

School Report

Previously Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2014

School: Merivale HS (925691)

Board: Ottawa-Carleton DSB (66184)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2014 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This report also includes demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting the achievement results.

Reading and writing skills are critical to success both in and out of school in the 21st century. It is important for students to make sense of what they read and communicate clearly when they write. The OSSLT assesses whether Ontario students have acquired these fundamental reading and writing skills across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

By assessing all students in our education system at key stages in their schooling, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels. EQAO results alongside board and classroom assessment data have proven effective for monitoring progress and allowing school communities to make evidence-based decisions in their planning.

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

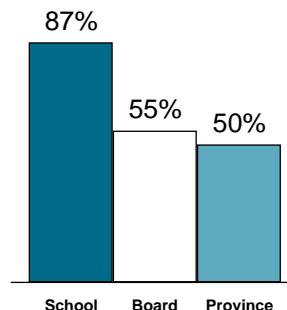
Sincerely,

Bruce Rodrigues
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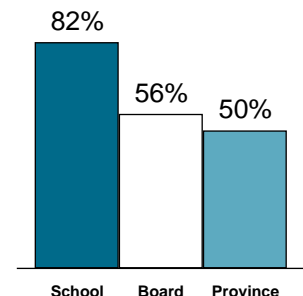
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PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS 2014: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully



Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful



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. Beginning in 2012-2013, results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 10 students fully participated because it might be possible to identify individual students. Prior to 2012-2013, results were not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 15 students fully participated.

WHAT IS IN THIS REPORT?

This report shows how well students at this 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 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 2014, Previously Eligible Students

Contextual Information

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

	School		Board		Province	
Enrolment						
Number of previously eligible students	39		2 173		56 941	
Number of schools with previously eligible students	n/a		32		829	
Number of students who were exempted	0		7		1 989	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all previously eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	34	87%	1 186	55%	28 312	50%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were absent	3	8%	211	10%	4 628	8%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were deferred	0	0%	403	19%	6 490	11%
Of all previously eligible students, those who are completing the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)	2	5%	373	17%	17 511	31%
Gender[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
Female	11	28%	950	44%	22 412	39%
Male	28	72%	1 223	56%	34 528	61%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
English language learners*	13	33%	735	34%	9 756	17%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	13	38%	394	33%	4 916	17%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	14	36%	737	34%	21 563	38%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	12	35%	371	31%	9 224	33%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		33	1 162	27 389	
First language learned at home was other than English	15	45%	571	49%	9 650	35%
Speak only or mostly English at home	15	45%	546	47%	16 261	59%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	8	24%	327	28%	6 082	22%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	9	27%	274	24%	4 699	17%

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

* See Explanation of Terms.

** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

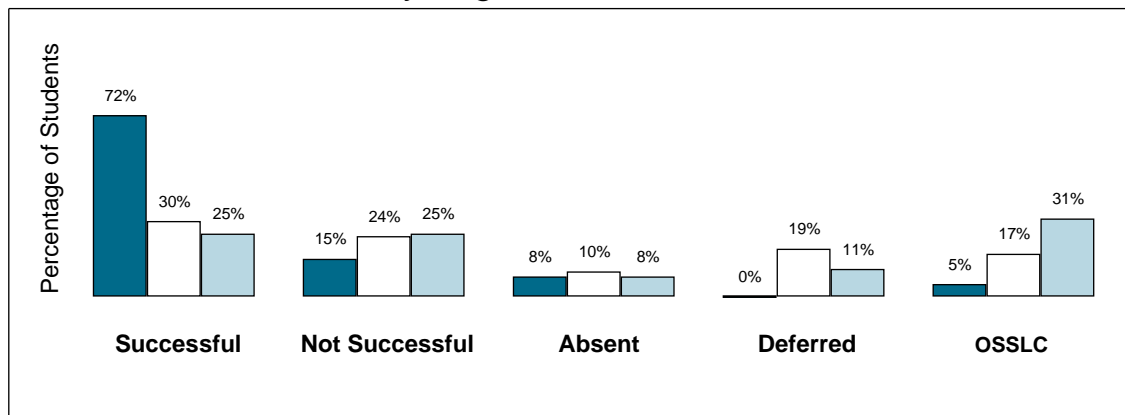
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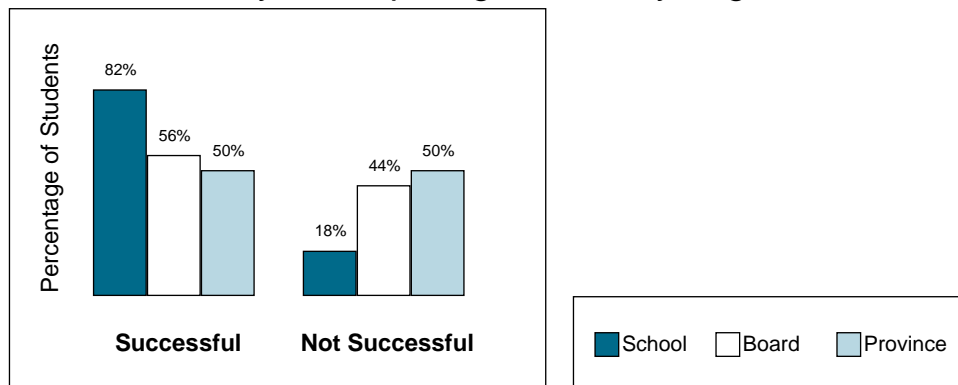
Results for All Students*

	Previously Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 39	Board # = 2 173	Province # = 56 941	School # = 34	Board # = 1 186	Province # = 28 312	
Successful	28	72%	30%	25%	82%	56%	50%
Not Successful	6	15%	24%	25%	18%	44%	50%
Fully Participating	34	87%	55%	50%			
Absent	3	8%	10%	8%			
Deferred	0	0%	19%	11%			
OSSLC	2	5%	17%	31%			

Results for All Previously Eligible Students



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students



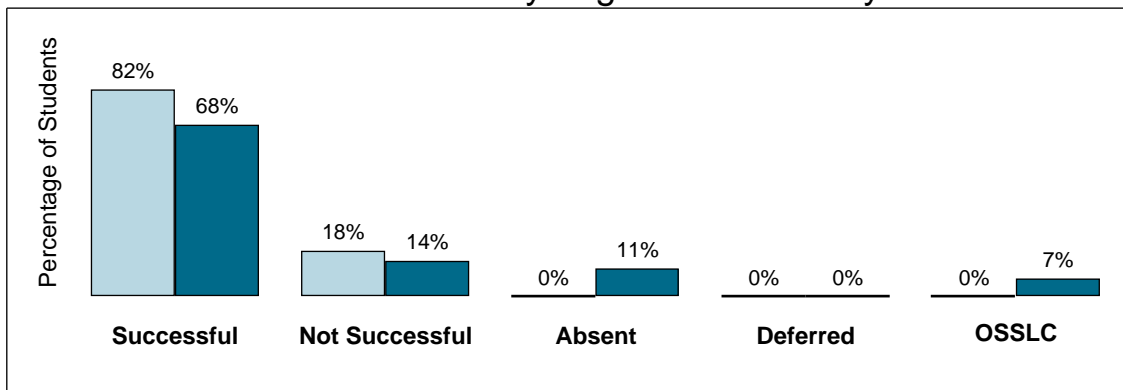
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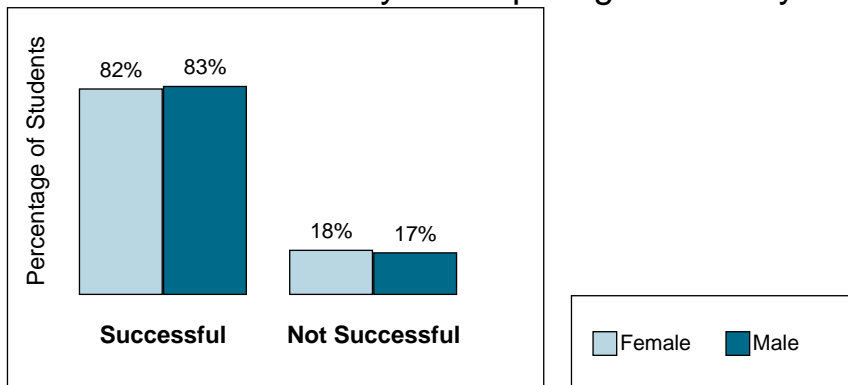
School Results by Gender*†

School Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 11	Male # = 28	Female # = 11	Male # = 23	Female # = 11	Male # = 23
Successful	9	82%	19	68%	82%	83%
Not Successful	2	18%	4	14%	18%	17%
Fully Participating	11	100%	23	82%		
Absent	0	0%	3	11%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		
OSSLC	0	0%	2	7%		

School Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



School Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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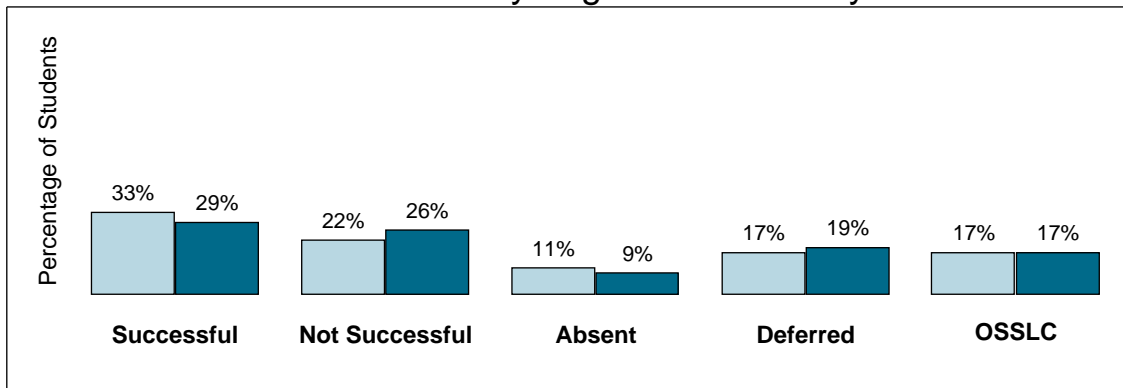
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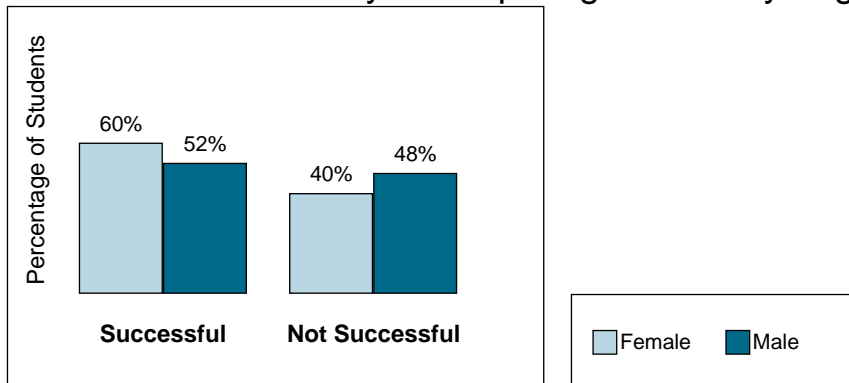
Board Results by Gender^{*†}

Board Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 950		Male # = 1 223		Female # = 521	Male # = 665
Successful	313	33%	349	29%	60%	52%
Not Successful	208	22%	316	26%	40%	48%
Fully Participating	521	55%	665	54%		
Absent	100	11%	111	9%		
Deferred	165	17%	238	19%		
OSSLC	164	17%	209	17%		

Board Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



Board Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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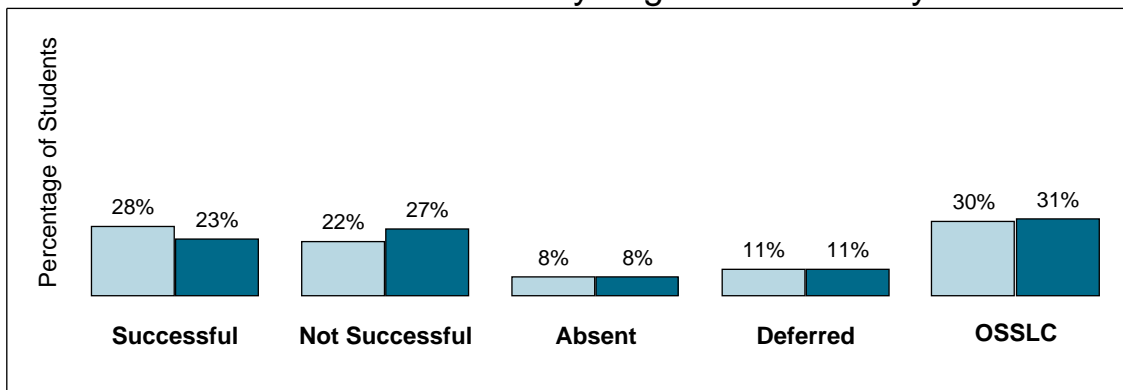
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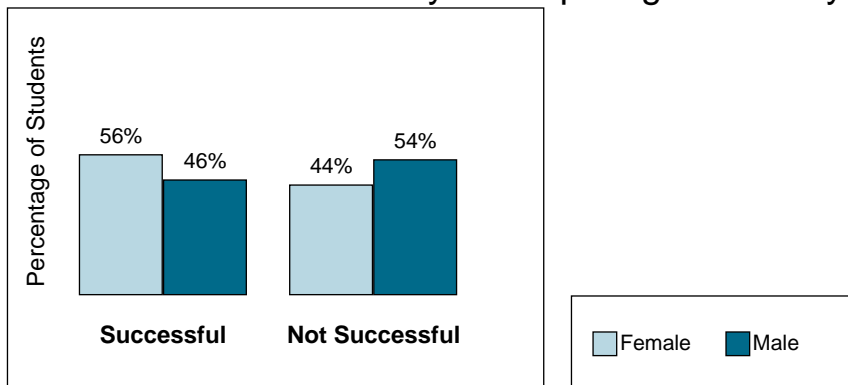
Provincial Results by Gender*†

	Provincial Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Female # = 22 412	Male # = 34 528	Female # = 11 332	Male # = 16 979
Successful	6 300	28%	7 802	23%
Not Successful	5 032	22%	9 177	27%
Fully Participating	11 332	51%	16 979	49%
Absent	1 878	8%	2 750	8%
Deferred	2 523	11%	3 967	11%
OSSLC	6 679	30%	10 832	31%

Provincial Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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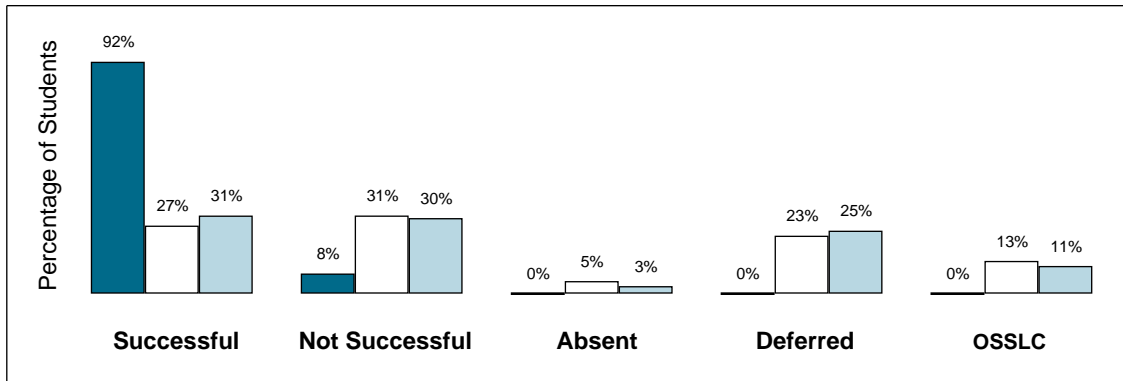
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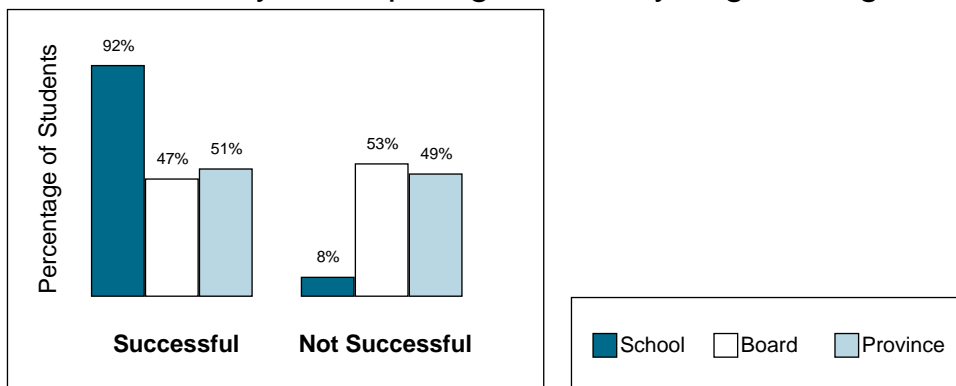
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners Previously Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 13	Board # = 735	Province # = 9 756	School # = 13	Board # = 431	Province # = 5 883	
Successful	12	92%	27%	31%	92%	47%	51%
Not Successful	1	8%	31%	30%	8%	53%	49%
Fully Participating	13	100%	59%	60%			
Absent	0	0%	5%	3%			
Deferred	0	0%	23%	25%			
OSSLC	0	0%	13%	11%			

Results for All Previously Eligible English Language Learners



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible English Language Learners



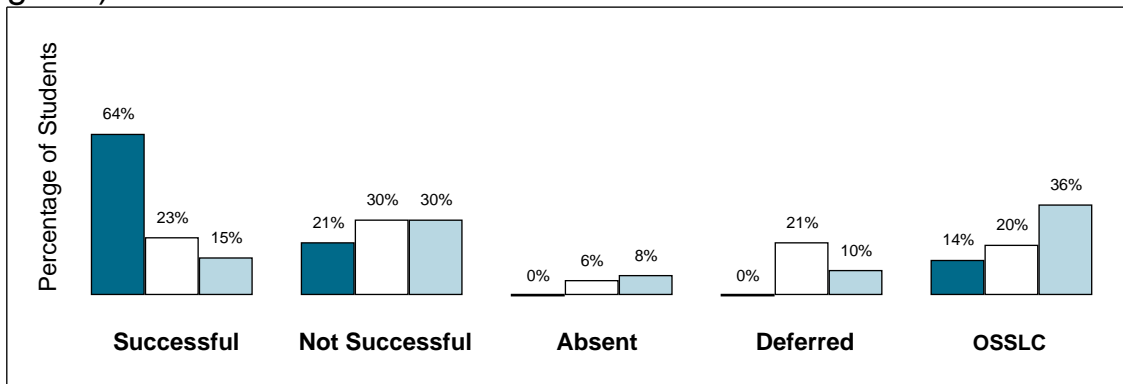
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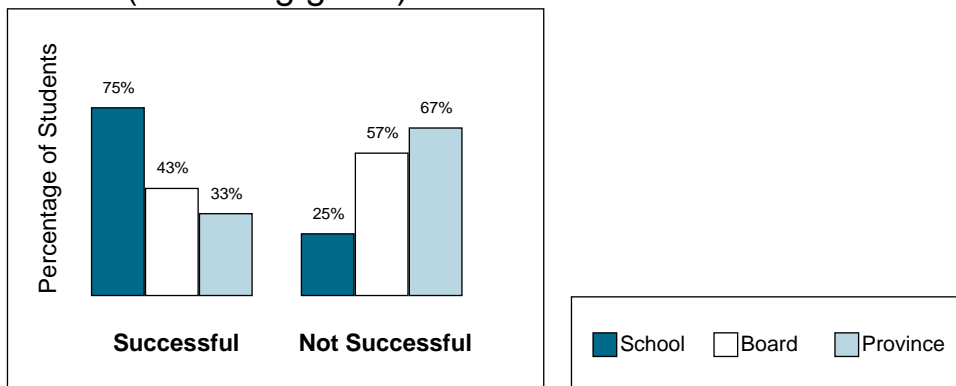
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 14	Board # = 737	Province # = 21 563	School # = 12	Board # = 389	Province # = 9 746	
Successful	9	64%	23%	15%	75%	43%	33%
Not Successful	3	21%	30%	30%	25%	57%	67%
Fully Participating	12	86%	53%	45%			
Absent	0	0%	6%	8%			
Deferred	0	0%	21%	10%			
OSSLC	2	14%	20%	36%			

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)



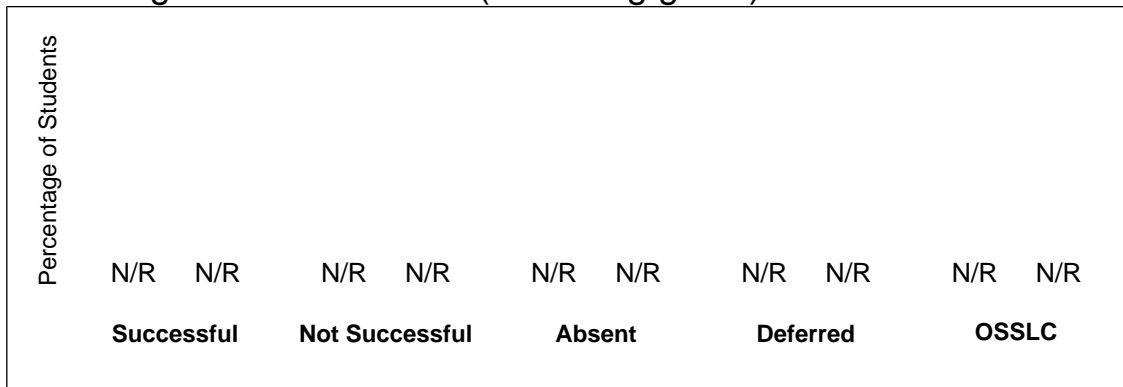
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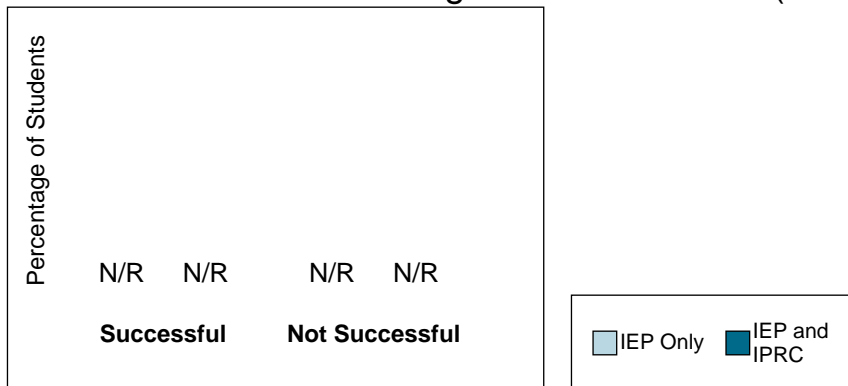
School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

	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	N/R	N/R
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Absent	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
Deferred	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	N/R	N/R	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)



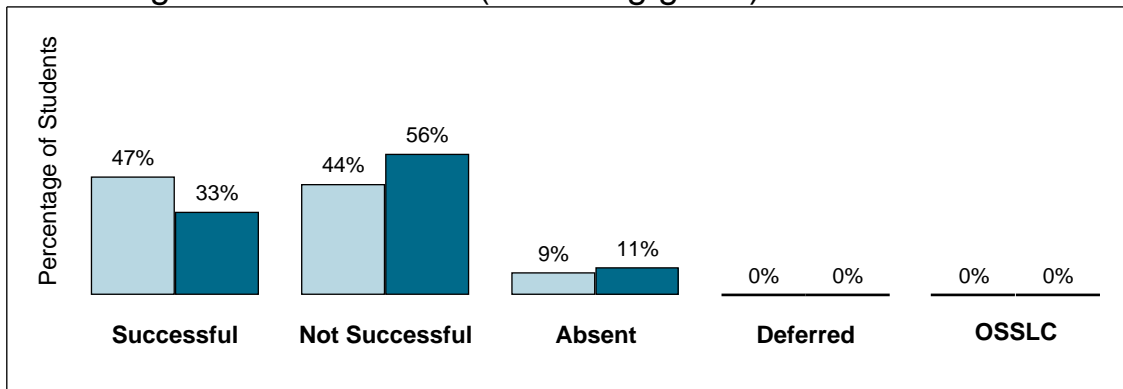
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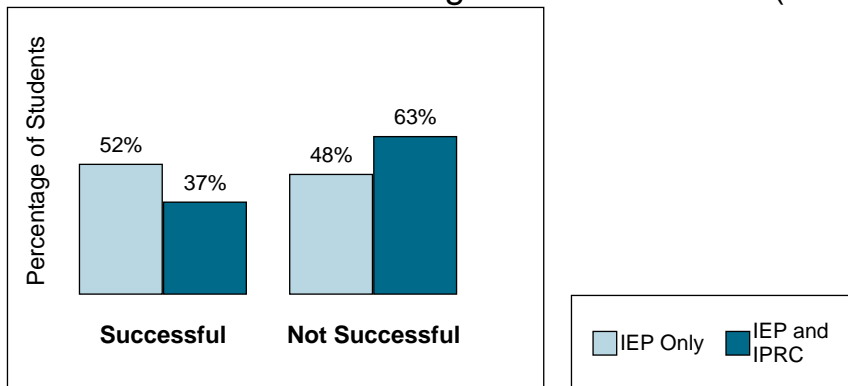
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 179		IEP and IPRC # = 235		IEP Only # = 163	IEP and IPRC # = 208
Successful	85	47%	77	33%	52%	37%
Not Successful	78	44%	131	56%	48%	63%
Fully Participating	163	91%	208	89%		
Absent	16	9%	27	11%		
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)



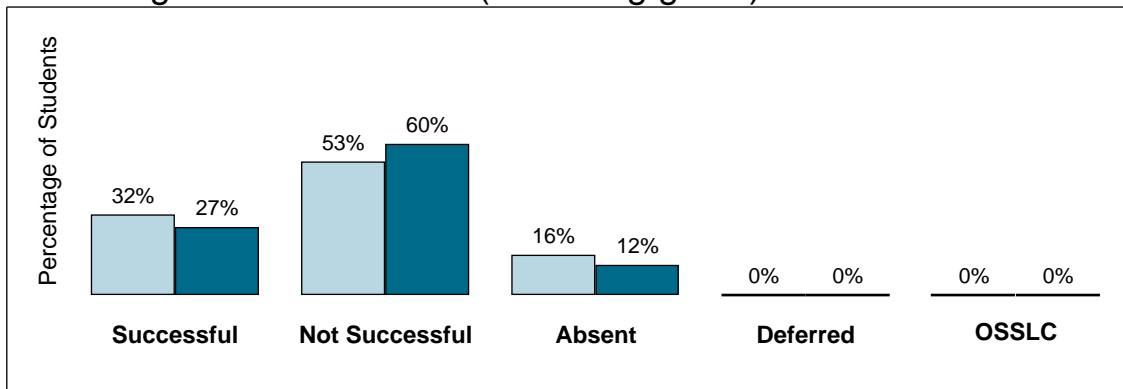
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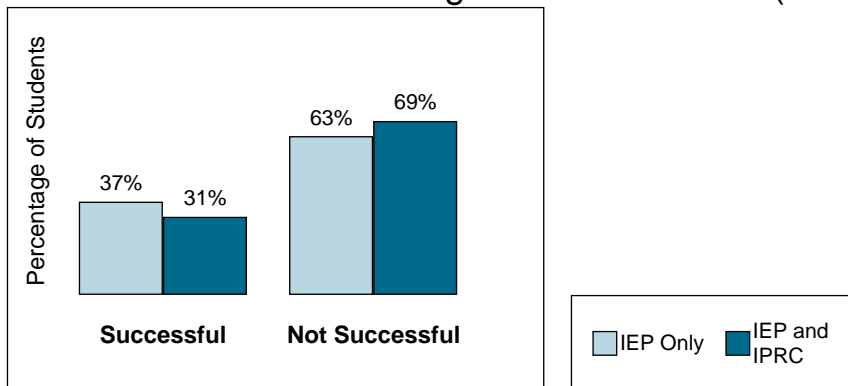
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 4 197		IEP and IPRC # = 6 478		IEP Only # = 3 541	IEP and IPRC # = 5 683
Successful	1 325	32%	1 775	27%	37%	31%
Not Successful	2 216	53%	3 908	60%	63%	69%
Fully Participating	3 541	84%	5 683	88%		
Absent	656	16%	795	12%		
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)

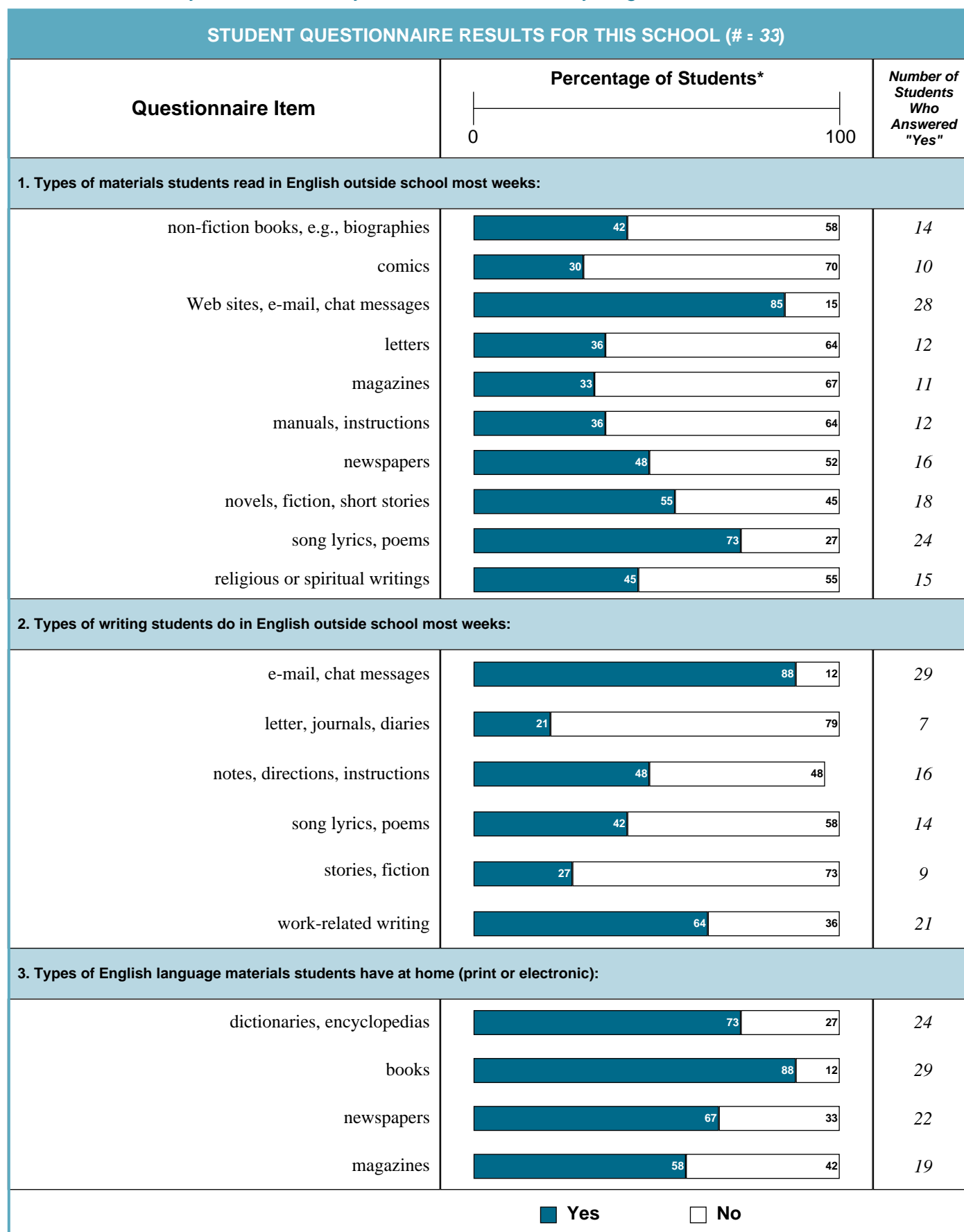


Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)





















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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2014, Previously Eligible Students

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 33)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students
4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:		
one hour or less	 18	6
more than one hour but less than three hours	 45	15
more than three hours but less than five hours	 18	6
five hours or more	 18	6
5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:		
one hour or less	 39	13
more than one hour but less than three hours	 18	6
more than three hours but less than five hours	 24	8
five hours or more	 15	5
6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:		
don't have a computer at home	 6	2
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework	 15	5
use a computer once or twice a month for homework	 18	6
use a computer once or twice a week for homework	 45	15
use a computer almost every day for homework	 15	5
7. First language students learned at home was English:		
yes	 55	18
no	 45	15
8. Language(s) students speak at home:		
only or mostly English	 45	15
another language (or other languages) as often as English	 24	8
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	 27	9

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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2014, Previously Eligible Students

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (#= 33)	Female* (#= 10)	Male* (#= 23)	All (#= 1 162)	Female* (#= 513)	Male* (#= 649)	All (#= 27 389)	Female* (#= 11 041)	Male* (#= 16 348)
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	94%	100%	91%	94%	94%	94%	92%	93%	91%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	15%	30%	9%	31%	31%	31%	28%	30%	26%
Percentage of students indicating that they read the following types of materials in English outside school most weeks:									
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	42%	0%	61%	41%	42%	40%	38%	38%	38%
comics	30%	40%	26%	35%	31%	39%	37%	30%	42%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	85%	80%	87%	90%	91%	89%	88%	91%	85%
letters	36%	40%	35%	41%	43%	40%	40%	44%	38%
magazines	33%	40%	30%	50%	57%	45%	52%	61%	46%
manuals, instructions	36%	30%	39%	43%	36%	49%	47%	37%	53%
newspapers	48%	30%	57%	44%	40%	48%	42%	40%	44%
novels, fiction, short stories	55%	60%	52%	66%	75%	59%	62%	75%	54%
song lyrics, poems	73%	90%	65%	71%	81%	62%	70%	80%	62%
religious or spiritual writings	45%	50%	43%	31%	33%	30%	27%	29%	26%
Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	36%	60%	26%	36%	41%	33%	30%	34%	27%
Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home (print or electronic):									
dictionaries, encyclopedias	73%	80%	70%	78%	81%	77%	74%	76%	72%
books	88%	100%	83%	89%	91%	88%	87%	91%	85%
newspapers	67%	50%	74%	66%	67%	65%	70%	70%	70%
magazines	58%	60%	57%	66%	70%	63%	69%	72%	66%
Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:									
e-mail, chat messages	88%	90%	87%	93%	94%	93%	92%	94%	90%
letters, journals, diaries	21%	30%	17%	34%	46%	24%	33%	47%	23%
notes, directions, instructions	48%	40%	52%	53%	53%	53%	53%	55%	51%
song lyrics, poems	42%	50%	39%	43%	50%	37%	45%	52%	40%
stories, fiction	27%	30%	26%	35%	40%	31%	34%	38%	30%
work-related writing	64%	70%	61%	58%	56%	59%	55%	56%	55%
Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	39%	60%	30%	30%	32%	28%	26%	29%	24%
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was									
other than English.	45%	20%	57%	49%	52%	47%	35%	39%	33%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	45%	60%	39%	47%	43%	50%	59%	56%	61%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	24%	10%	30%	28%	30%	27%	22%	23%	22%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	27%	30%	26%	24%	26%	22%	17%	19%	16%

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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>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> . A student is categorized as deferred only if the school indicates a deferral. If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as deferred.
OSSLC	Students are placed in this category of reporting if the school indicated that the students would be fulfilling the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). For details about the OSSLC, see the Ministry of Education Web site (www.edu.gov.on.ca). If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as OSSLC.
Exempted	Students can be exempted from the OSSLT only if they are not working toward an OSSD. A student is categorized as exempted only if the school indicates that the student is exempted. If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as exempted.
English Language Learners	Students who have been identified by the school in accordance with <i>English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12</i> (2007).
English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions	English language learners identified by the school as receiving special provisions. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> .
Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)	Students who have been formally identified by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC), as well as students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Students identified solely as gifted are not included.
Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)	Students with special education needs identified by the school as receiving test accommodations. Students identified solely as gifted are not included. Detailed information about accommodations is available in the Ministry of Education <i>Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements</i> (2011) and in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> .
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire is so small (fewer than six in a group) that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore results are not reported.
N/D	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the group or year specified.
W	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact the school principal.