



School Report

Previously Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2017–2018

School: Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School (690791)

Board: Niagara Catholic DSB (67156)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to present the results of the 2017–2018 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This report includes results from 2017–2018 as well as demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting achievement results.

By assessing each student in relation to the learning expectations outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*, EQAO is able to offer objective data at the individual, school, board and provincial levels to support the professional practice of the education community. Using EQAO’s independent data, in addition to classroom and board information, helps the education community consider the focus for collaborative inquiries and to make evidence-informed decisions when developing and monitoring plans that foster equitable and inclusive learning environments. Achievement, contextual, attitudinal and behavioural data all offer valuable insights into student learning and support educators as they continue to meet the needs of every student.

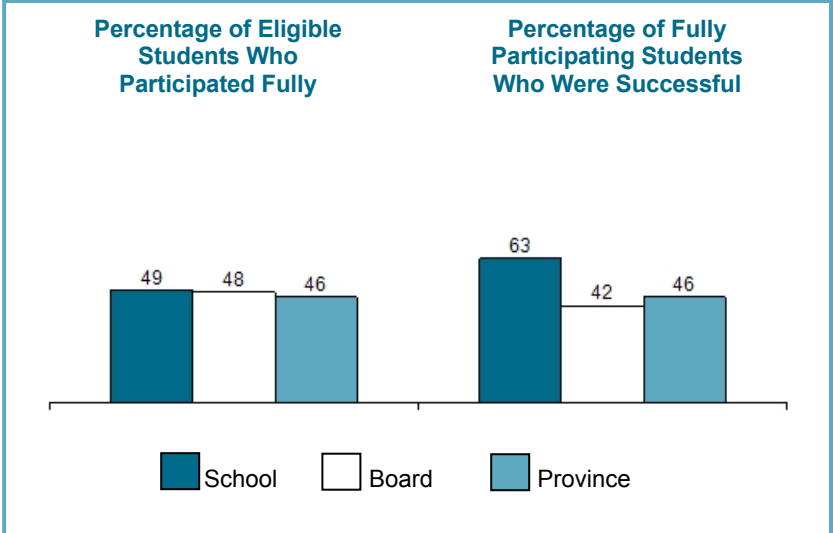
We look forward to continuing our work with you in support of the children and youth of Ontario, so that all students are positioned for success in their futures, regardless of background or circumstances.

Kind regards,

Norah Marsh
 Chief Executive Officer
 Education Quality and Accountability Office

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PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, 2017–2018: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS



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TIPS

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



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 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. 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;
- 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?
 - 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 previously eligible students	55		708		57 133	
Number of schools with previously eligible students	n/a		8		817	
Number of students who were exempted	5		61		1 592	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all previously eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	27	49%	339	48%	26 021	46%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were absent	2	4%	17	2%	4 867	9%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were deferred	0	0%	104	15%	6 735	12%
Of all previously eligible students, those who are completing the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)	26	47%	248	35%	19 510	34%
Gender[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
Female	24	44%	282	40%	22 431	39%
Male	31	56%	426	60%	34 683	61%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	19	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
English language learners*	2	4%	57	8%	10 545	18%
English language learners receiving special provisions**§	2	7%	29	9%	2 773	11%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	20	36%	288	41%	21 976	38%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	9	33%	93	27%	6 669	26%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		20		292	
					23 913	
First language learned at home was other than English	3	15%	88	30%	8 597	36%
Speak only or mostly English at home	16	80%	192	66%	13 848	58%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	2	10%	44	15%	5 609	23%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	2	10%	48	16%	4 063	17%

† Contextual data are based on information provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process.

* See Explanation of Terms.

** Counts and percentages are based on fully participating students.

§ Beginning in 2017–2018, the special provisions category includes extended periodic supervised breaks only.

†† Contextual data pertaining to “language” are gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students.

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Contextual Information (continued)

	School		Board		Province	
Year Student Entered Current School†						
Year of the assessment	4	7%	165	23%	13 147	23%
Year prior to the assessment	5	9%	68	10%	8 334	15%
2 years prior to the assessment	40	73%	335	47%	24 848	43%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	6	11%	140	20%	10 111	18%
Data not available	0	0%	0	0%	693	1%
Year Student Entered Current Board†						
Year of the assessment	4	7%	86	12%	8 076	14%
Year prior to the assessment	5	9%	68	10%	5 889	10%
2 years prior to the assessment	5	9%	75	11%	6 661	12%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	41	75%	470	66%	33 740	59%
Data not available	0	0%	9	1%	2 767	5%

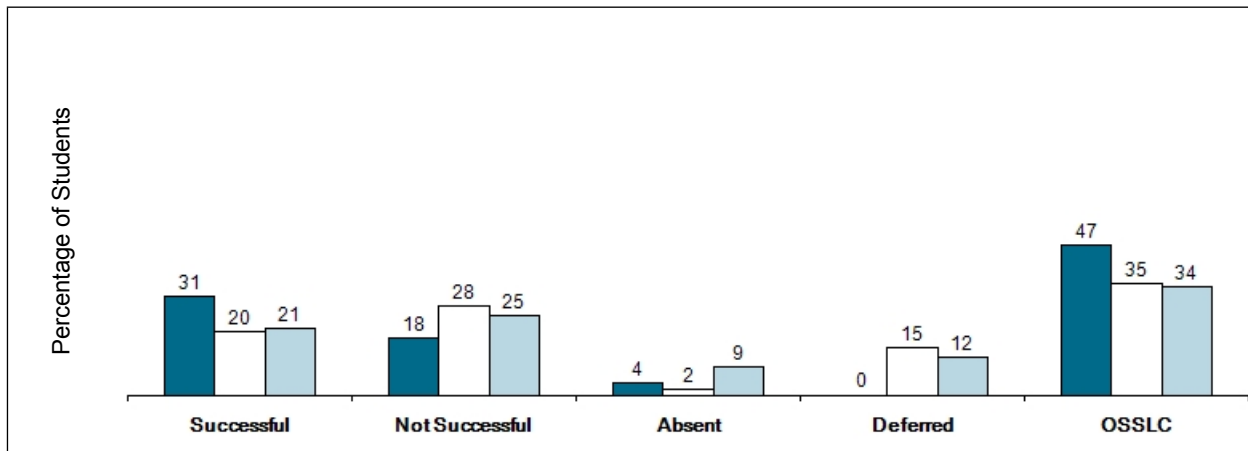
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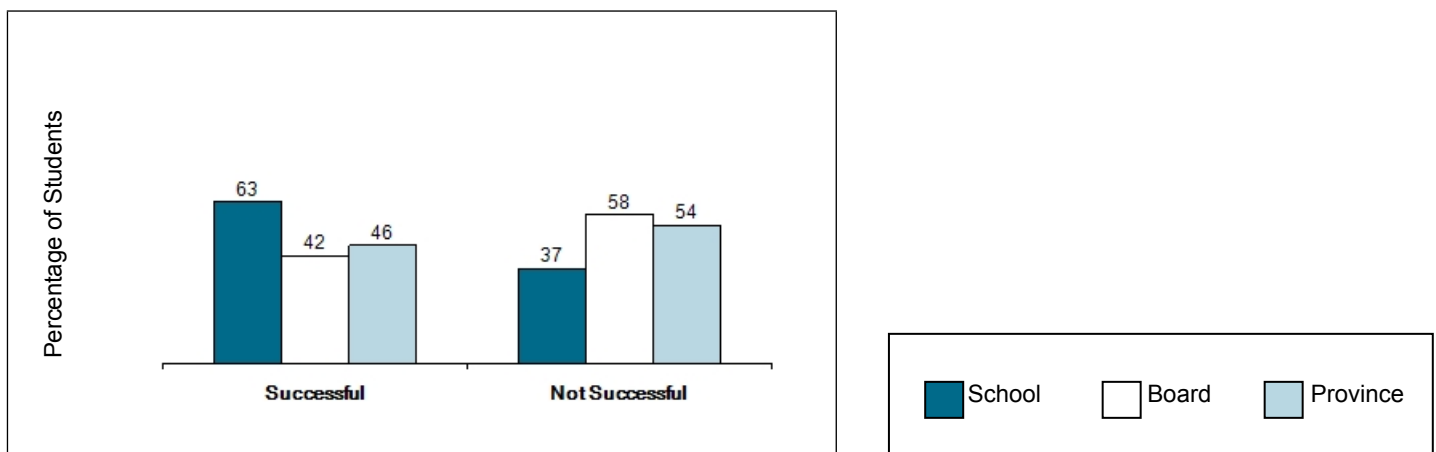
Results for All Students*

Results for All Students Previously Eligible Students							
	All				Fully Participating		
	School # = 55	Board # = 708	Province # = 57 133	School # = 27	Board # = 339	Province # = 26 021	
Successful	17	31%	20%	21%	63%	42%	46%
Not Successful	10	18%	28%	25%	37%	58%	54%
Fully Participating	27	49%	48%	46%			
Absent	2	4%	2%	9%			
Deferred	0	0%	15%	12%			
OSSLC	26	47%	35%	34%			

Results for All Previously Eligible Students*



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students*



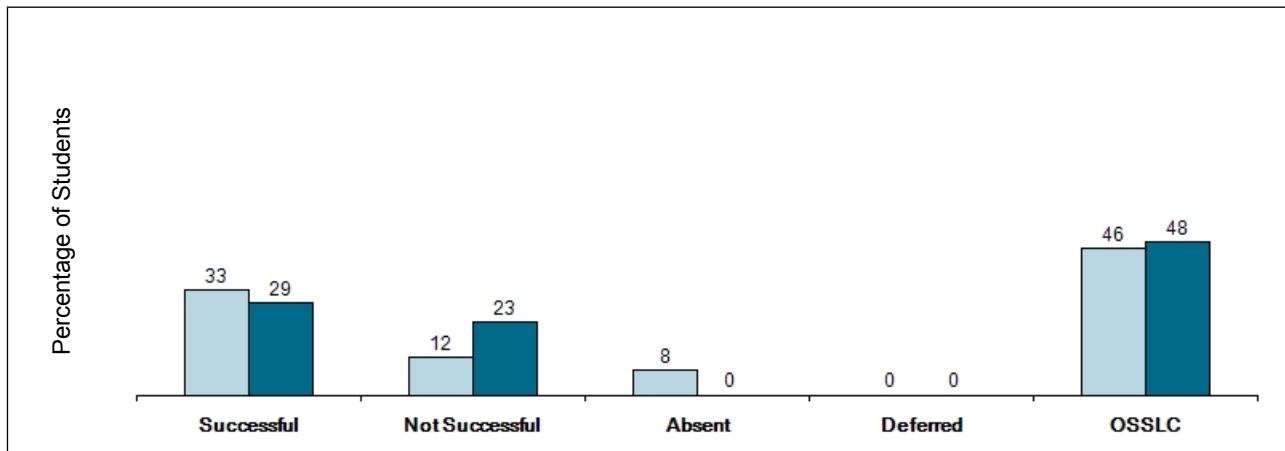
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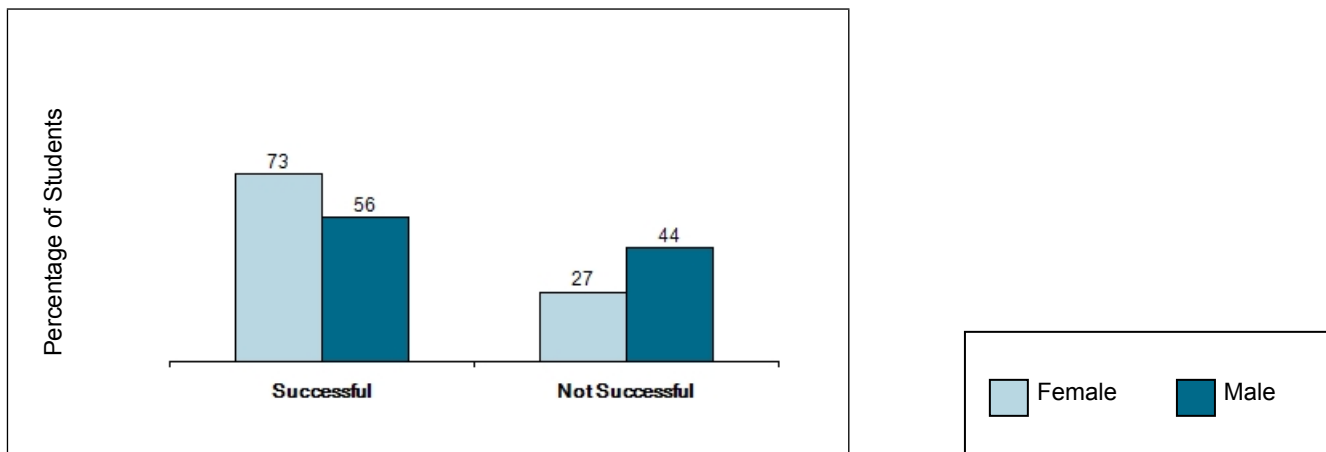
School Results by Gender*†

	School Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students					
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 24		Male # = 31		Female # = 11	Male # = 16
Successful	8	33%	9	29%	73%	56%
Not Successful	3	12%	7	23%	27%	44%
Fully Participating	11	46%	16	52%		
Absent	2	8%	0	0%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		
OSSLC	11	46%	15	48%		

School Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



School Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



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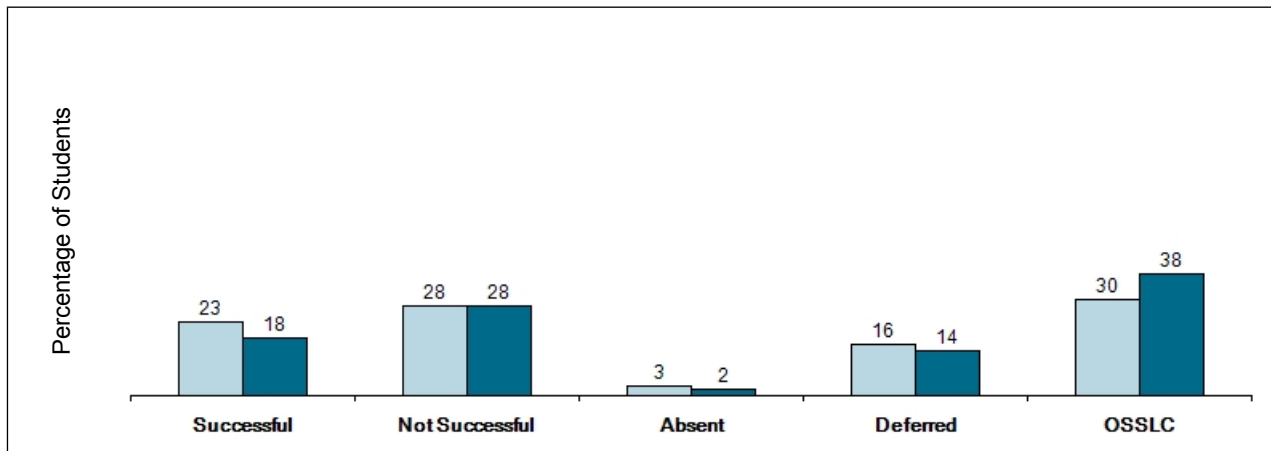
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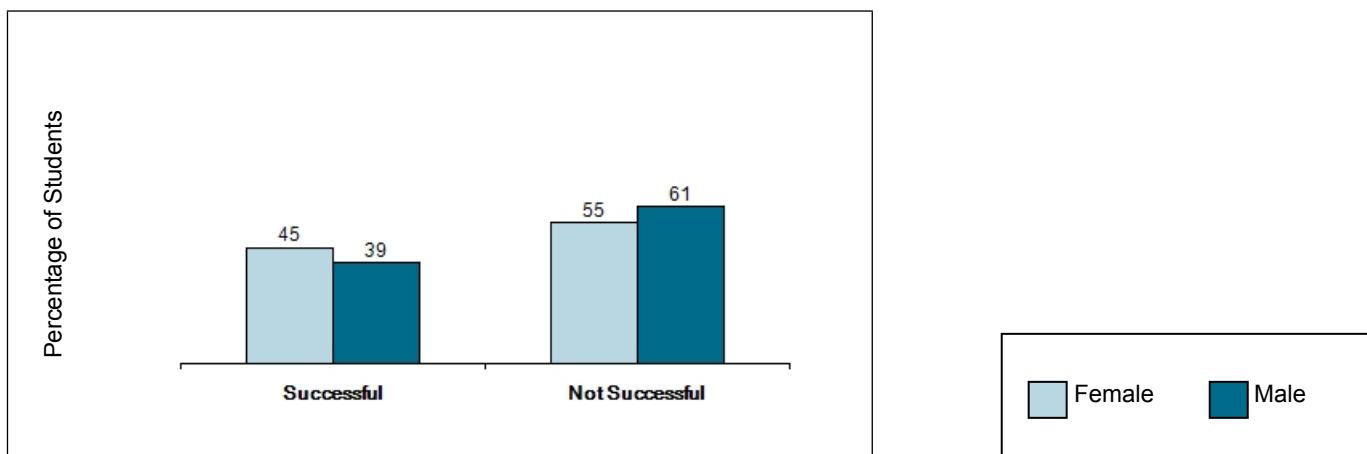
Board Results by Gender*†

Board Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 282		Male # = 426		Female # = 144	Male # = 195
Successful	65	23%	76	18%	45%	39%
Not Successful	79	28%	119	28%	55%	61%
Fully Participating	144	51%	195	46%		
Absent	8	3%	9	2%		
Deferred	44	16%	60	14%		
OSSLC	86	30%	162	38%		

Board Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



Board Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



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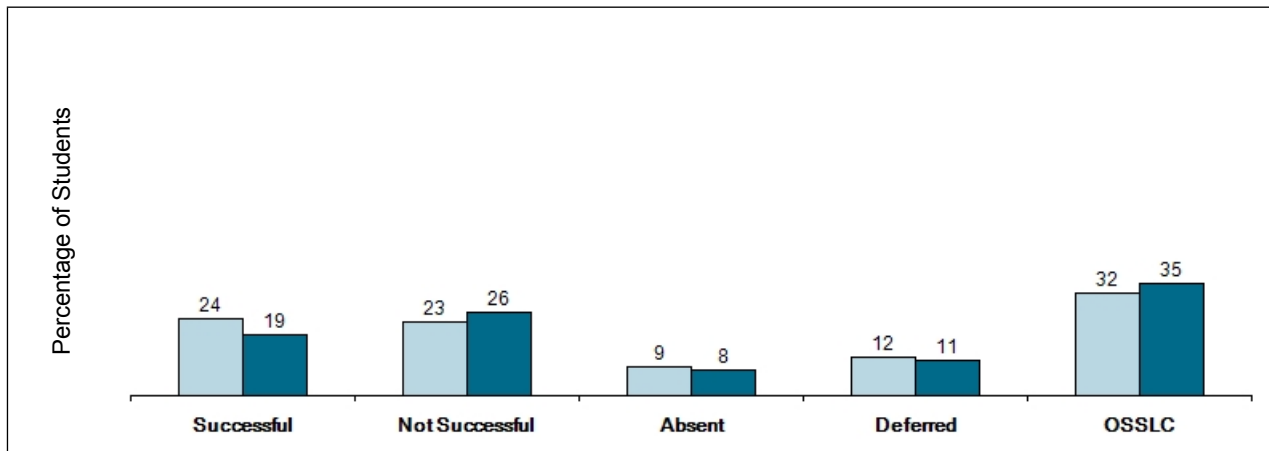
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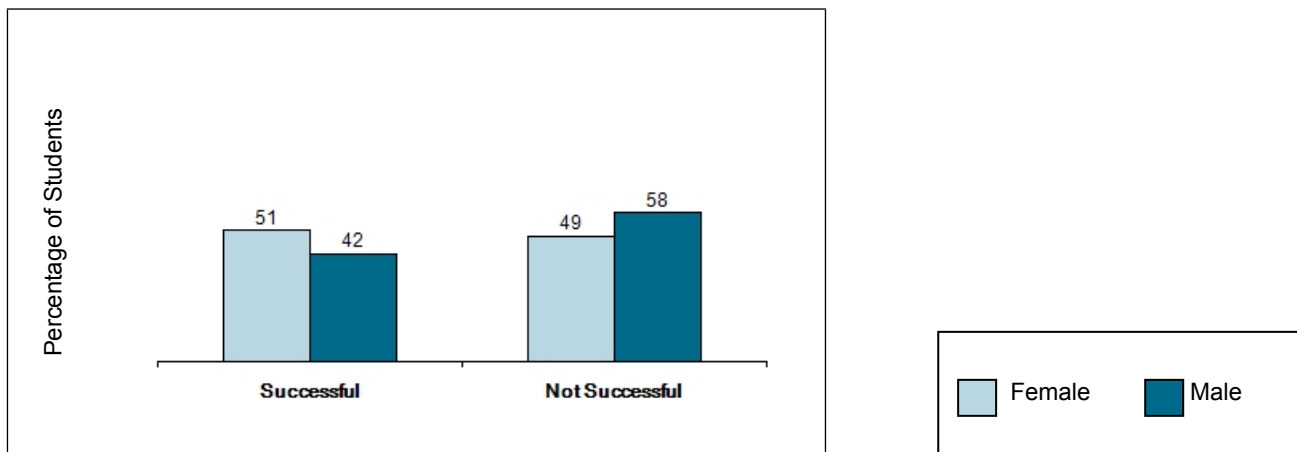
Provincial Results by Gender*†

Provincial Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 22 431		Male # = 34 683		Female # = 10 446	Male # = 15 575
Successful	5 361	24%	6 492	19%	51%	42%
Not Successful	5 085	23%	9 083	26%	49%	58%
Fully Participating	10 446	47%	15 575	45%		
Absent	2 005	9%	2 862	8%		
Deferred	2 786	12%	3 949	11%		
OSSLC	7 194	32%	12 297	35%		

Provincial Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



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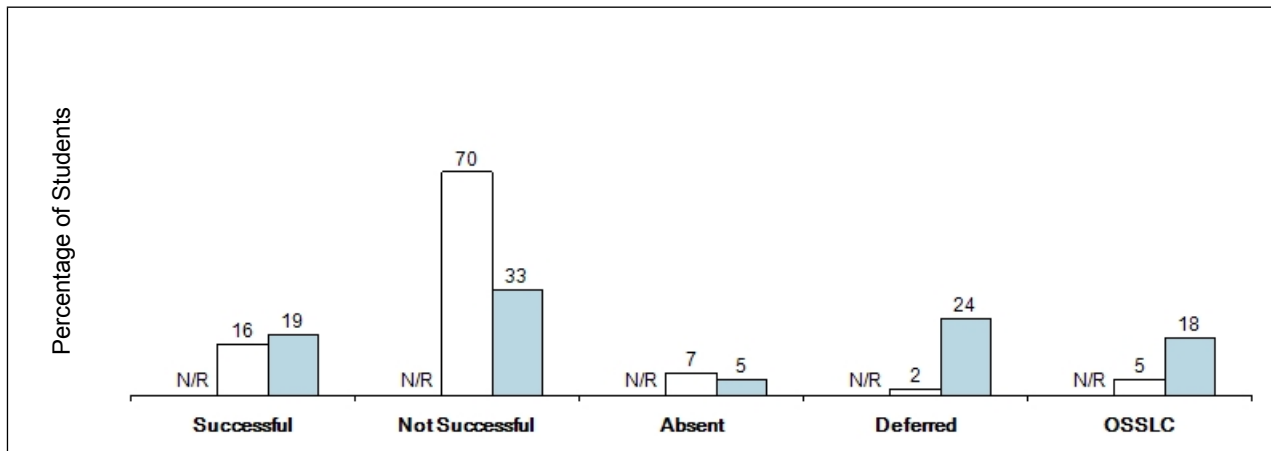
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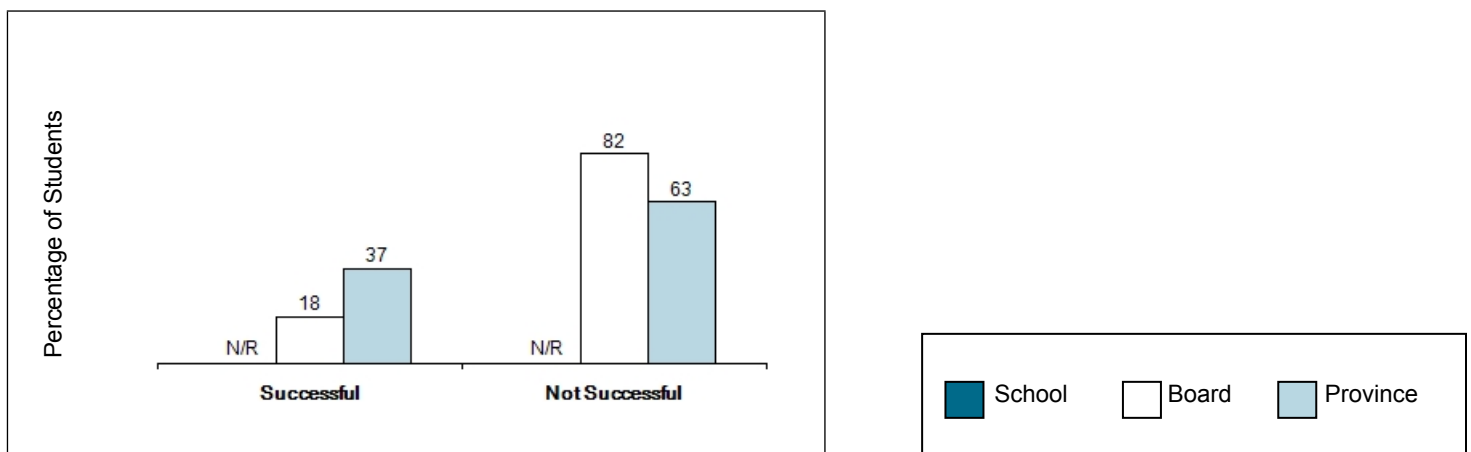
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	School # = N/R	Board # = 57	Province # = 10 545	School # = N/R	Board # = 49	Province # = 5 547
Successful	N/R	N/R	16%	19%	N/R	37%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	70%	33%	N/R	63%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	86%	53%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	7%	5%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	2%	24%		
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	5%	18%		

Results for All Previously Eligible English Language Learners*



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible English Language Learners*



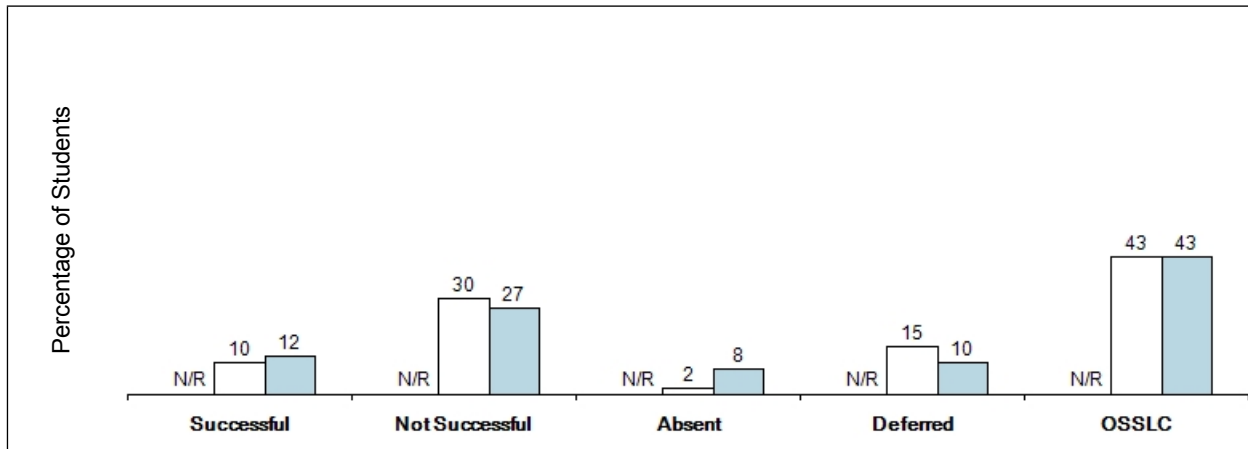
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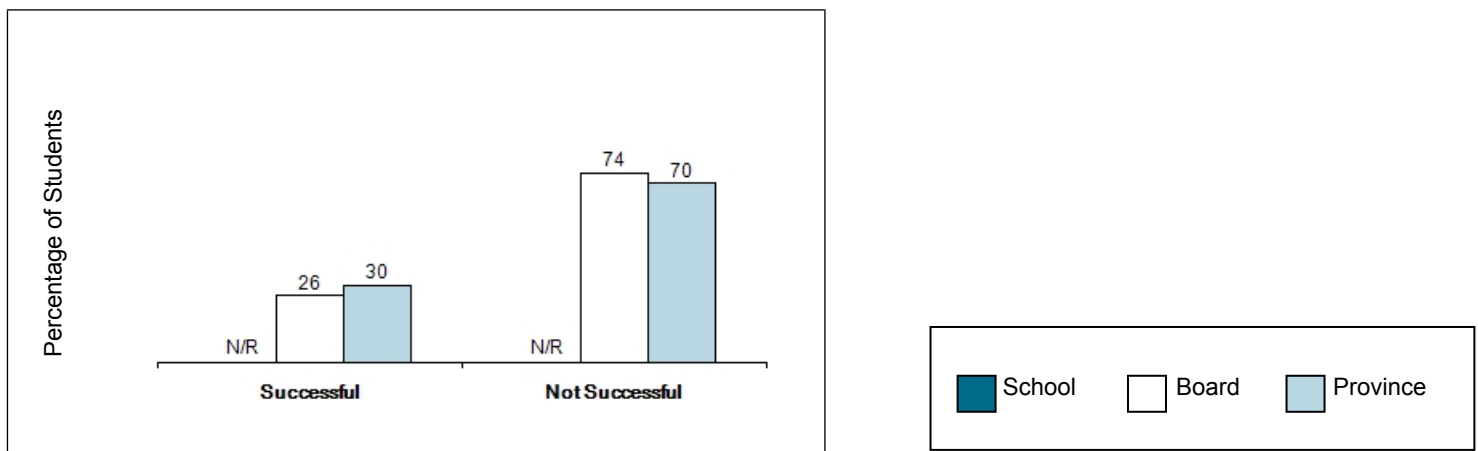
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = N/R	Board # = 288	Province # = 21 976	School # = N/R	Board # = 116	Province # = 8 536
Successful	N/R	N/R	10%	12%	N/R	30%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	30%	27%	N/R	70%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	40%	39%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	2%	8%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	15%	10%		
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	43%	43%		

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)*



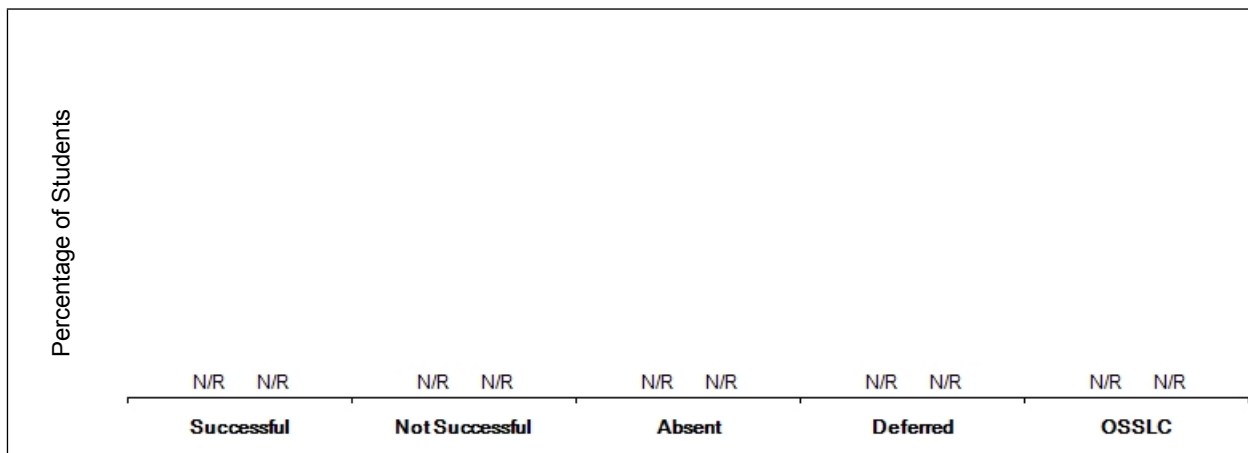
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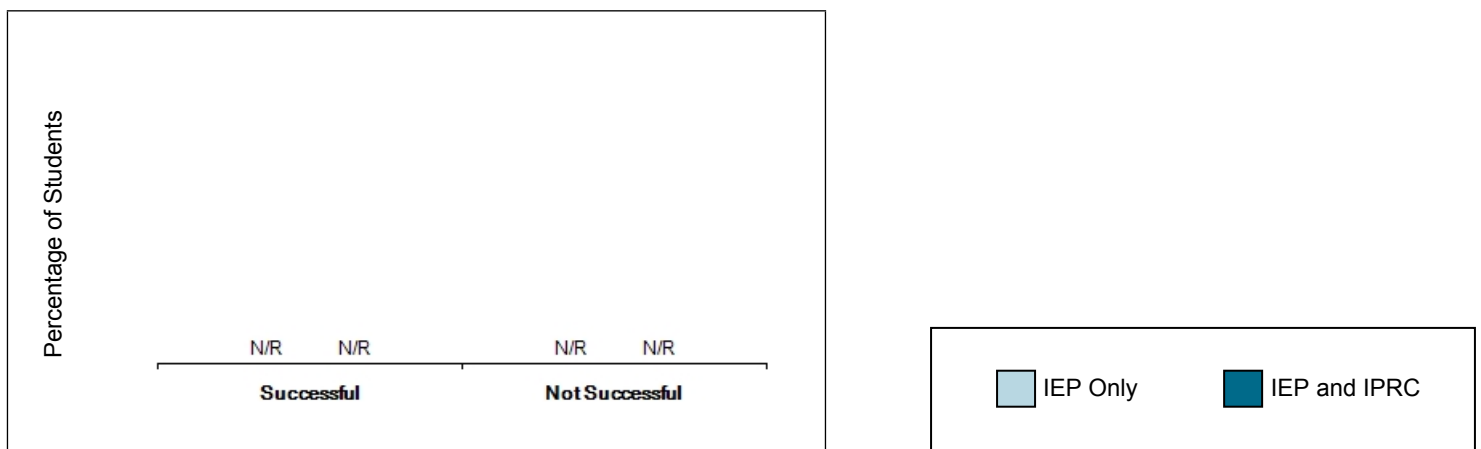
School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = N/R		IEP and IPRC # = N/R		IEP Only # = N/R	IEP and IPRC # = N/R
Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R		
Absent	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R		
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R		

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



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



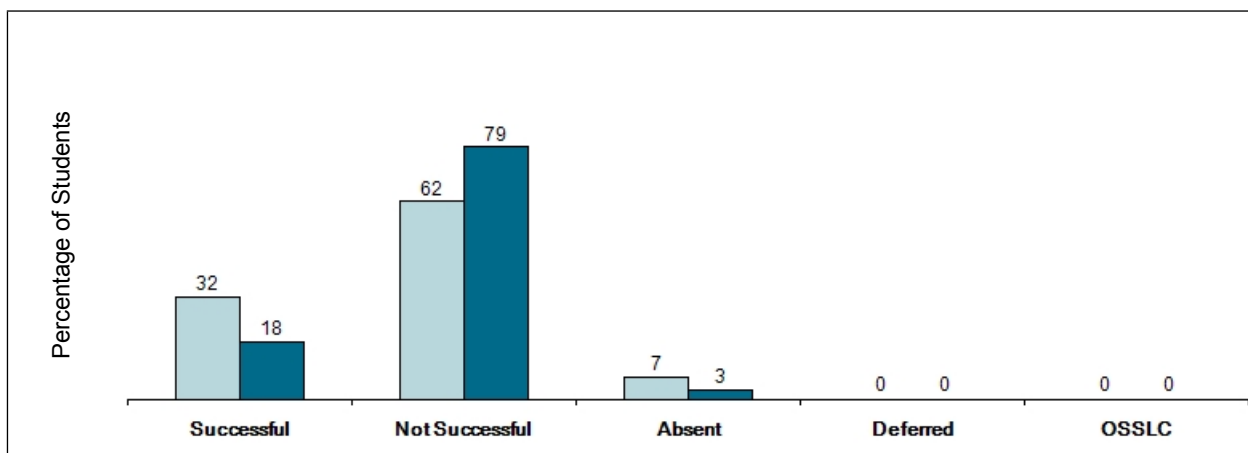
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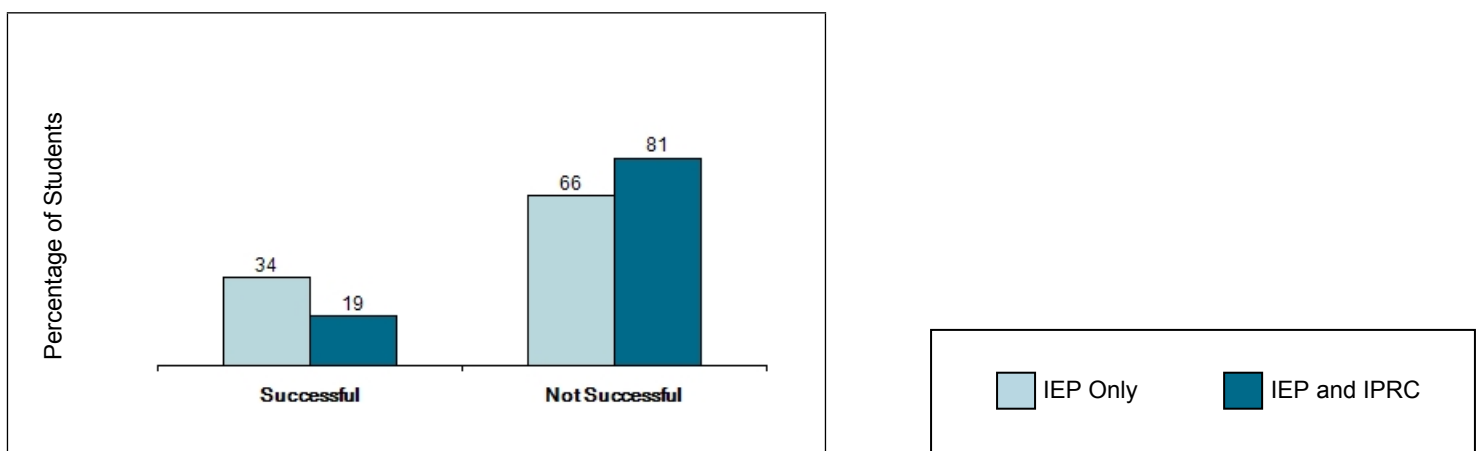
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 60		IEP and IPRC # = 38		IEP Only # = 56	IEP and IPRC # = 37
Successful	19	32%	7	18%	34%	19%
Not Successful	37	62%	30	79%	66%	81%
Fully Participating	56	93%	37	97%		
Absent	4	7%	1	3%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		
OSSLC	0	0%	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)*



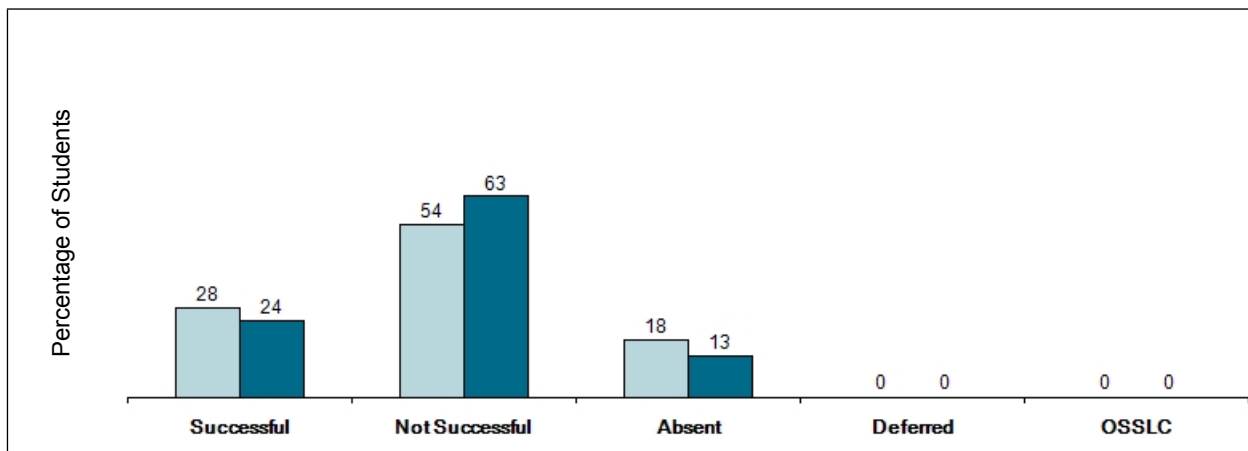
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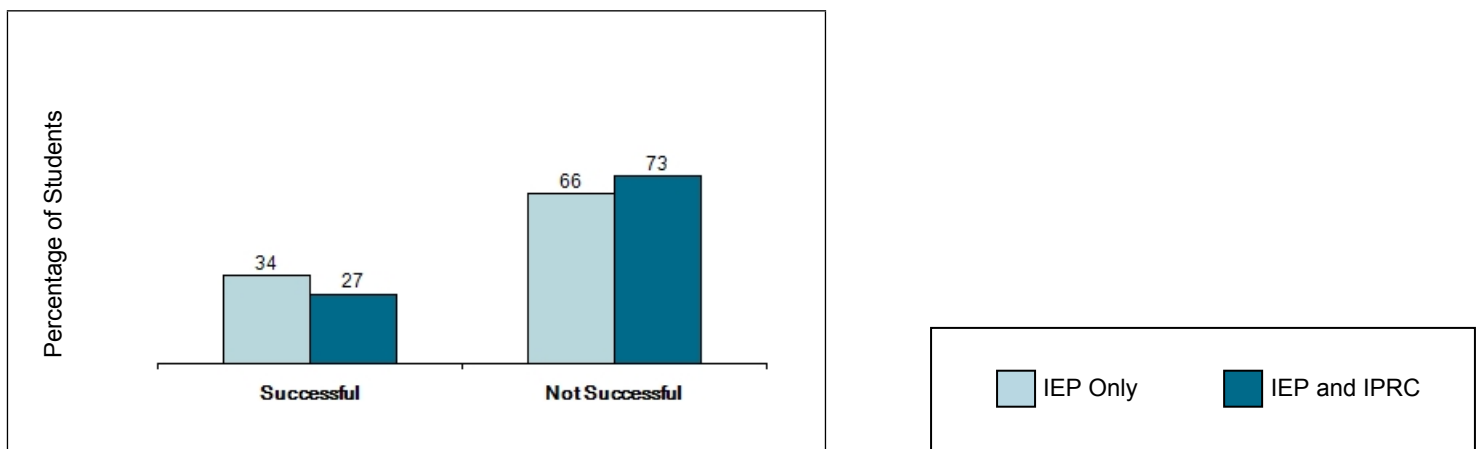
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 3 393		IEP and IPRC # = 4 471		IEP Only # = 2 769	IEP and IPRC # = 3 900
Successful	945	28%	1 069	24%	34%	27%
Not Successful	1 824	54%	2 831	63%	66%	73%
Fully Participating	2 769	82%	3 900	87%		
Absent	624	18%	571	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)*



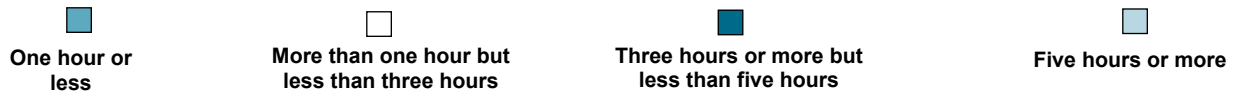
Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*



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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 20)



TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS READ IN ENGLISH		Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "Three hours or more but less than five hours" or "Five hours or more"
1. Indicate how much time you spend reading in English outside school most weeks (print or electronic).			
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies			0
comics			0
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages, blogs			9
letters			0
magazines			0
manuals, instructions			1
newspapers			0
novels, fiction, short stories			2
song lyrics, poems			3
religious or spiritual writings			0

TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS WRITE IN ENGLISH

2. Indicate how much time you spend outside school most weeks writing in English (print or electronic), not counting homework.

on social media (Twitter, Facebook, blogs) or texting			7
letters, journals, diaries			0
notes, directions, instructions			0
song lyrics, poems			2
stories, fiction			0
work-related writing			1

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 20)

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		5	1
I never or hardly ever use the computer for homework		20	4
I use the computer once or twice a month for homework		30	6
I use the computer once or twice a week for homework		30	6
I use the computer almost every day for homework		15	3
LANGUAGE BACKGROUND			
4. Is English the first language you learned at home?			
yes		85	17
no		15	3
5. What languages do you speak at home (choose one only)?			
only or mostly English		80	16
another language (or other languages) as often as English		10	2
only or mostly another language (or other languages)		10	2
<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		70 30	14
books		95 5	19
newspapers		80 20	16
magazines		65 35	13

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

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (# = 20)	Female* (# = 7)	Male* (# = 13)	All (# = 292)	Female* (# = 122)	Male* (# = 170)	All (# = 23 913)	Female* (# = 9 776)	Male* (# = 14 137)
HOME COMPUTER USE									
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	95%	100%	92%	91%	92%	90%	89%	91%	88%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	15%	29%	8%	22%	25%	19%	28%	32%	24%
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	0%	0%	0%	9%	11%	7%	14%	16%	12%
comics	0%	0%	0%	4%	3%	4%	6%	6%	7%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages, blogs	45%	71%	31%	47%	57%	39%	51%	57%	46%
letters	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%
magazines	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
manuals, instructions	5%	0%	8%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%
newspapers	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%
novels, fiction, short stories	10%	29%	0%	13%	19%	9%	19%	27%	13%
song lyrics, poems	15%	29%	8%	23%	25%	22%	29%	33%	26%
religious or spiritual writings	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	4%	6%	7%	6%
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	70%	71%	69%	71%	70%	71%	71%	73%	70%
books	95%	100%	92%	90%	93%	89%	90%	93%	88%
newspapers	80%	86%	77%	70%	64%	74%	63%	62%	64%
magazines	65%	71%	62%	60%	60%	60%	59%	59%	58%
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	35%	29%	38%	51%	57%	48%	49%	55%	45%
letters, journals, diaries	0%	0%	0%	5%	7%	5%	5%	8%	3%
notes, directions, instructions	0%	0%	0%	5%	7%	4%	8%	9%	7%
song lyrics, poems	10%	14%	8%	15%	14%	15%	17%	18%	16%
stories, fiction	0%	0%	0%	6%	7%	5%	8%	12%	6%
work-related writing	5%	0%	8%	14%	16%	13%	17%	21%	14%

* 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 (# = 20)	Female* (# = 7)	Male* (# = 13)	All (# = 292)	Female* (# = 122)	Male* (# = 170)	All (# = 23 913)	Female* (# = 9 776)	Male* (# = 14 137)
LANGUAGE BACKGROUND									
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was									
other than English.	15%	29%	8%	30%	38%	25%	36%	39%	34%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	80%	57%	92%	66%	61%	69%	58%	54%	61%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	10%	14%	8%	15%	16%	15%	23%	26%	22%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	10%	29%	0%	16%	22%	12%	17%	19%	16%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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

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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.
OSSLC	Students are placed in this category of reporting if the school indicated that the students would be fulfilling the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). For details about the OSSLC, see the Ministry of Education Web site (www.edu.gov.on.ca). All students identified as planning to fulfill the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) are reported as previously eligible students. If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as OSSLC.
Exempted	Students can be exempted from the OSSLT only if they are not working toward an OSSD. A student is categorized as exempted only if the school indicates that the student is exempted. If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as exempted.
English Language Learners	Students who have been identified by the school in accordance with <i>English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12</i> (2007).
English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions	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 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> .
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.