>55%</b>	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.	<b>22%</b>	20%	25%	<b>21%</b>	22%	21%	<b>25%</b>	28%	22%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was</b>									
other than English.	<b>6%</b>	8%	3%	<b>10%</b>	10%	10%	<b>23%</b>	23%	23%
<b>Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**</b>									
only or mostly English	<b>91%</b>	94%	88%	<b>86%</b>	87%	85%	<b>74%</b>	74%	74%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	<b>7%</b>	5%	8%	<b>9%</b>	8%	9%	<b>19%</b>	19%	18%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	<b>1%</b>	1%	1%	<b>4%</b>	3%	5%	<b>7%</b>	6%	7%

\* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2013

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS

<b>First-Time Eligible Students</b>	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.
<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 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.
<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 one or both 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/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 the school principal.