



School Report

First-Time Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2016–2017

School: Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School (690791)

Board: Niagara Catholic DSB (67156)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2016–2017 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This report includes the 2016–2017 school and board results, as well as results from previous years, so you can track progress over time. You will also find demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting achievement results.

By developing assessments that gauge student achievement against the learning expectations outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*, EQAO ensures that every student in Ontario’s school system is assessed using the same yardstick at key stages in his or her schooling. In doing so, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels that support educators in their professional practice.

OSSLT results are a powerful tool that helps educators, parents and students identify achievements, challenges and strategies for improvement. In an increasingly knowledge-based economy, literacy is a critical foundation for success in school and life outside school. For this reason, the OSSLT is particularly valuable as an indicator of whether Ontario students have acquired the fundamental reading and writing skills across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

Of course, the information that EQAO provides is not limited to student achievement results and also includes contextual, attitudinal and behavioural data. This wide range of data enables school and board communities to gain richer insights into students’ learning. By using EQAO data in conjunction with classroom and school-board information, educators across the province have been able to make evidence-based decisions in their planning and to monitor the progress of their initiatives. Because of this, EQAO data have served as a catalyst for improving student achievement since the inception of the agency, in 1996.

We hope you will find this report useful. It has been designed to assist you in your conversations about improving student learning. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we all work toward helping students meet, at the minimum, the provincial standard.

Sincerely,

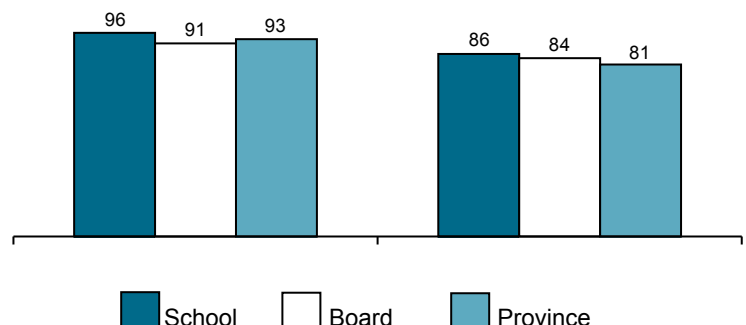
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FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, 2016–2017: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

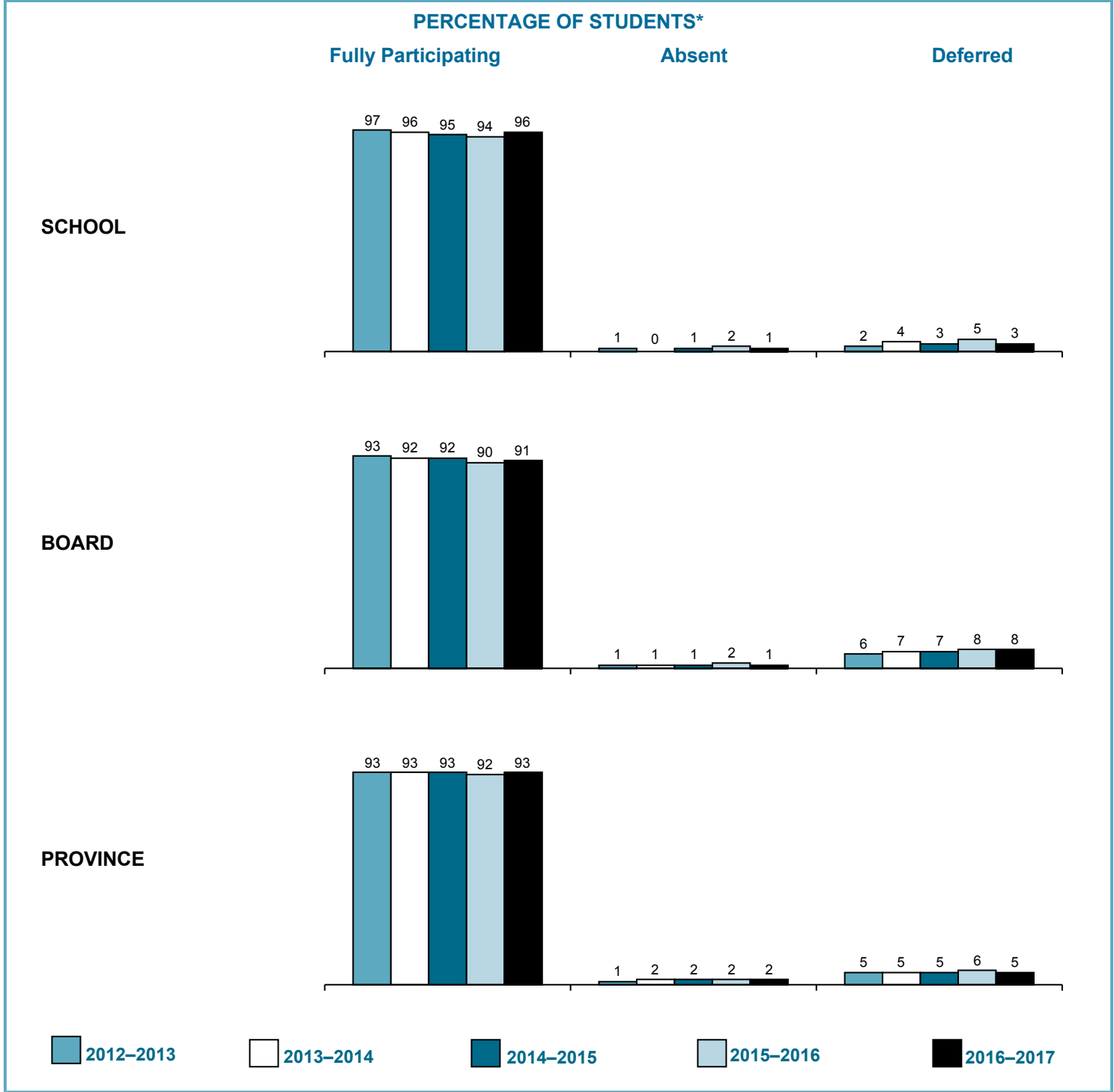
Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully

Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful



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PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME



	Number of First-Time Eligible Students				
	<u>2012–2013</u>	<u>2013–2014</u>	<u>2014–2015</u>	<u>2015–2016</u>	<u>2016–2017</u>
School	225	255	242	241	259
Board	1 750	1 801	1 721	1 657	1 672
Province	143 358	141 815	137 620	135 111	136 492

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

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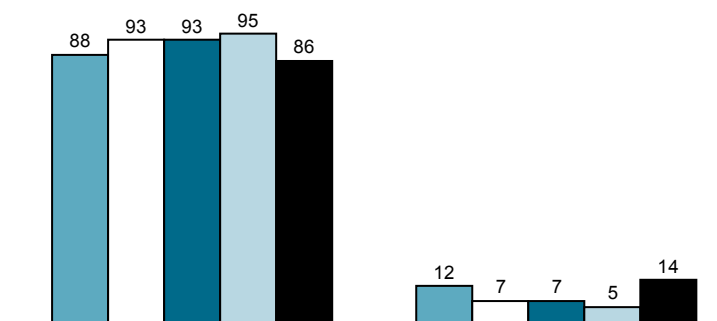
ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*

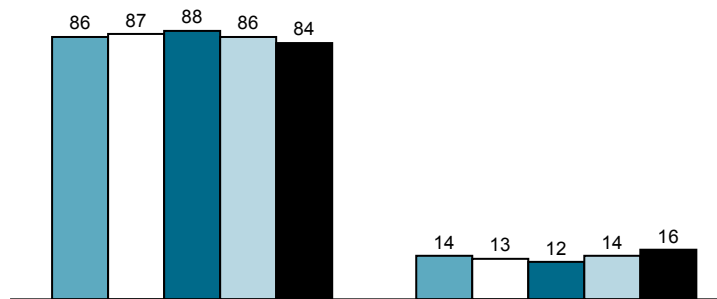
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Not Successful

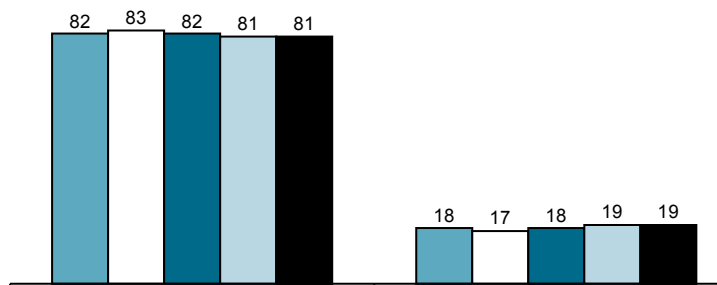
SCHOOL



BOARD



PROVINCE



Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

	<u>2012–2013</u>	<u>2013–2014</u>	<u>2014–2015</u>	<u>2015–2016</u>	<u>2016–2017</u>
School	218	246	231	226	249
Board	1 630	1 661	1 581	1 492	1 516
Province	134 033	131 712	127 867	124 977	127 142

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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 participated 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 board results or 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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Contextual Information

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

	School		Board		Province	
Enrolment						
Number of first-time eligible students	259		1 672		136 492	
Number of schools with first-time eligible students	n/a		8		785	
Number of students who were exempted	1		9		1 252	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	249	96%	1 516	91%	127 142	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	3	1%	16	1%	2 297	2%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	7	3%	140	8%	7 053	5%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Female	133	51%	807	48%	66 832	49%
Male	126	49%	865	52%	69 659	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
English language learners*	1	<1%	41	2%	9 580	7%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	1	<1%	33	2%	5 713	4%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	32	12%	254	15%	26 311	19%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	27	11%	164	11%	20 462	16%
Course Type in English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Academic	205	79%	1 269	76%	100 950	74%
Applied	50	19%	325	19%	27 006	20%
Locally developed	4	2%	45	3%	3 958	3%
ESL/ELD	0	0%	30	2%	3 048	2%
Other	0	0%	3	<1%	1 527	1%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		240	1 431	119 666	
First language learned at home was other than English	9	4%	157	11%	27 108	23%
Speak only or mostly English at home	222	92%	1 205	84%	86 143	72%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	12	5%	155	11%	23 415	20%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	3	1%	55	4%	8 298	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.

** Counts and percentages are based on students who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted special provisions and accommodations. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.

^{††} 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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Contextual Information (continued)

	School		Board		Province	
Year Student Entered Current School†						
Year of the assessment	10	4%	110	7%	13 215	10%
Year prior to the assessment	249	96%	1 562	93%	120 080	88%
2 years prior to the assessment	0	0%	0	0%	573	<1%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	0	0%	0	0%	2 325	2%
Data not available	0	0%	0	0%	299	<1%
Year Student Entered Current Board†						
Year of the assessment	10	4%	75	4%	7 242	5%
Year prior to the assessment	48	19%	269	16%	19 225	14%
2 years prior to the assessment	8	3%	34	2%	4 327	3%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	193	75%	1 291	77%	98 358	72%
Data not available	0	0%	3	<1%	7 340	5%

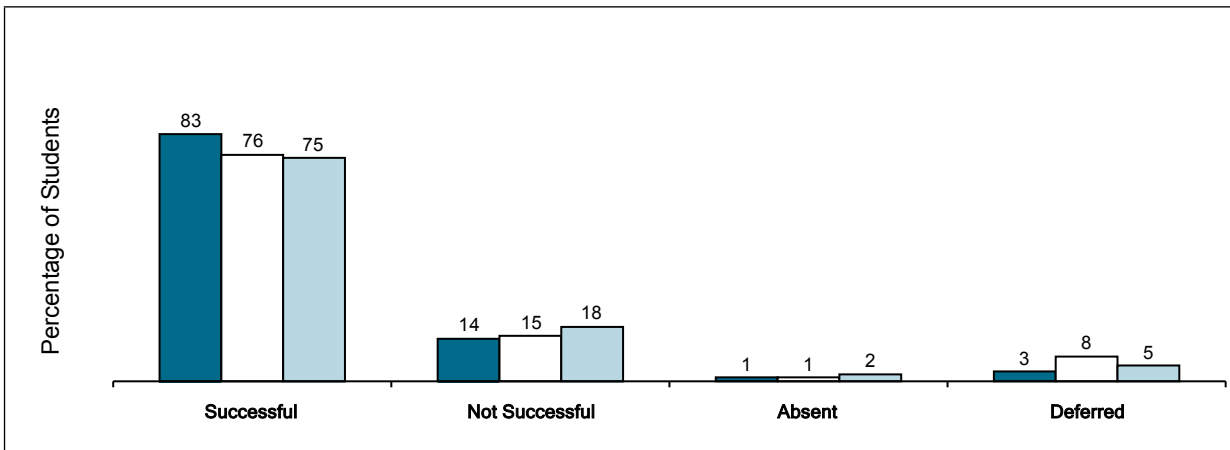
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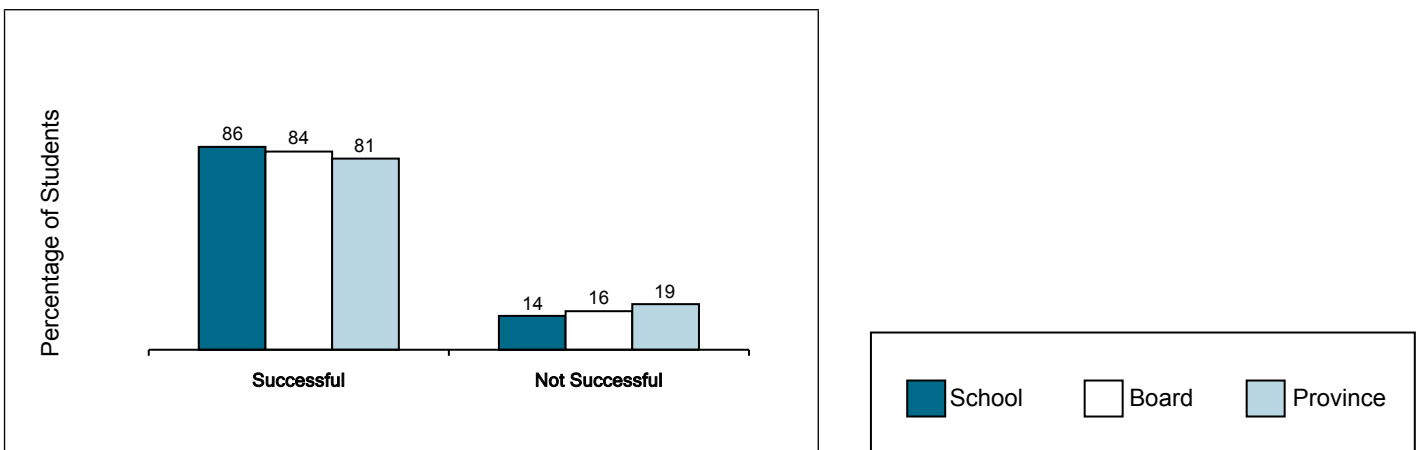
Results for All Students*

Results for All Students First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 259	Board # = 1 672	Province # = 136 492	School # = 249	Board # = 1 516	Province # = 127 142	
Successful	214	83%	76%	75%	86%	84%	81%
Not Successful	35	14%	15%	18%	14%	16%	19%
Fully Participating	249	96%	91%	93%			
Absent	3	1%	1%	2%			
Deferred	7	3%	8%	5%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students*



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students*



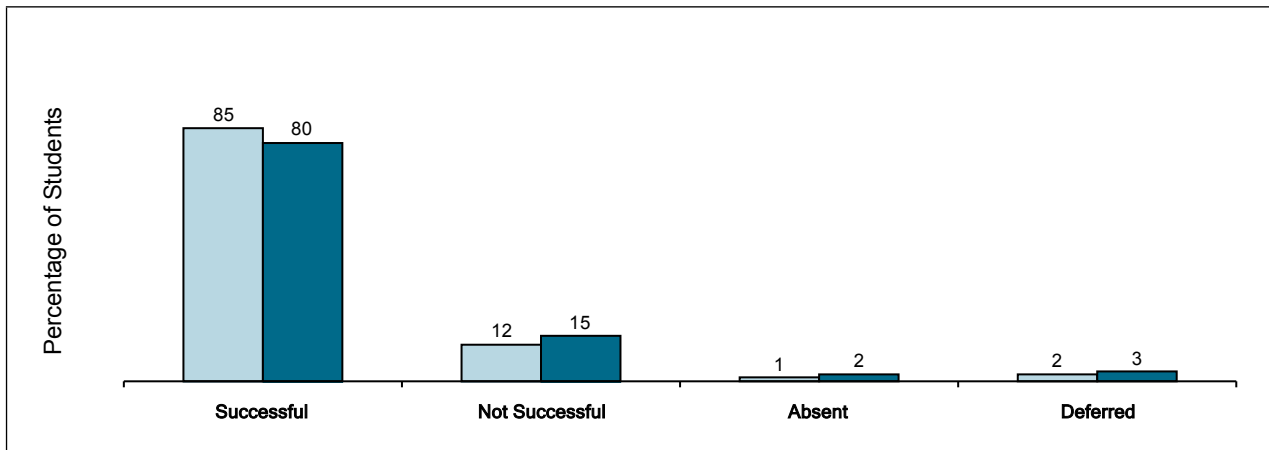
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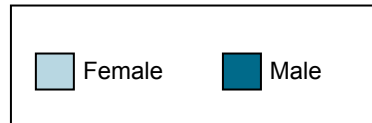
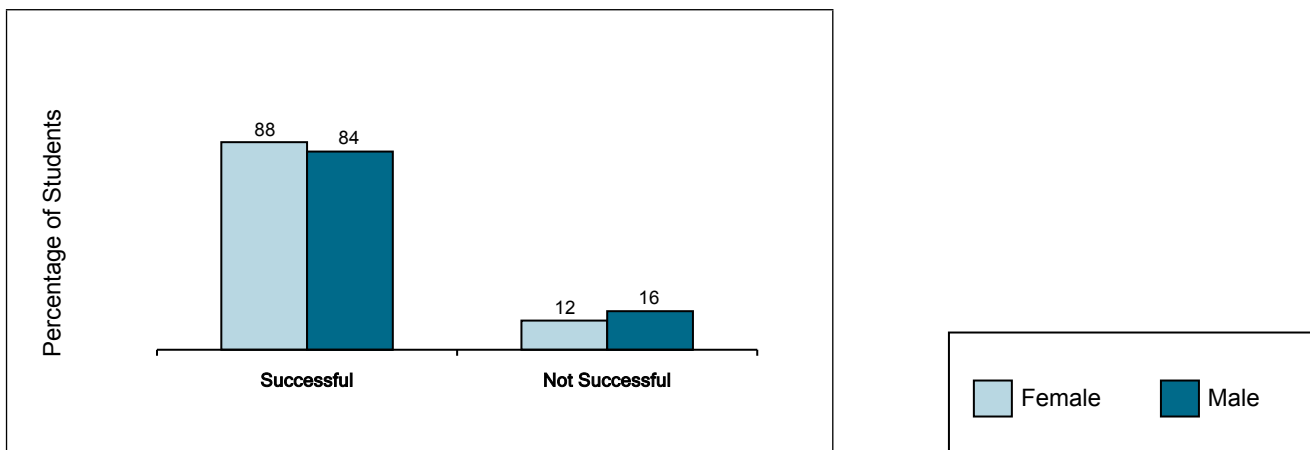
School Results by Gender*†

	School Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students					
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 133		Male # = 126		Female # = 129	Male # = 120
Successful	113	85%	101	80%	88%	84%
Not Successful	16	12%	19	15%	12%	16%
Fully Participating	129	97%	120	95%		
Absent	1	1%	2	2%		
Deferred	3	2%	4	3%		

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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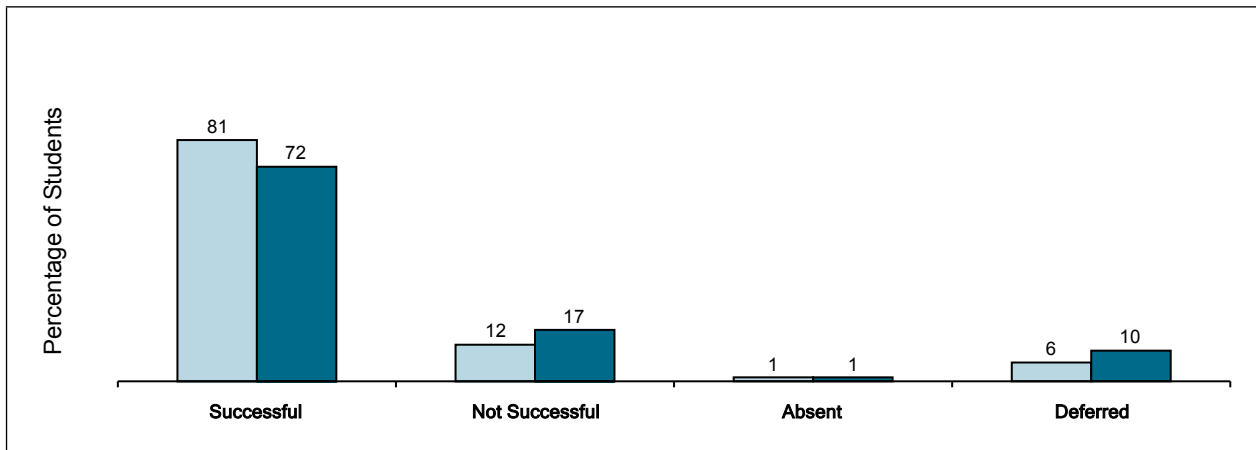
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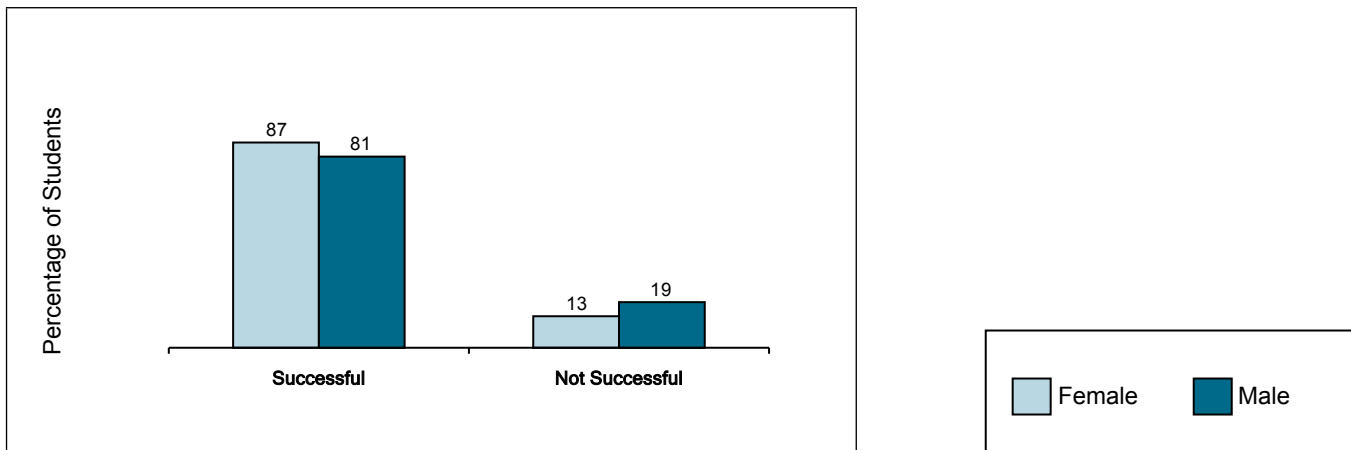
Board Results by Gender*†

Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 807		Male # = 865		Female # = 748	Male # = 768
Successful	651	81%	622	72%	87%	81%
Not Successful	97	12%	146	17%	13%	19%
Fully Participating	748	93%	768	89%		
Absent	8	1%	8	1%		
Deferred	51	6%	89	10%		

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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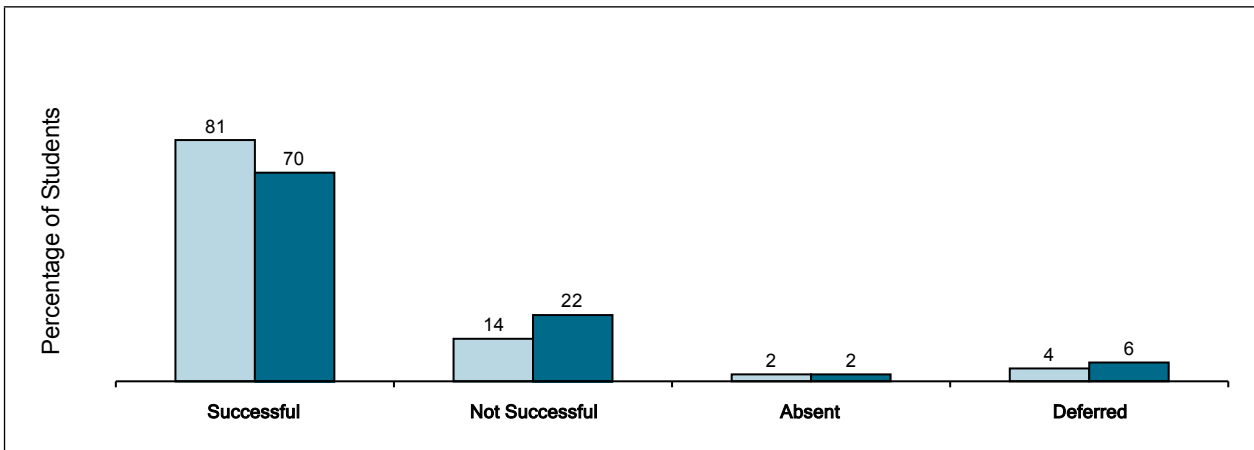
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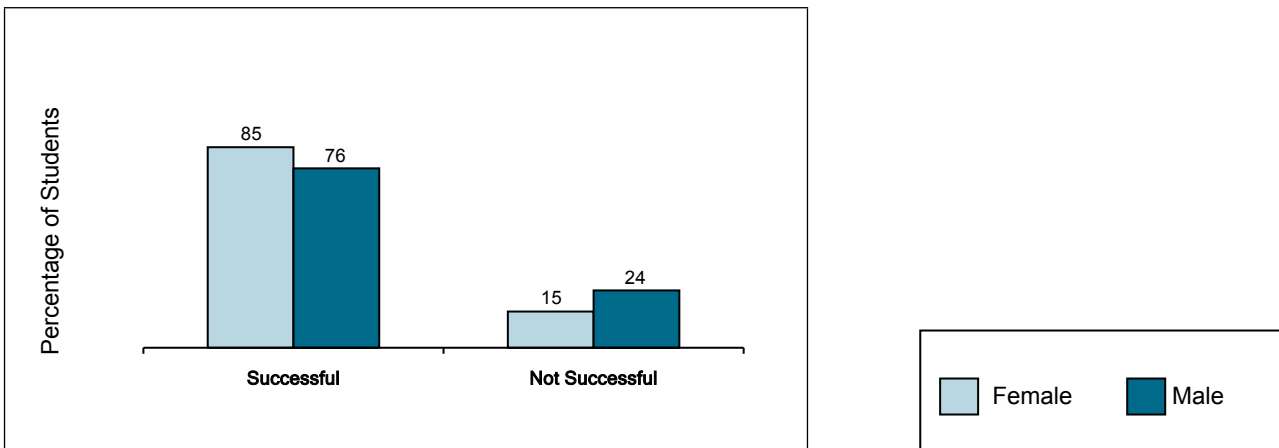
Provincial Results by Gender*†

Provincial Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 66 832		Male # = 69 659		Female # = 62 991	Male # = 64 150
Successful	53 811	81%	48 718	70%	85%	76%
Not Successful	9 180	14%	15 432	22%	15%	24%
Fully Participating	62 991	94%	64 150	92%		
Absent	1 109	2%	1 188	2%		
Deferred	2 732	4%	4 321	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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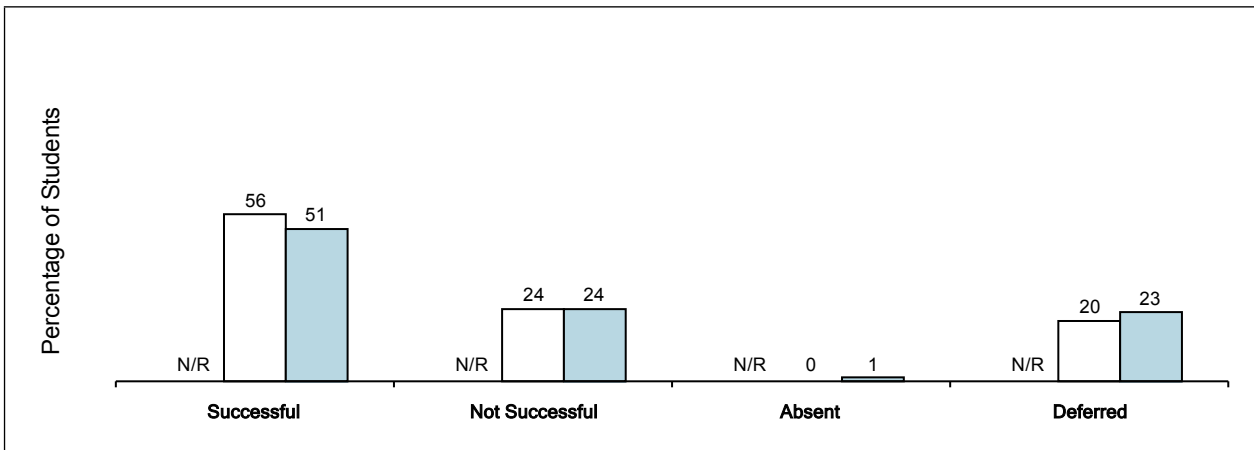
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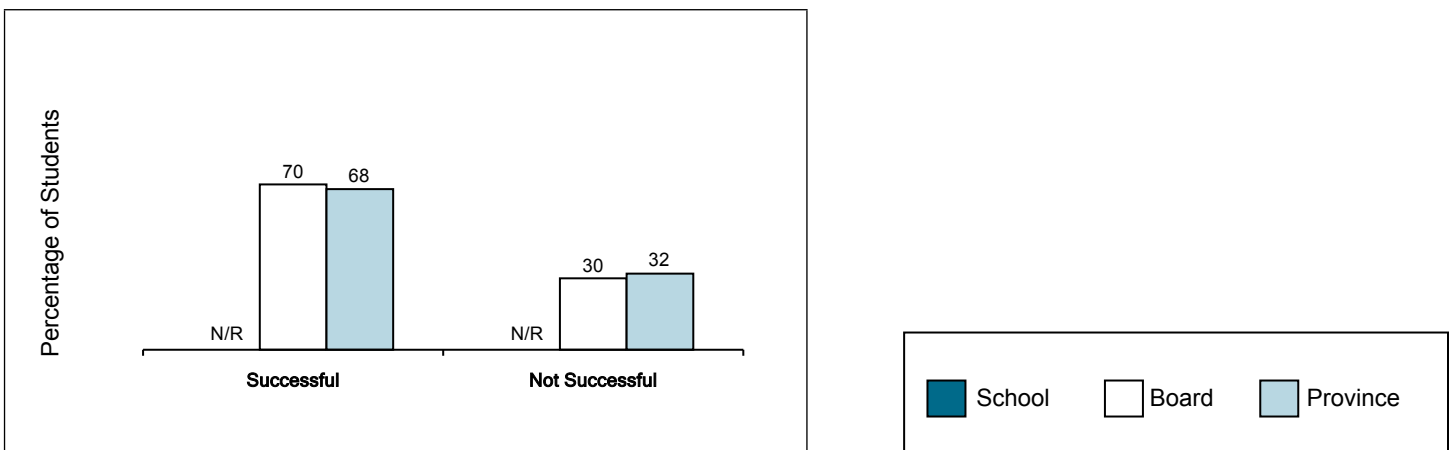
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students							
	All				Fully Participating		
	School # = N/R	Board # = 41	Province # = 9 580		School # = N/R	Board # = 33	Province # = 7 222
Successful	N/R	N/R	56%	51%	N/R	70%	68%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	24%	24%	N/R	30%	32%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	80%	75%			
Absent	N/R	N/R	0%	1%			
Deferred	N/R	N/R	20%	23%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners*



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



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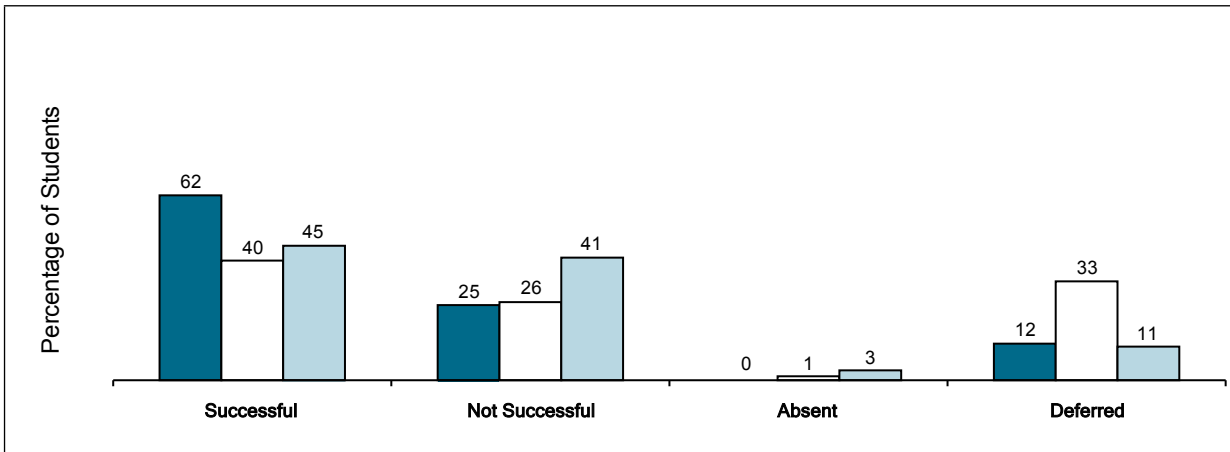
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Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

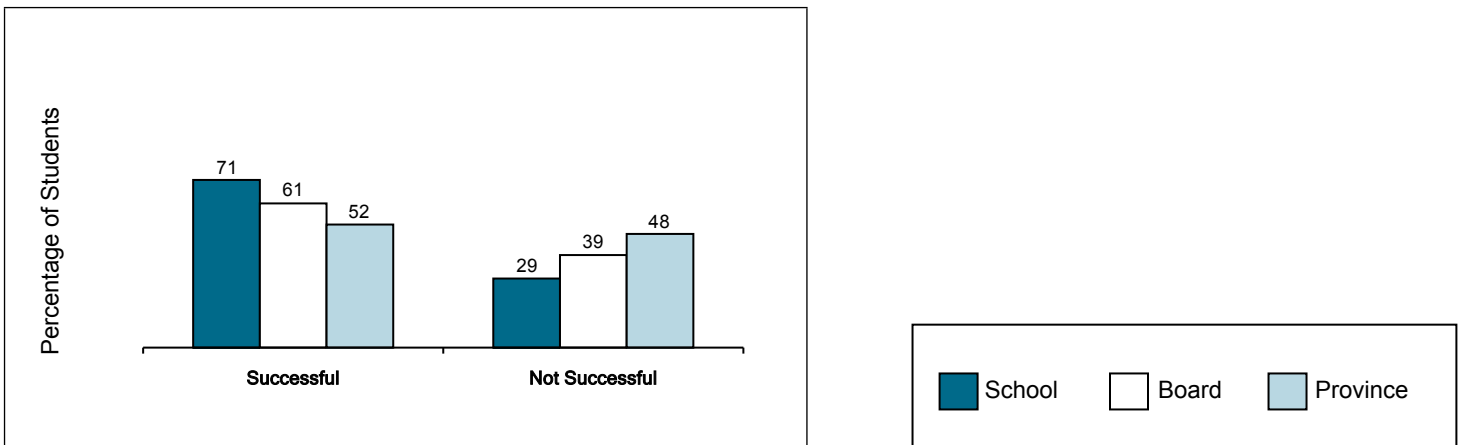
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students

	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 32	Board # = 254	Province # = 26 311	School # = 28	Board # = 168	Province # = 22 566	
Successful	20	62%	40%	45%	71%	61%	52%
Not Successful	8	25%	26%	41%	29%	39%	48%
Fully Participating	28	88%	66%	86%			
Absent	0	0%	1%	3%			
Deferred	4	12%	33%	11%			

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)*



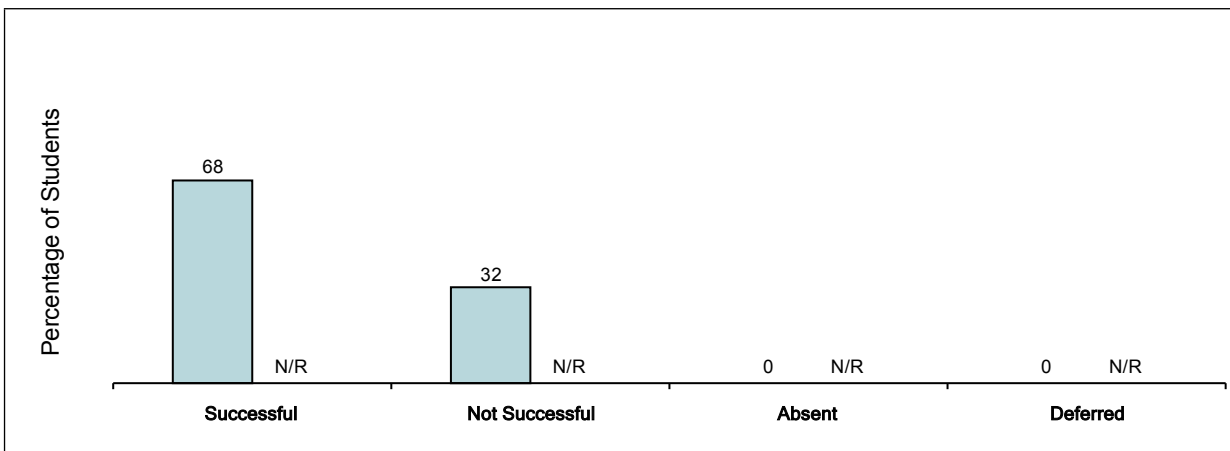
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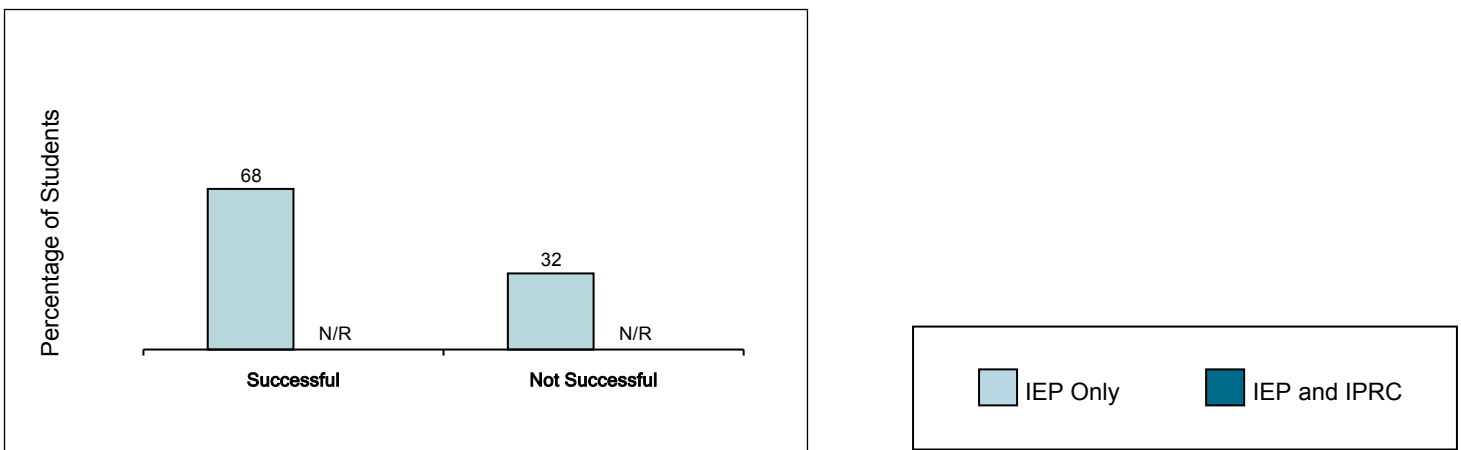
School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

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 # = N/R		IEP Only # = 19	IEP and IPRC # = N/R
Successful	13	68%	N/R	N/R	68%	N/R
Not Successful	6	32%	N/R	N/R	32%	N/R
Fully Participating	19	100%	N/R	N/R		
Absent	0	0%	N/R	N/R		
Deferred	0	0%	N/R	N/R		

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



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



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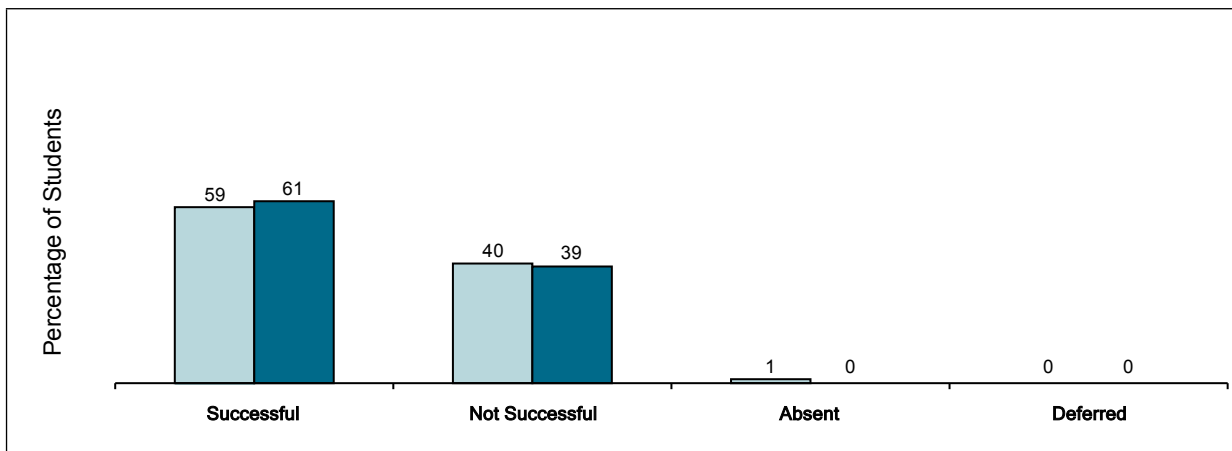
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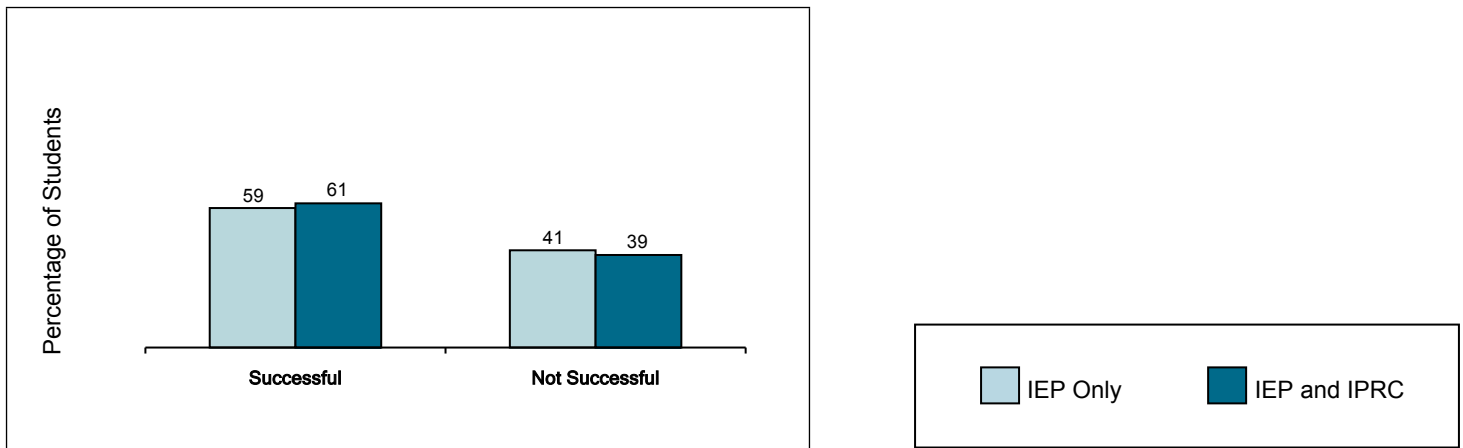
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 119		IEP and IPRC # = 46		IEP Only # = 118	IEP and IPRC # = 46
Successful	70	59%	28	61%	59%	61%
Not Successful	48	40%	18	39%	41%	39%
Fully Participating	118	99%	46	100%		
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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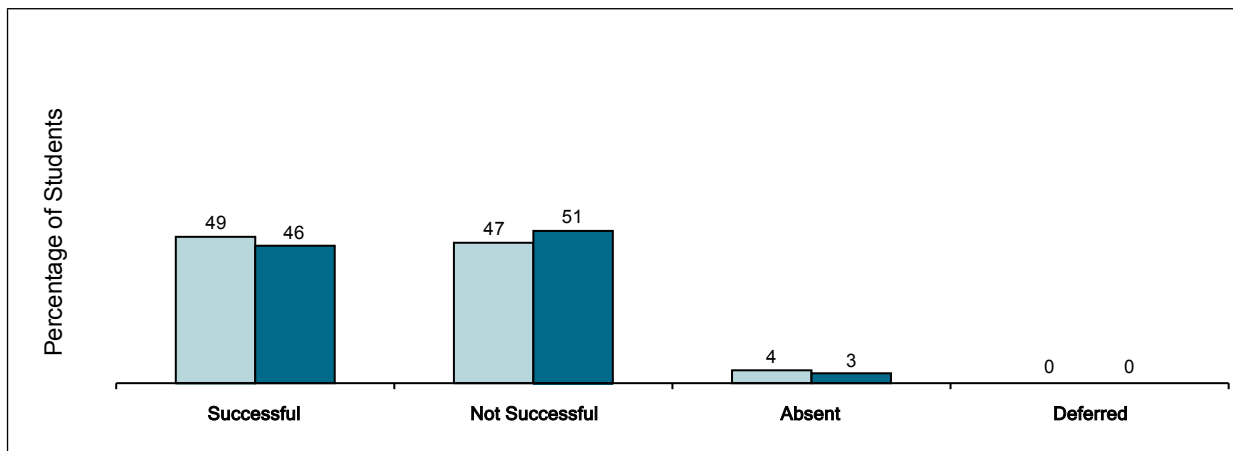
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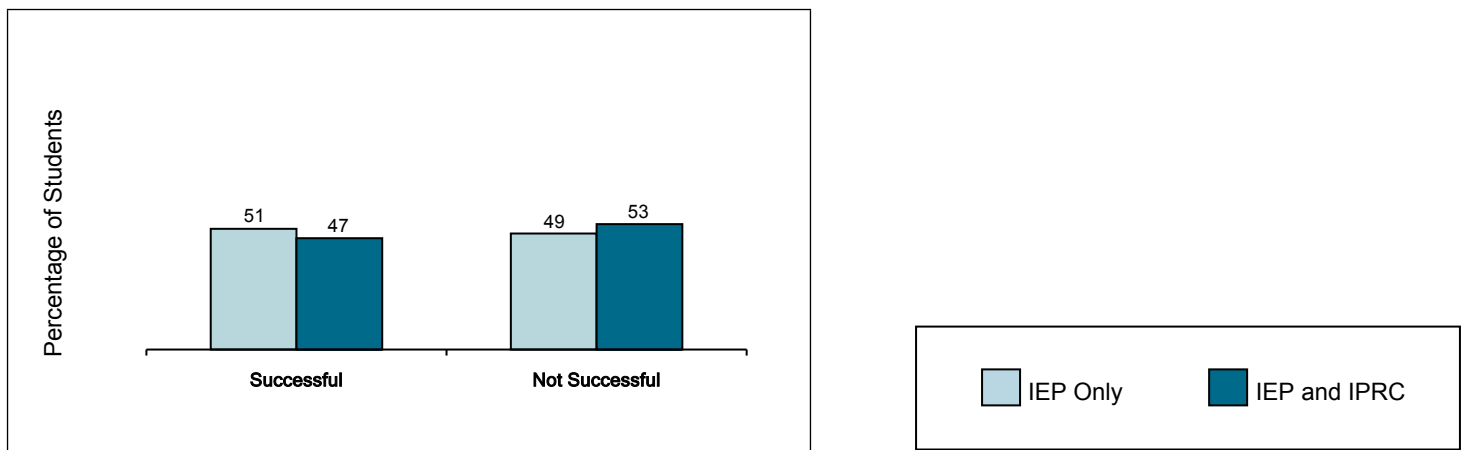
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 10 012		IEP and IPRC # = 11 181		IEP Only # = 9 613	IEP and IPRC # = 10 849
Successful	4 930	49%	5 132	46%	51%	47%
Not Successful	4 683	47%	5 717	51%	49%	53%
Fully Participating	9 613	96%	10 849	97%		
Absent	399	4%	332	3%		
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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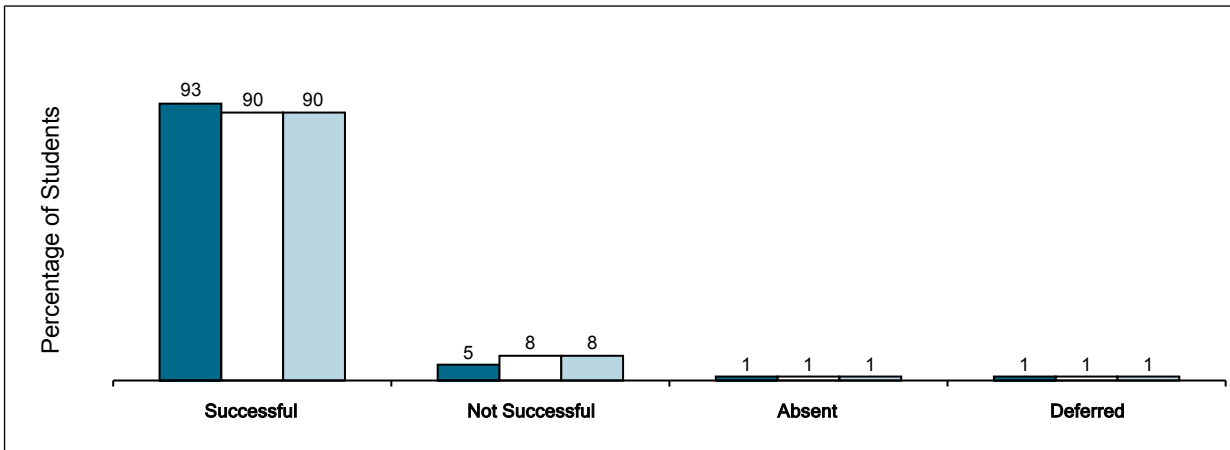
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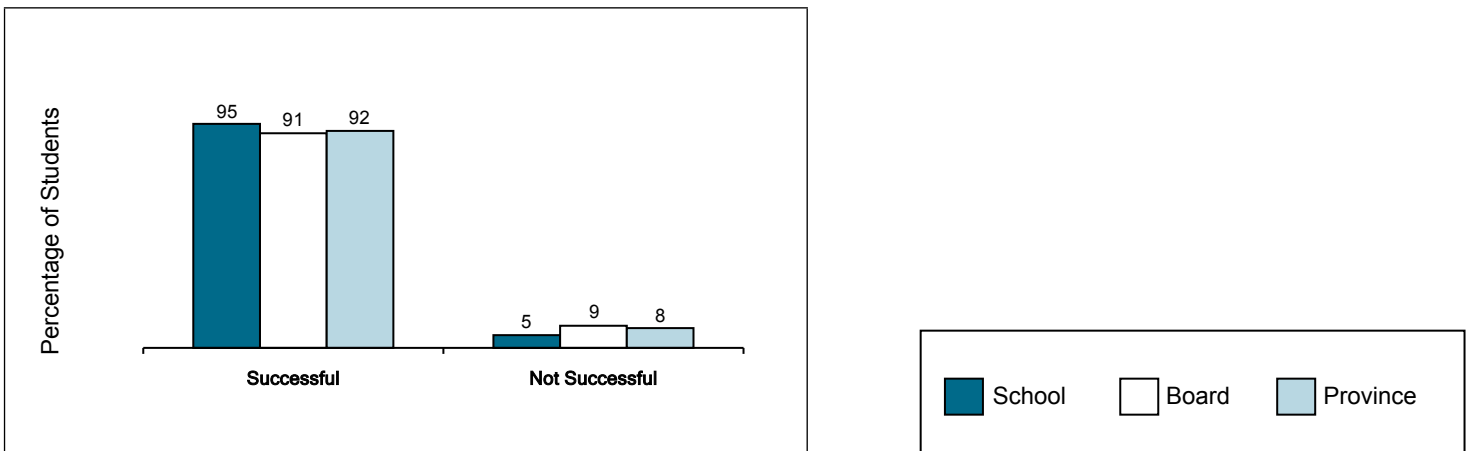
Results for Students Taking Academic English Course*

Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 205	Board # = 1 269	Province # = 100 950	School # = 201	Board # = 1 246	Province # = 99 051	
Successful	191	93%	90%	95%	91%	92%	
Not Successful	10	5%	8%	5%	9%	8%	
Fully Participating	201	98%	98%	98%			
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*



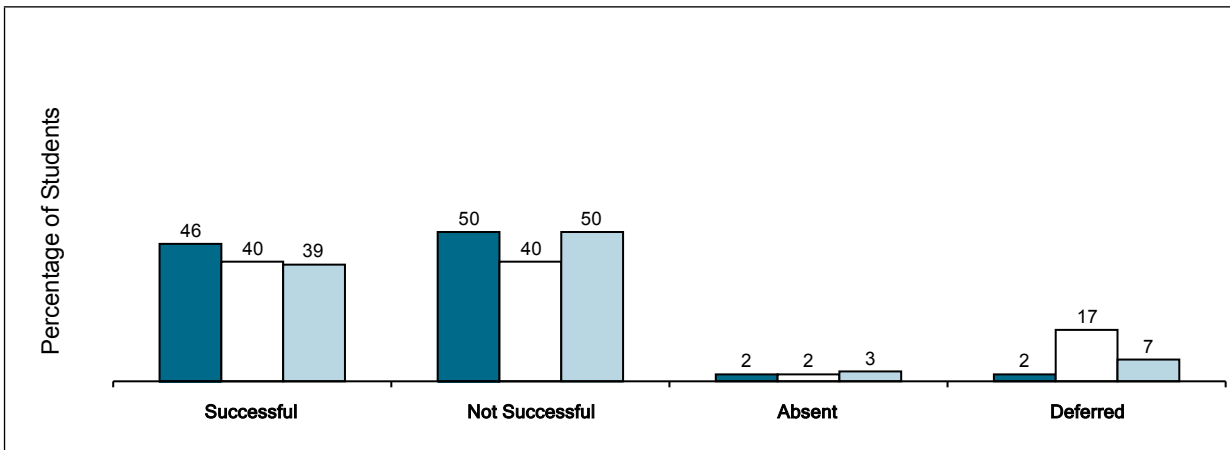
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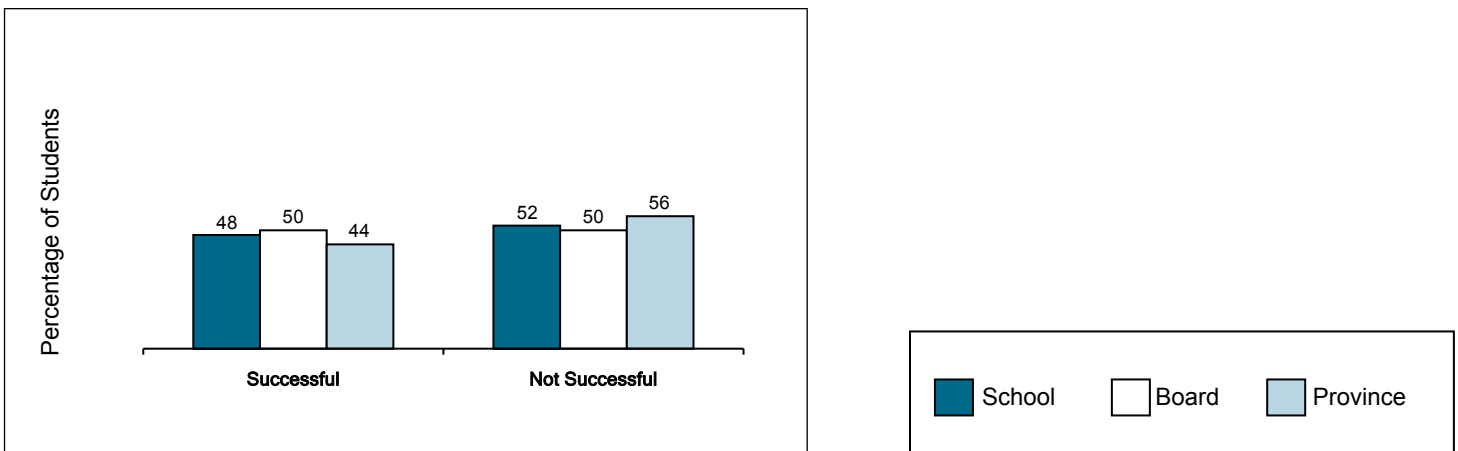
Results for Students Taking Applied English Course*

Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 50	Board # = 325	Province # = 27 006	School # = 48	Board # = 262	Province # = 24 233	
Successful	23	46%	40%	39%	48%	50%	44%
Not Successful	25	50%	40%	50%	52%	50%	56%
Fully Participating	48	96%	81%	90%			
Absent	1	2%	2%	3%			
Deferred	1	2%	17%	7%			

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



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



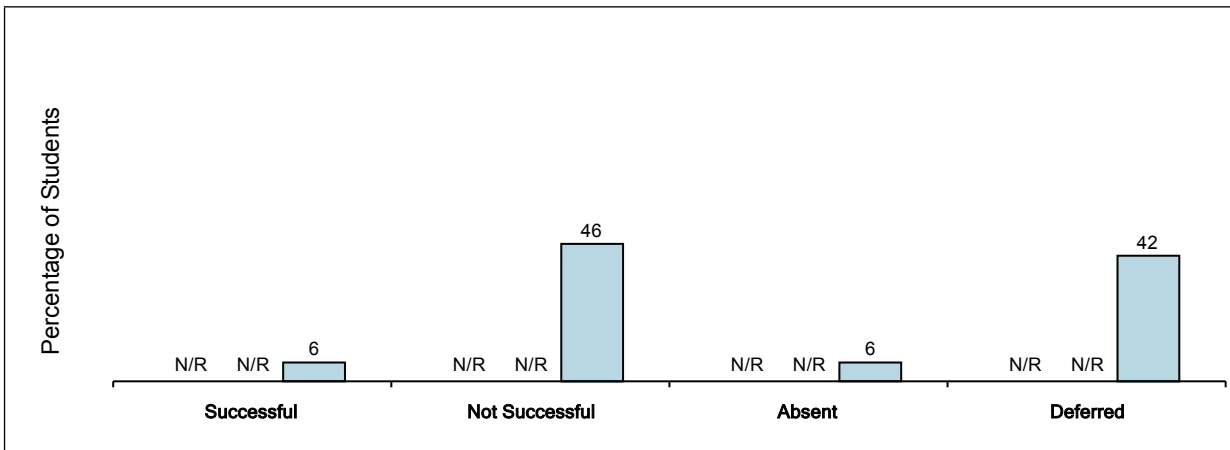
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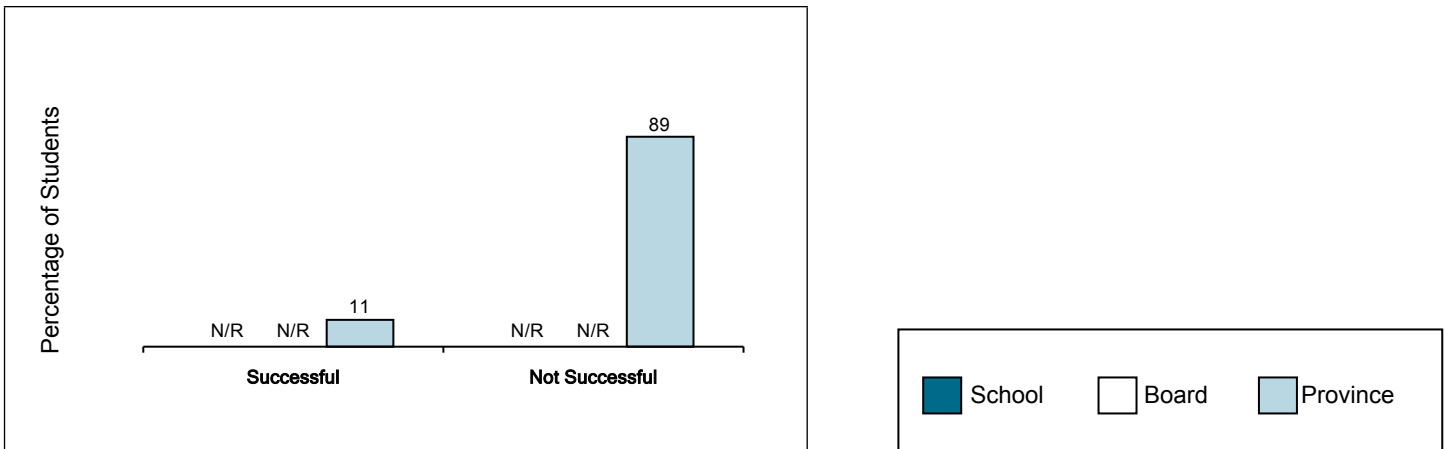
Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course*

Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = N/R	Board # = N/R	Province # = 3 958	School # = N/R	Board # = N/R	Province # = 2 060
Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	6%	N/R	11%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	46%	N/R	89%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	N/R	52%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	N/R	6%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	N/R	42%		

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*



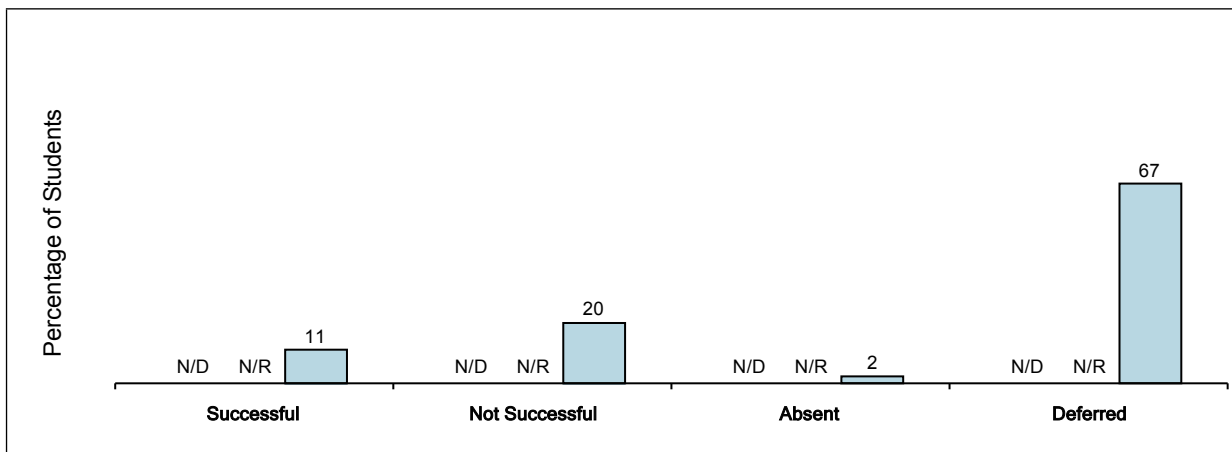
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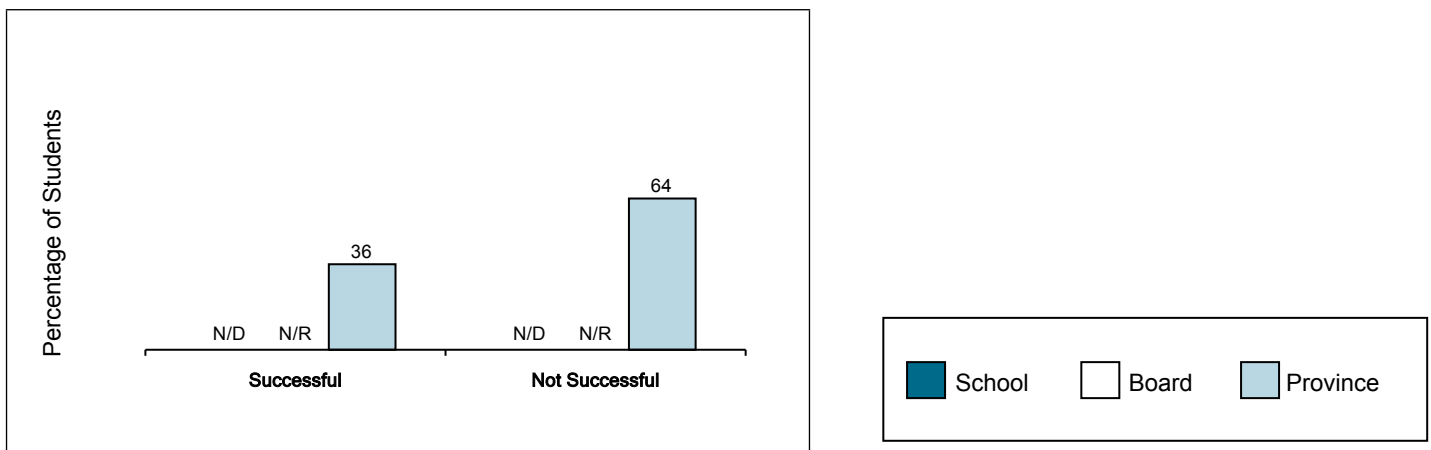
Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course*

Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = N/D	Board # = N/R	Province # = 3 048	School # = N/D	Board # = N/R	Province # = 955	
Successful	N/D	N/D	N/R	11%	N/D	N/R	36%
Not Successful	N/D	N/D	N/R	20%	N/D	N/R	64%
Fully Participating	<i>N/D</i>	<i>N/D</i>	<i>N/R</i>	31%			
Absent	N/D	N/D	N/R	2%			
Deferred	N/D	N/D	N/R	67%			

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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Contextual Information over Time

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

	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016	2016–2017
Enrolment					
Number of first-time eligible students	225	255	242	241	259
Number of students who were exempted	4	0	2	3	1
Participation in the Test					
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	97%	96%	95%	94%	96%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Female	45%	52%	53%	50%	51%
Male	55%	48%	47%	50%	49%
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
English language learners*	1%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	1%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	18%	14%	15%	15%	12%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	17%	11%	12%	12%	11%
Course Type in English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Academic	79%	78%	76%	79%	79%
Applied	20%	20%	22%	17%	19%
Locally developed	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%
ESL/ELD	1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data					
Number of Respondents:	218	242	212	220	240
First language learned at home was other than English	6%	4%	5%	5%	4%
Speak only or mostly English at home	91%	95%	92%	92%	92%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%

† 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. In 2016–2017, percentages are based on students who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted special provisions and accommodations. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.

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Contextual Information over Time (continued)

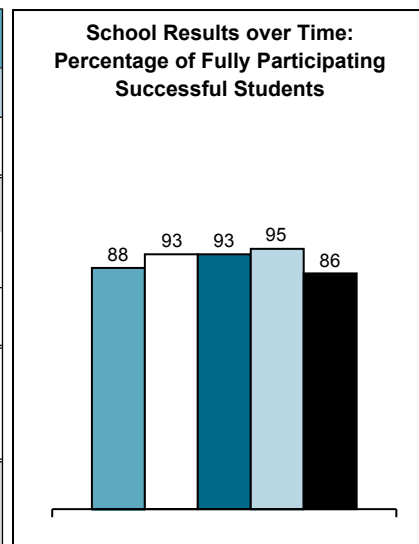
	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016	2016–2017
Year Student Entered Current School†					
Year of the assessment				8%	4%
Year prior to the assessment				92%	96%
2 years prior to the assessment	These items were added in 2015–2016.			0%	0%
3 or more years prior to the assessment				0%	0%
Data not available				0%	0%
Year Student Entered Current Board†					
Year of the assessment				7%	4%
Year prior to the assessment				21%	19%
2 years prior to the assessment	These items were added in 2015–2016.			<1%	3%
3 or more years prior to the assessment				56%	75%
Data not available				15%	0%

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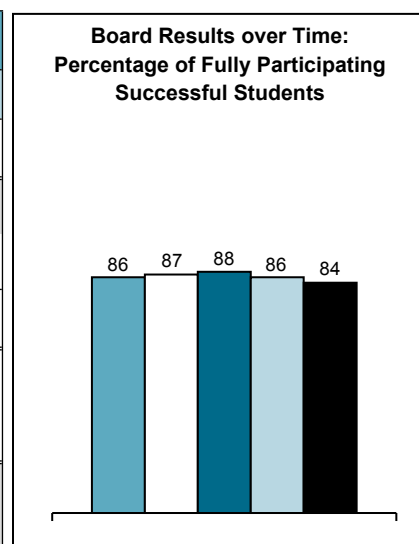
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Results over Time, 2012–2013 to 2016–2017

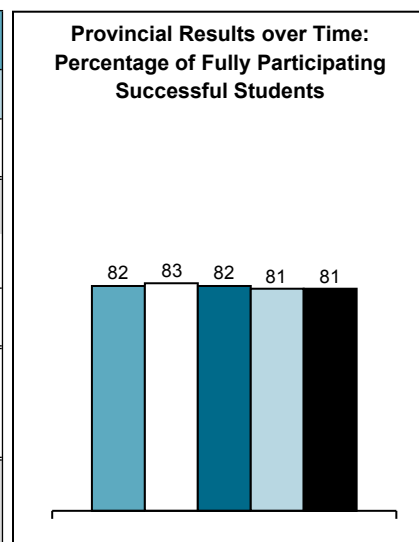
School Results over Time*										
	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
<i>All Students</i>	225		255		242		241		259	
Successful (all)	192	85%	228	89%	215	89%	215	89%	214	83%
Not Successful	26	12%	18	7%	16	7%	11	5%	35	14%
Fully Participating	218	97%	246	96%	231	95%	226	94%	249	96%
Absent	2	1%	0	0%	3	1%	4	2%	3	1%
Deferred	5	2%	9	4%	8	3%	11	5%	7	3%
Fully Participating Successful	192	88%	228	93%	215	93%	215	95%	214	86%



Board Results over Time*										
	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
<i>All Students</i>	1 750		1 801		1 721		1 657		1 672	
Successful (all)	1 394	80%	1 440	80%	1 398	81%	1 289	78%	1 273	76%
Not Successful	236	13%	221	12%	183	11%	203	12%	243	15%
Fully Participating	1 630	93%	1 661	92%	1 581	92%	1 492	90%	1 516	91%
Absent	13	1%	10	1%	21	1%	34	2%	16	1%
Deferred	107	6%	130	7%	119	7%	131	8%	140	8%
Fully Participating Successful	1 394	86%	1 440	87%	1 398	88%	1 289	86%	1 273	84%



Provincial Results over Time*										
	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
<i>All Students</i>	143 358		141 815		137 620		135 111		136 492	
Successful (all)	110 162	77%	108 914	77%	105 309	77%	101 232	75%	102 530	75%
Not Successful	23 871	17%	22 798	16%	22 558	16%	23 745	18%	24 612	18%
Fully Participating	134 033	93%	131 712	93%	127 867	93%	124 977	92%	127 142	93%
Absent	2 059	1%	2 521	2%	2 603	2%	2 599	2%	2 297	2%
Deferred	7 266	5%	7 582	5%	7 150	5%	7 535	6%	7 053	5%
Fully Participating Successful	110 162	82%	108 914	83%	105 309	82%	101 232	81%	102 530	81%



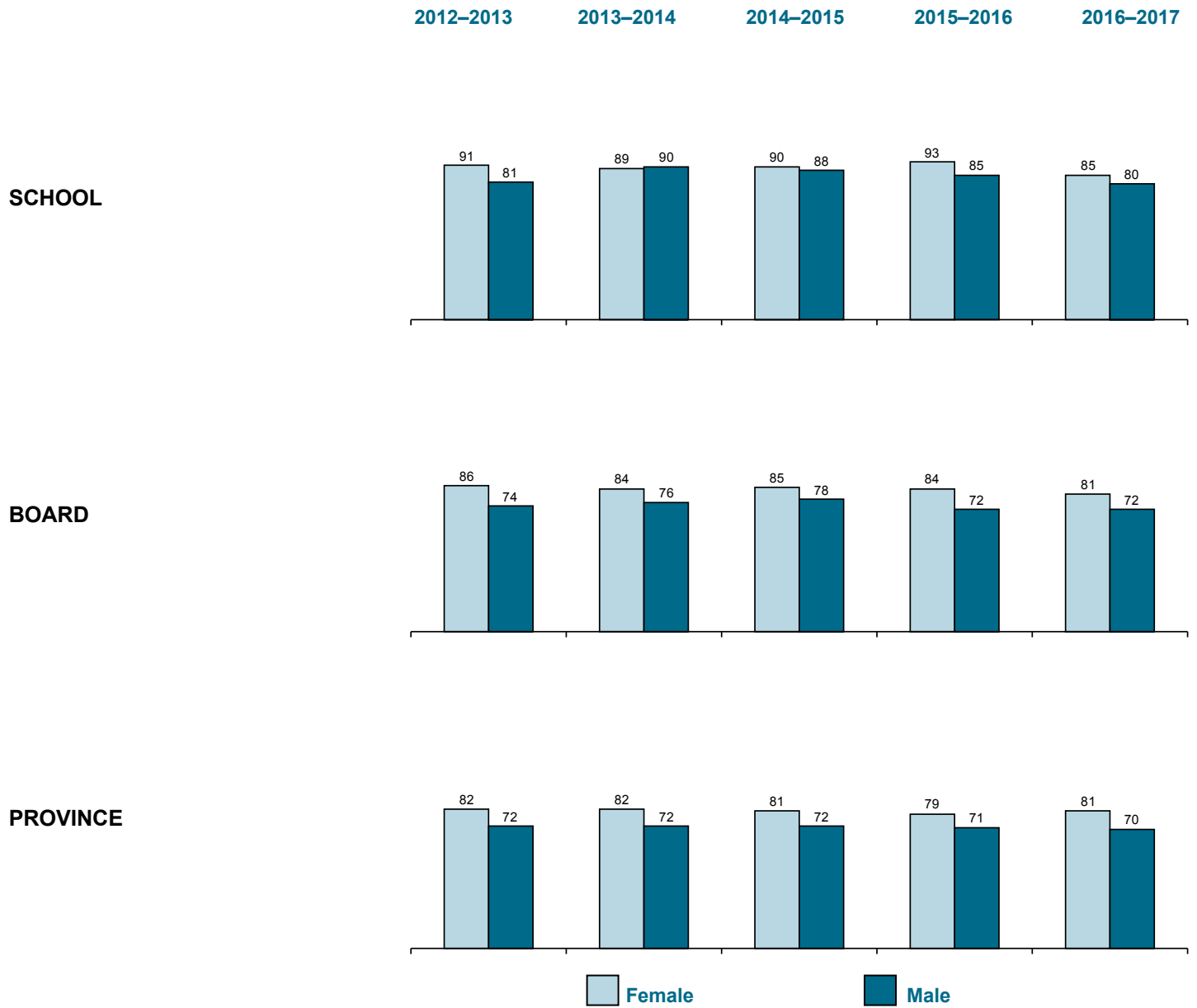
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ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

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



Number of First-Time Eligible Students†

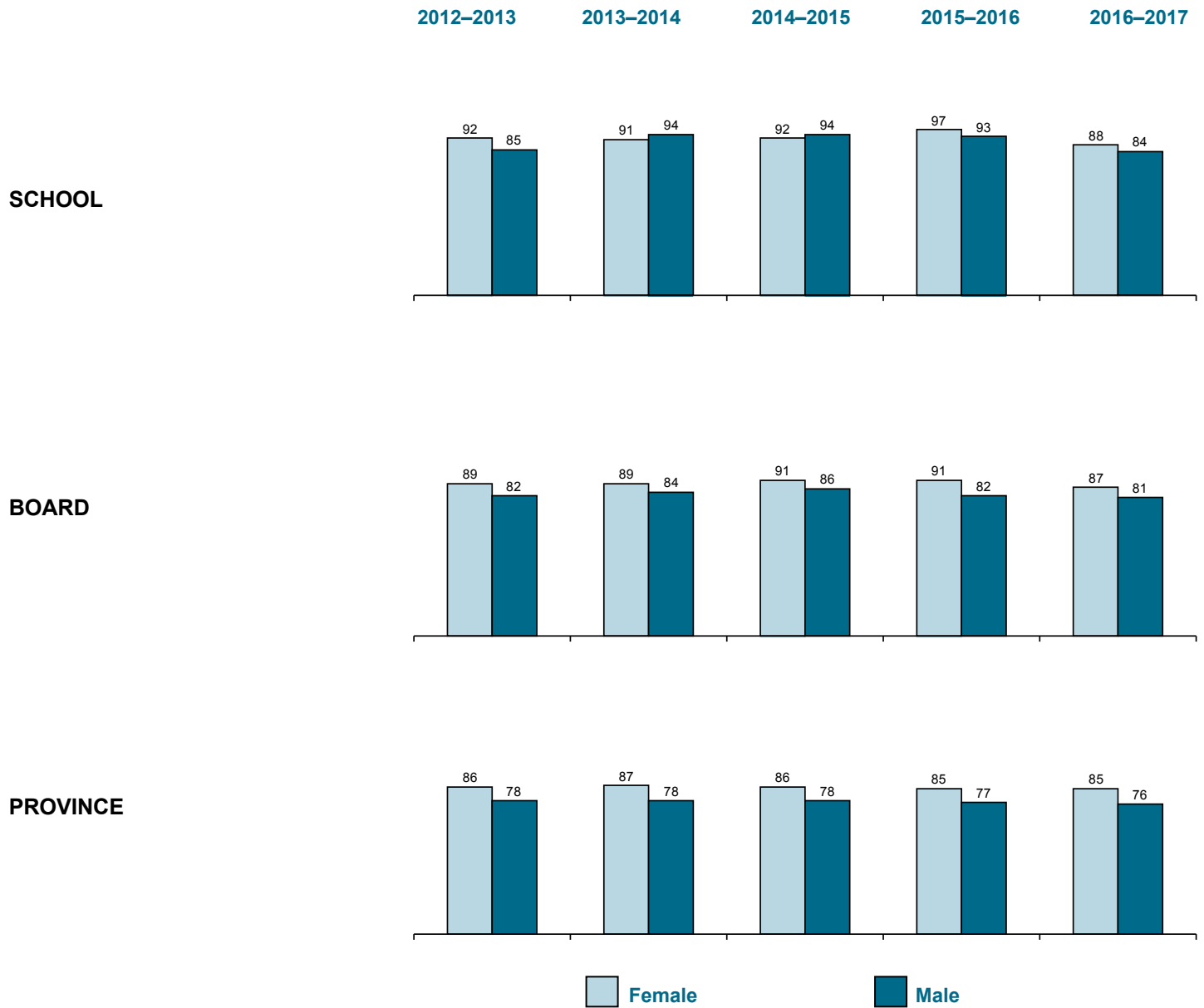
	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
School	101	124	133	122	128	114	120	121	133	126
Board	845	905	892	909	826	895	789	868	807	865
Province	70 092	73 260	69 290	72 521	67 023	70 597	65 907	69 204	66 832	69 659

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

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

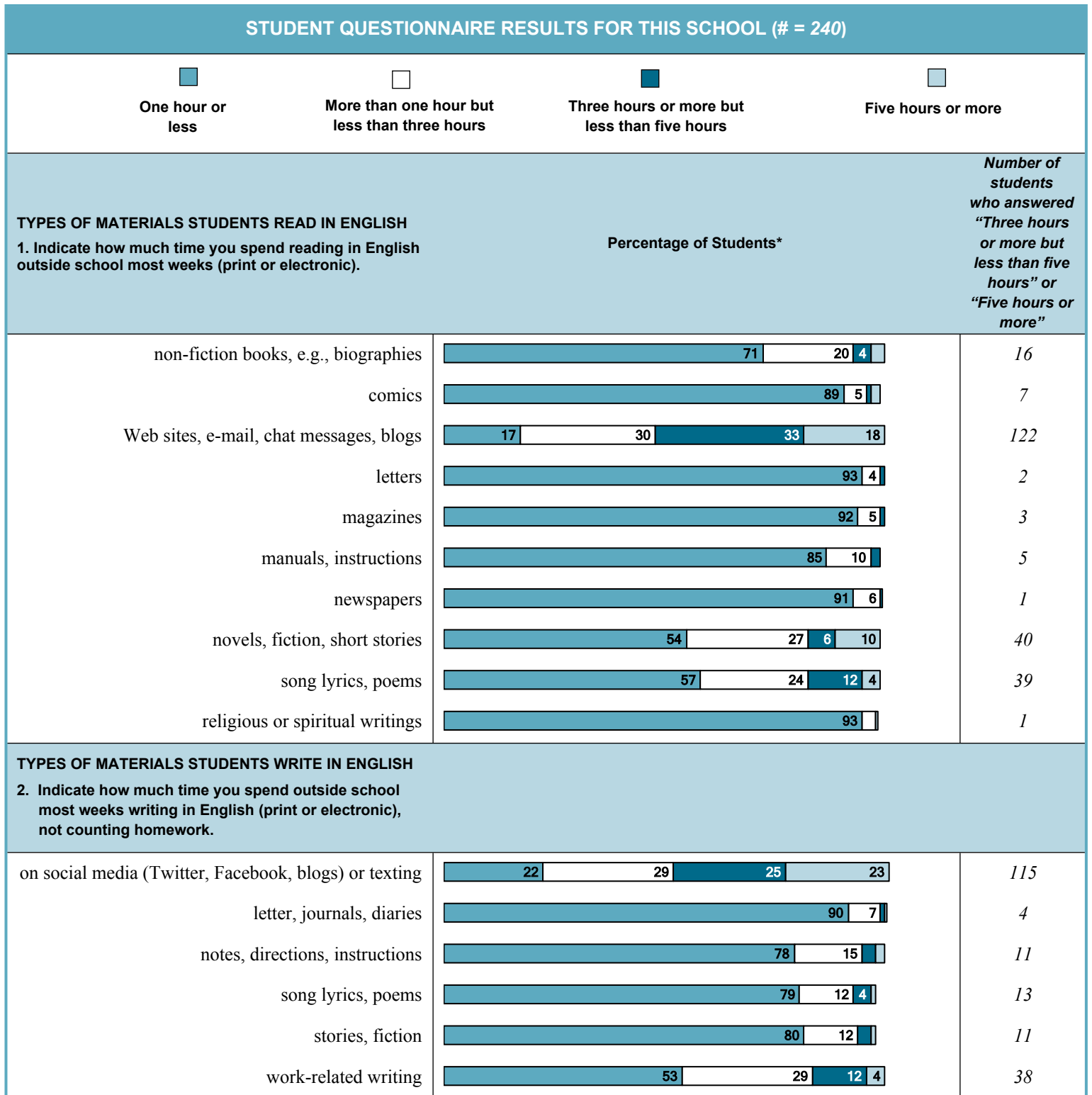


Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†

	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
School	100	118	129	117	125	106	115	111	129	120
Board	809	821	839	822	774	807	734	758	748	768
Province	66 262	67 765	65 018	66 692	62 936	64 931	61 694	63 283	62 991	64 150

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 240)

HOME COMPUTER USE		Percentage of Students*	Number of students	
3. Indicate how often you use a computer at home for homework (choose one only).				
I don't have a computer at home		1	6	
I never or hardly ever use the computer for homework		7	16	
I use the computer once or twice a month for homework		19	46	
I use the computer once or twice a week for homework		47	113	
I use the computer almost every day for homework		24	57	
LANGUAGE BACKGROUND				
4. Is English the first language you learned at home?				
yes		95	229	
no		4	9	
5. What languages do you speak at home (choose one only)?				
only or mostly English		92	222	
another language (or other languages) as often as English		5	12	
only or mostly another language (or other languages)		1	3	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes				
<input type="checkbox"/> No				
TYPES OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MATERIALS STUDENTS HAVE AT HOME		Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "Yes"	
6. Indicate what English-language materials you have at home (print or electronic).				
dictionaries, encyclopedias		77	21	185
books		98		235
newspapers		82	16	197
magazines		77	22	184

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (# = 240)	Female* (# = 127)	Male* (# = 113)	All (# = 1 431)	Female* (# = 720)	Male* (# = 711)	All (# = 119 666)	Female* (# = 59 706)	Male* (# = 59 959)
HOME COMPUTER USE									
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	96%	95%	96%	95%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	24%	29%	18%	18%	17%	19%	35%	36%	33%
TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS READ IN ENGLISH									
Indicate how much time you spend reading in English outside school most weeks (print or electronic).									
Percentage of students who answered “Three hours or more but less than five hours” or “Five hours or more”†									
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	7%	8%	5%	11%	11%	11%	12%	13%	11%
comics	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	6%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages, blogs	51%	56%	45%	58%	67%	49%	55%	62%	49%
letters	1%	2%	0%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%
magazines	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
manuals, instructions	2%	0%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%
newspapers	<1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%
novels, fiction, short stories	17%	26%	6%	20%	28%	13%	26%	35%	16%
song lyrics, poems	16%	17%	16%	19%	23%	16%	22%	27%	17%
religious or spiritual writings	<1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	4%	4%	4%
TYPES OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MATERIALS STUDENTS HAVE AT HOME									
Indicate what English-language materials you have at home (print or electronic).									
Percentage of students									
dictionaries, encyclopedias	77%	73%	81%	77%	77%	77%	81%	83%	79%
books	98%	98%	97%	96%	97%	95%	95%	96%	94%
newspapers	82%	79%	86%	83%	82%	84%	75%	76%	75%
magazines	77%	79%	74%	75%	77%	73%	68%	70%	67%
TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS WRITE IN ENGLISH									
Indicate how much time you spend outside school most weeks writing in English (print or electronic), not counting homework.									
Percentage of students who answered “Three hours or more but less than five hours” or “Five hours or more”†									
on social media (Twitter, Facebook, blogs) or texting	48%	54%	42%	56%	62%	50%	53%	59%	46%
letters, journals, diaries	2%	3%	0%	3%	5%	1%	4%	7%	2%
notes, directions, instructions	5%	3%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%
song lyrics, poems	5%	6%	5%	9%	10%	8%	11%	12%	9%
stories, fiction	5%	6%	3%	6%	8%	4%	9%	12%	5%
work-related writing	16%	20%	12%	14%	17%	11%	22%	25%	19%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

† Other response options were “one hour or less” and “more than one hour but less than three hours”.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (# = 240)	Female* (# = 127)	Male* (# = 113)	All (# = 1 431)	Female* (# = 720)	Male* (# = 711)	All (# = 119 666)	Female* (# = 59 706)	Male* (# = 59 959)
LANGUAGE BACKGROUND									
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was									
other than English.	4%	5%	3%	11%	11%	11%	23%	23%	23%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	92%	91%	94%	84%	84%	84%	72%	72%	72%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	5%	6%	4%	11%	12%	9%	20%	21%	19%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	1%	2%	1%	4%	3%	5%	7%	6%	8%

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS	
First-Time Eligible Students	First-time eligible students are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). These students are expected to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for the first time in the spring of their second year of secondary school; this also applies to students who entered Grade 10 from out of province.
Previously Eligible Students	Previously eligible includes all students who were absent or deferred, or were unsuccessful during one or more previous administrations; were previously exempted but are now working toward an OSSD; entered Grade 11 or 12 from out of province or enrolled in an adult education program and began Grade 9 in or after the 2000–2001 school year.
All Eligible Students	This method of reporting provides percentages based on all students in the cohort who are working toward an OSSD. The only students excluded are those who are not working toward an OSSD (exempt students).
Fully Participating Students	This method of reporting provides percentages based on students for whom there is work for both sessions of the administration of the OSSLT and who were assigned an achievement result (successful, not successful). Students who are not working toward an OSSD, those who were absent and those who were deferred are excluded.
Successful	Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that met the expected standard.
Not Successful	Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that did not meet the expected standard.
Absent	Students who did not submit work for one or both sessions due to absence or for other reasons.
Deferred	Students' participation in the OSSLT can be deferred under several circumstances, as outlined in EQAO's <i>How to Administer the OSSLT</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.
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	These are English language learners identified by the school as receiving special provisions. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>How to Administer the OSSLT</i> . Students reported in this category are those who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted special provisions. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.
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)	These are students with special education needs identified by the school as receiving accommodations. Students identified solely as gifted are not included. Detailed information about accommodations are available in the Ministry of Education's <i>Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements</i> (2016) and EQAO's <i>How to Administer the OSSLT</i> . Students reported in this category are those who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted accommodations. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire (fewer than six in a group) is so small that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore results are not reported.
N/D	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the group or year specified.
W	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact the school principal.