



School Report

Previously Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2014–2015

School: Merivale HS (925691)

Board: Ottawa-Carleton DSB (66184)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2015 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This report also includes demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting the achievement results.

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

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

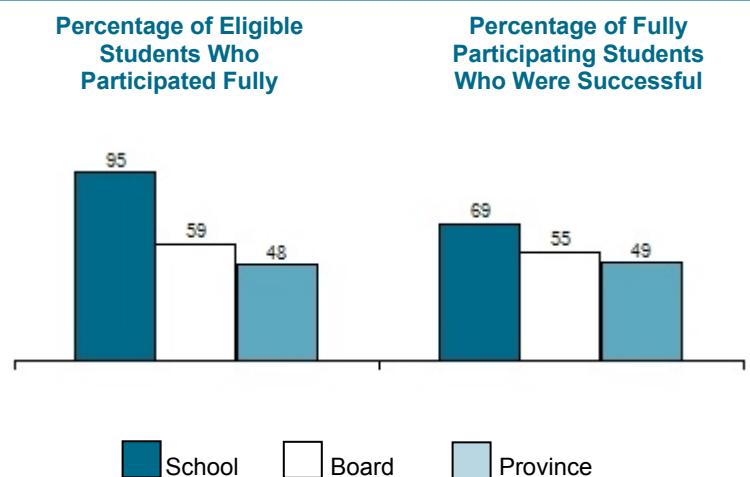
At EQAO, we strongly believe that reliable evidence empowers and guides the judgment and actions of professional educators and school communities. We are pleased to continue our partnership with you as we all work toward helping students reach their full potential. I hope you will find this report to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

Sincerely,

Bruce Rodrigues
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PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, 2014–2015: 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. 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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Contextual Information

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

	School		Board		Province	
Enrolment						
Number of previously eligible students	38		1 932		54 024	
Number of schools with previously eligible students	n/a		31		819	
Number of students who were exempted	0		7		2 074	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all previously eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	36	95%	1 138	59%	25 989	48%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were absent	1	3%	168	9%	4 639	9%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were deferred	0	0%	338	17%	5 835	11%
Of all previously eligible students, those who are completing the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)	1	3%	288	15%	17 562	33%
Gender[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
Female	12	32%	766	40%	21 079	39%
Male	26	68%	1 166	60%	32 945	61%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Student Status[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
English language learners*	18	47%	663	34%	8 278	15%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	15	42%	309	27%	4 282	16%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	9	24%	675	35%	21 881	41%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	8	22%	349	31%	8 724	34%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		36		1 049	
					24 015	
First language learned at home was other than English	16	44%	496	47%	8 119	34%
Speak only or mostly English at home	16	44%	517	49%	14 853	62%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	14	39%	299	29%	5 026	21%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	6	17%	220	21%	3 919	16%

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

* See Explanation of Terms.

** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

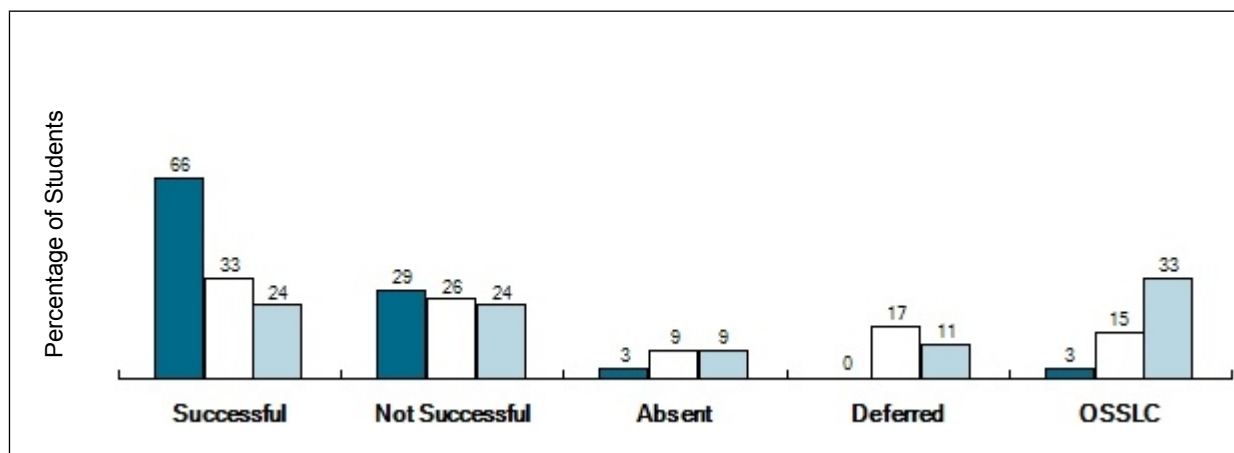
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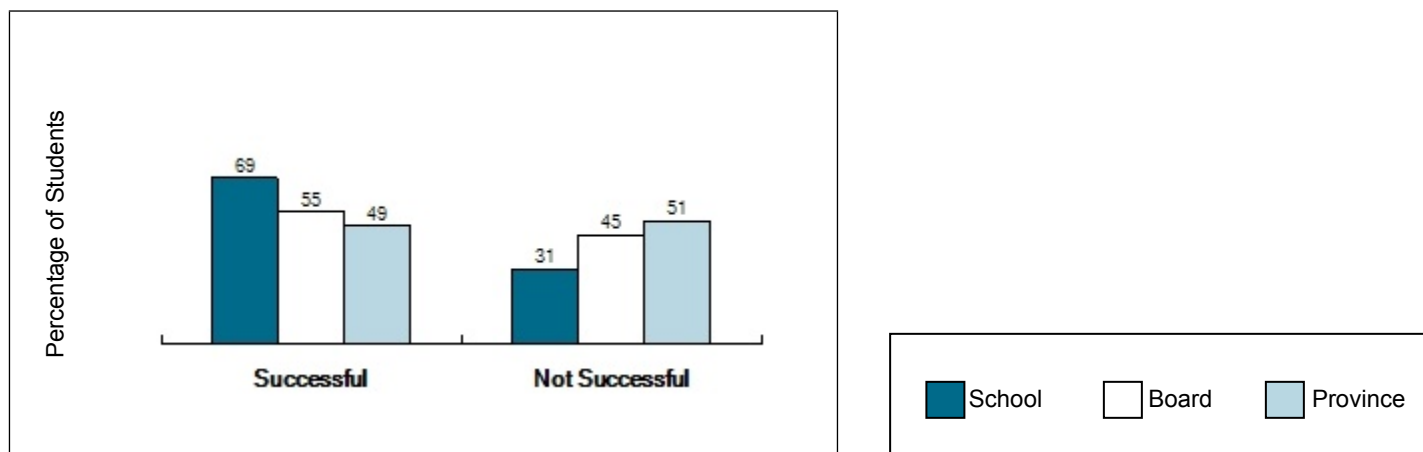
Results for All Students*

Results for All Students Previously Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 38	Board # = 1 932	Province # = 54 024	School # = 36	Board # = 1 138	Province # = 25 989
Successful	25	66%	33%	24%	69%	55%
Not Successful	11	29%	26%	24%	31%	45%
Fully Participating	36	95%	59%	48%		
Absent	1	3%	9%	9%		
Deferred	0	0%	17%	11%		
OSSLC	1	3%	15%	33%		

Results for All Previously Eligible Students



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students



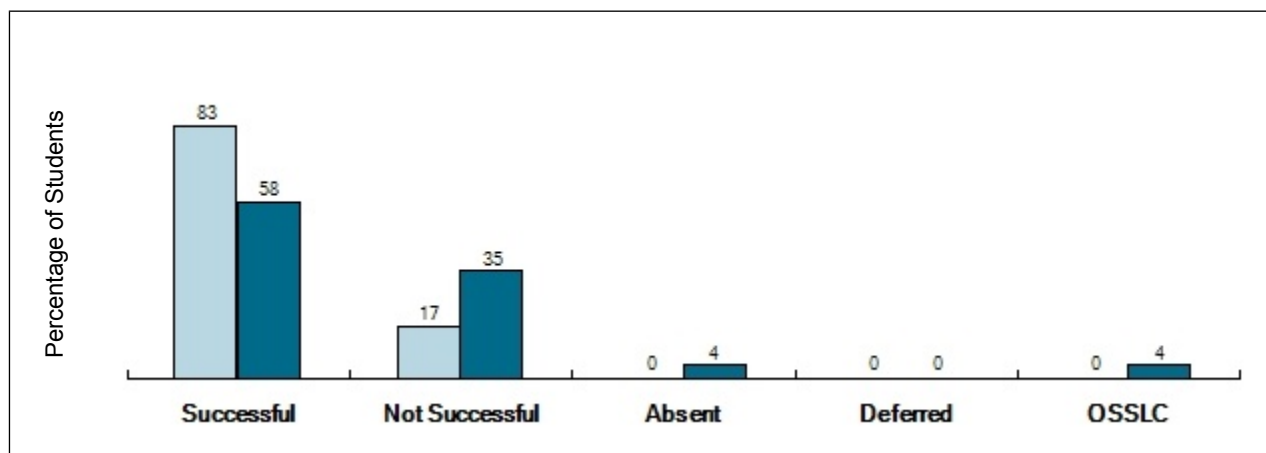
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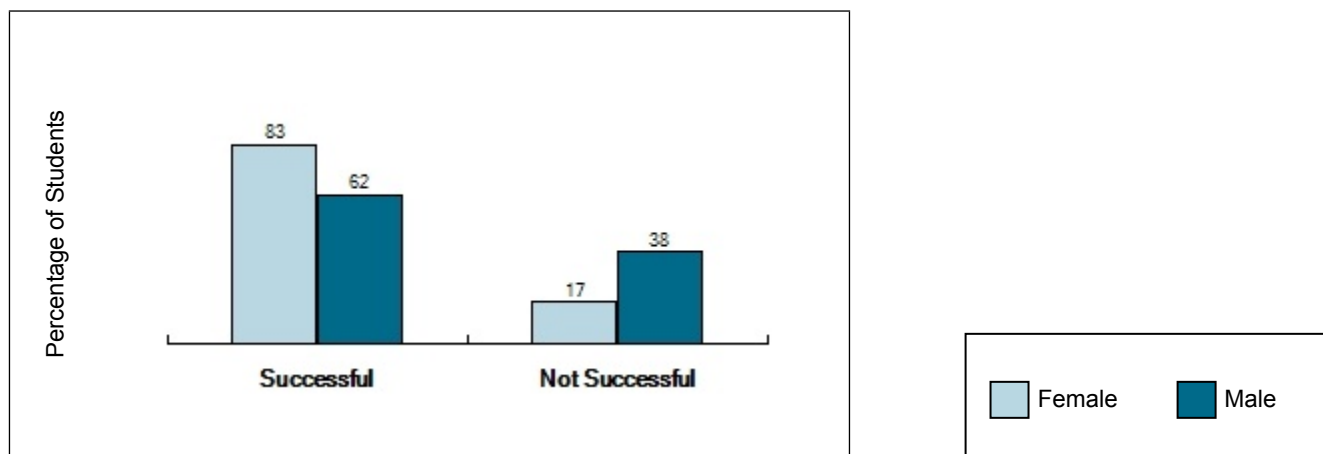
School Results by Gender*†

	School Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students					
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 12		Male # = 26		Female # = 12	Male # = 24
Successful	10	83%	15	58%	83%	62%
Not Successful	2	17%	9	35%	17%	38%
Fully Participating	12	100%	24	92%		
Absent	0	0%	1	4%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		
OSSLC	0	0%	1	4%		

School Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



School Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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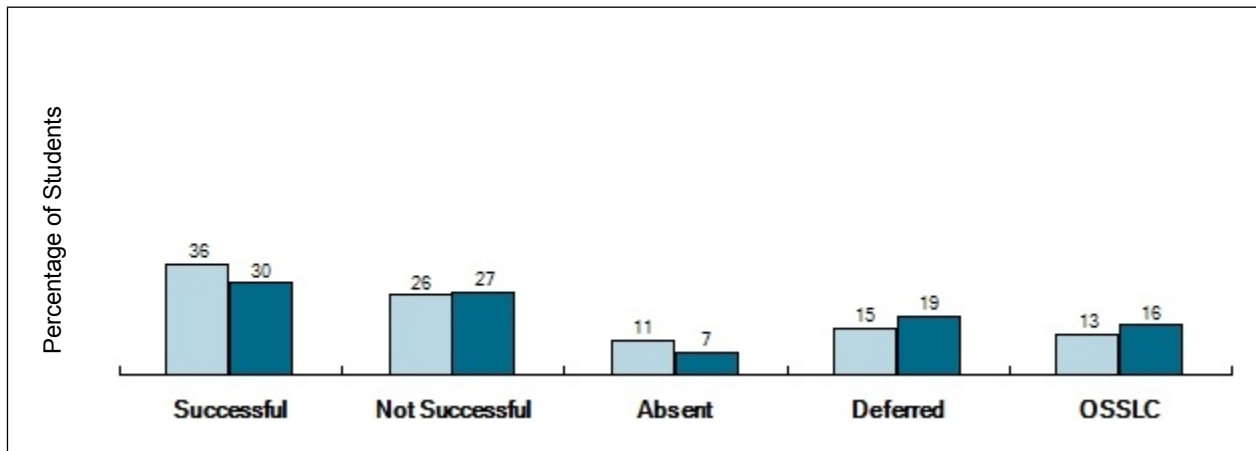
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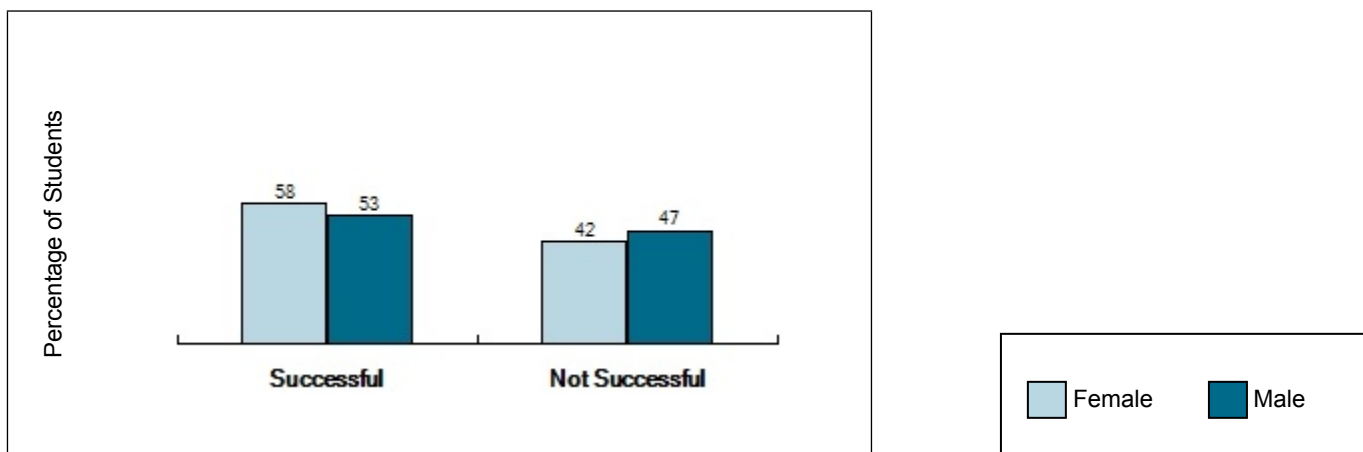
Board Results by Gender*†

Board Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 766		Male # = 1 166		Female # = 471	Male # = 667
Successful	273	36%	355	30%	58%	53%
Not Successful	198	26%	312	27%	42%	47%
Fully Participating	471	61%	667	57%		
Absent	81	11%	87	7%		
Deferred	113	15%	225	19%		
OSSLC	101	13%	187	16%		

Board Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



Board Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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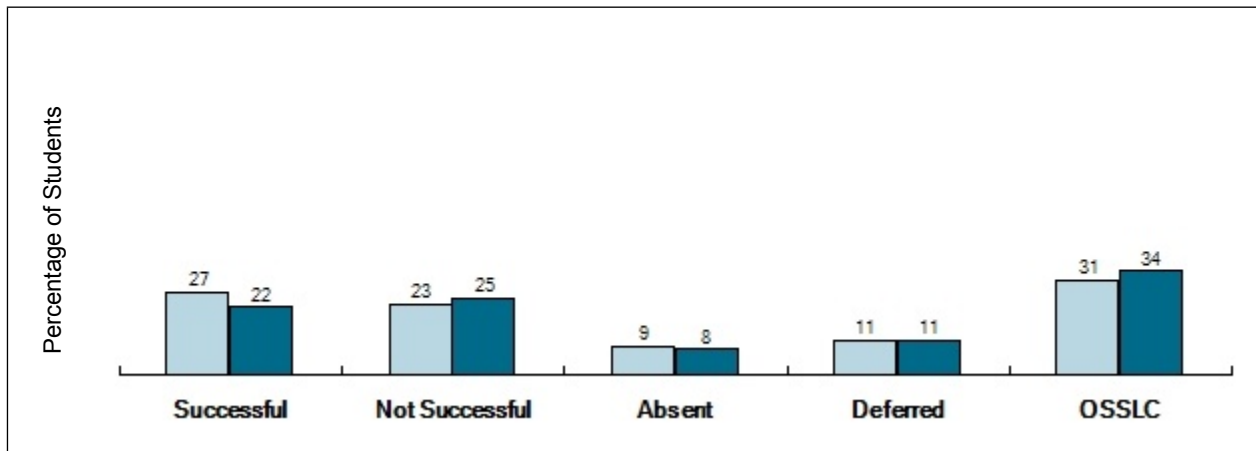
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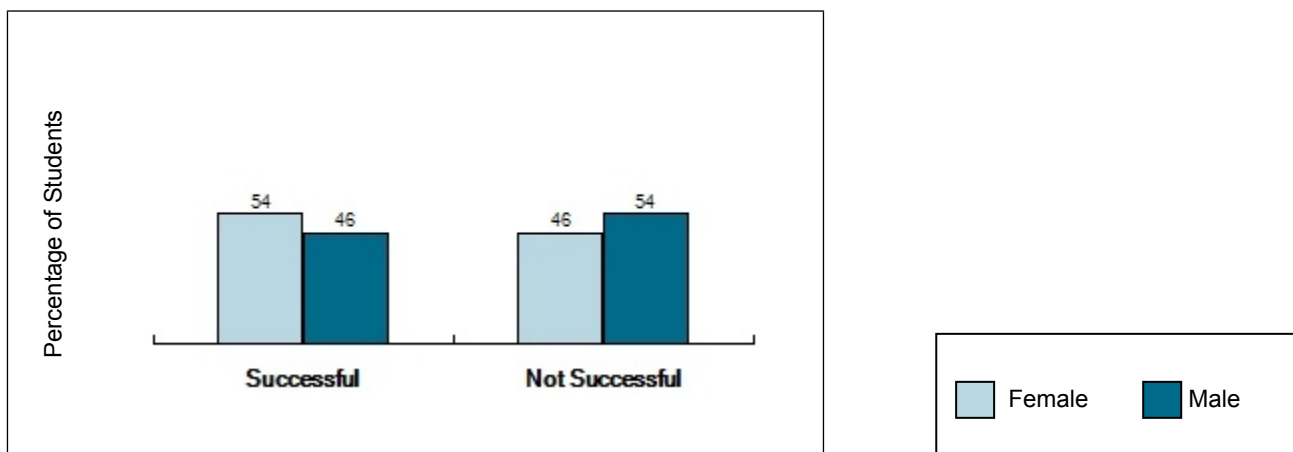
Provincial Results by Gender*†

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

Provincial Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender



Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students by Gender



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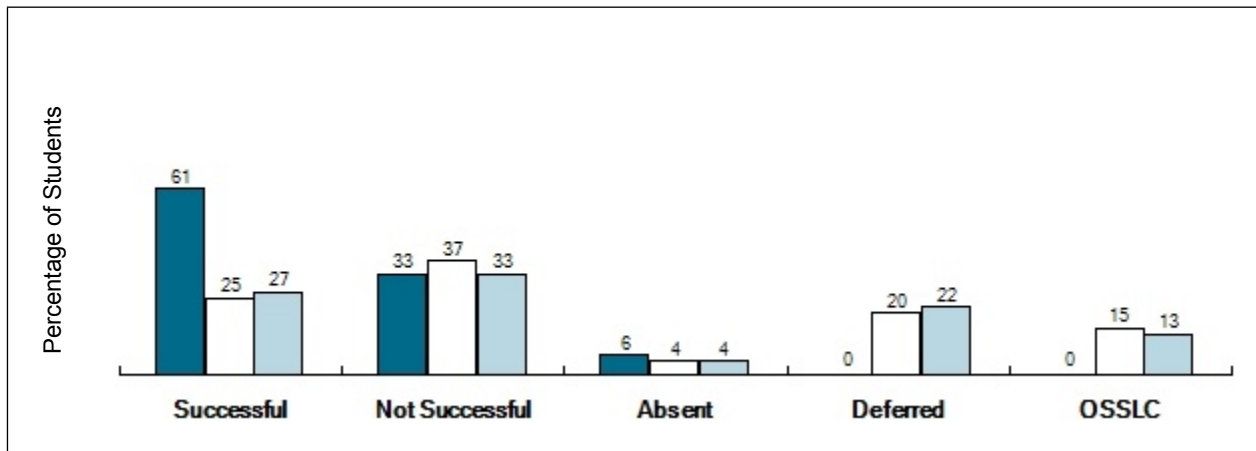
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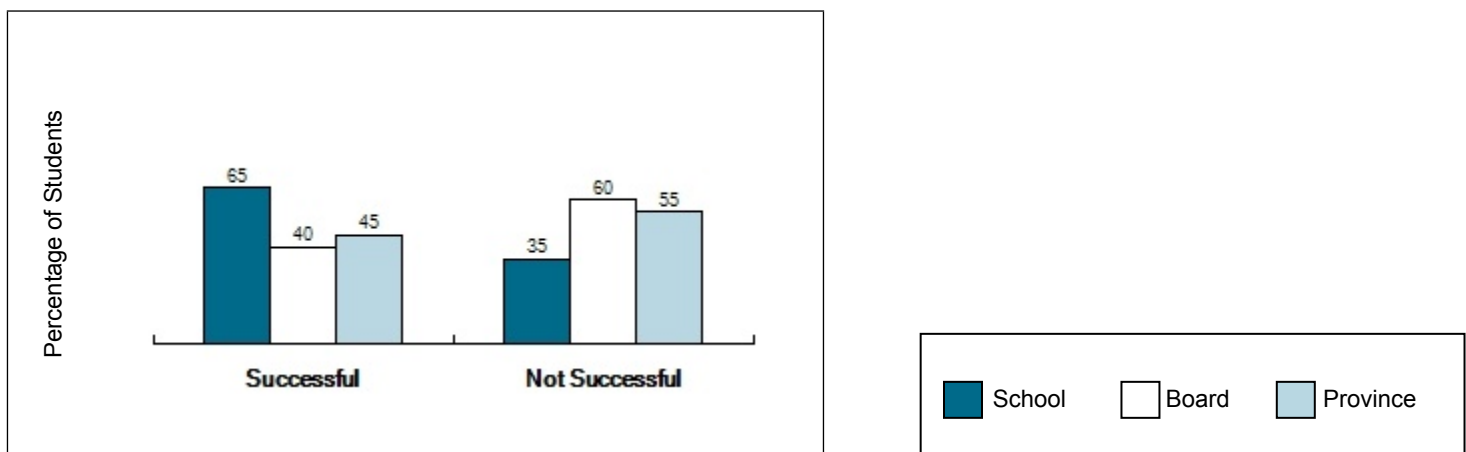
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners Previously Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 18	Board # = 663	Province # = 8 278	School # = 17	Board # = 410	Province # = 5 040	
Successful	11	61%	25%	27%	65%	40%	45%
Not Successful	6	33%	37%	33%	35%	60%	55%
Fully Participating	17	94%	62%	61%			
Absent	1	6%	4%	4%			
Deferred	0	0%	20%	22%			
OSSLC	0	0%	15%	13%			

Results for All Previously Eligible English Language Learners



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible English Language Learners



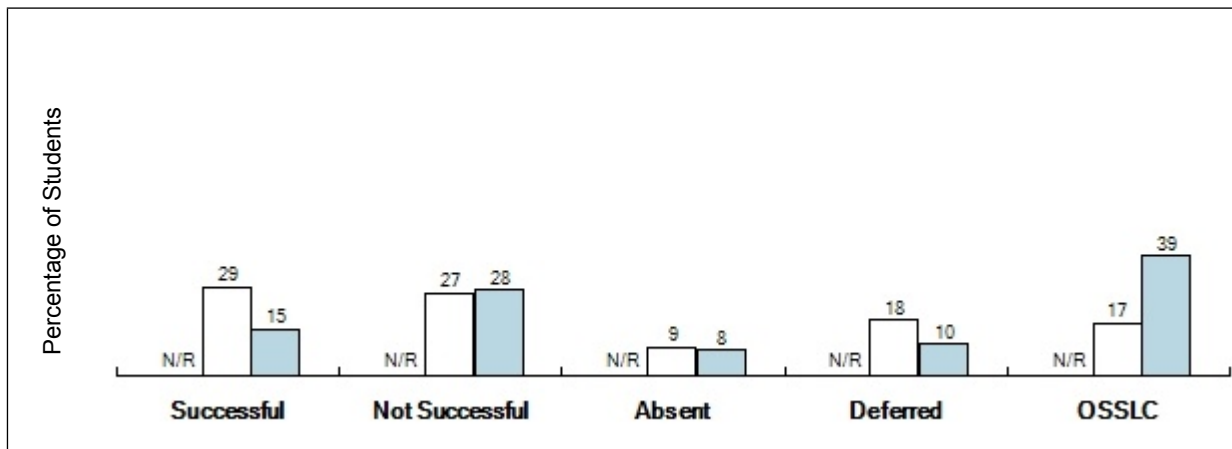
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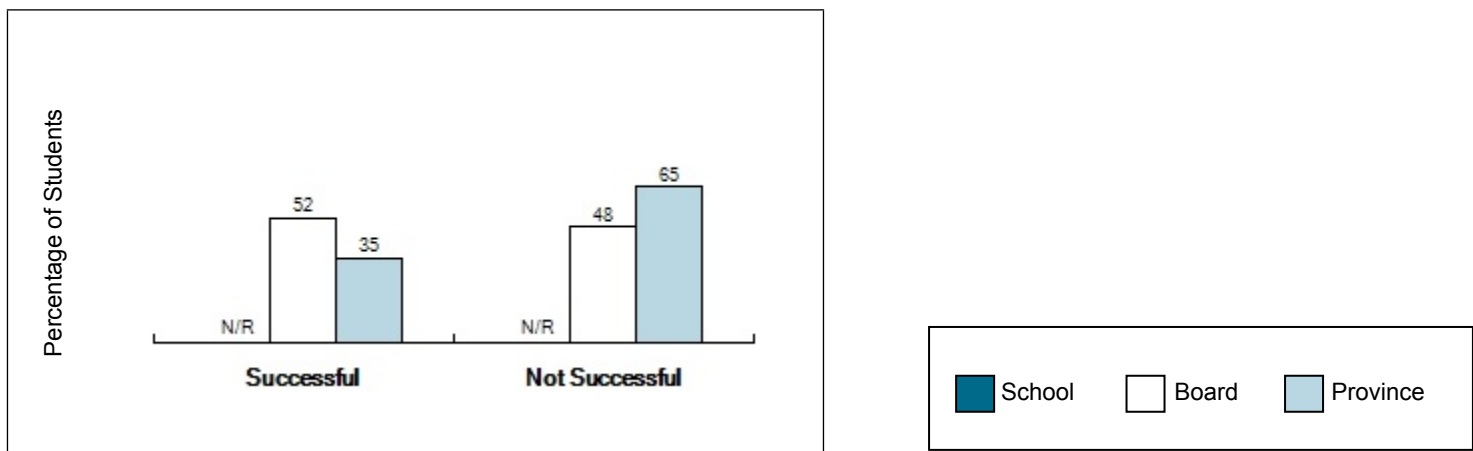
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

	Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students					
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = N/R	Board # = 675	Province # = 21 881	School # = N/R	Board # = 380	Province # = 9 370
Successful	N/R	N/R	29%	15%	N/R	35%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	27%	28%	N/R	65%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	56%	43%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	9%	8%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	18%	10%		
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	17%	39%		

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



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



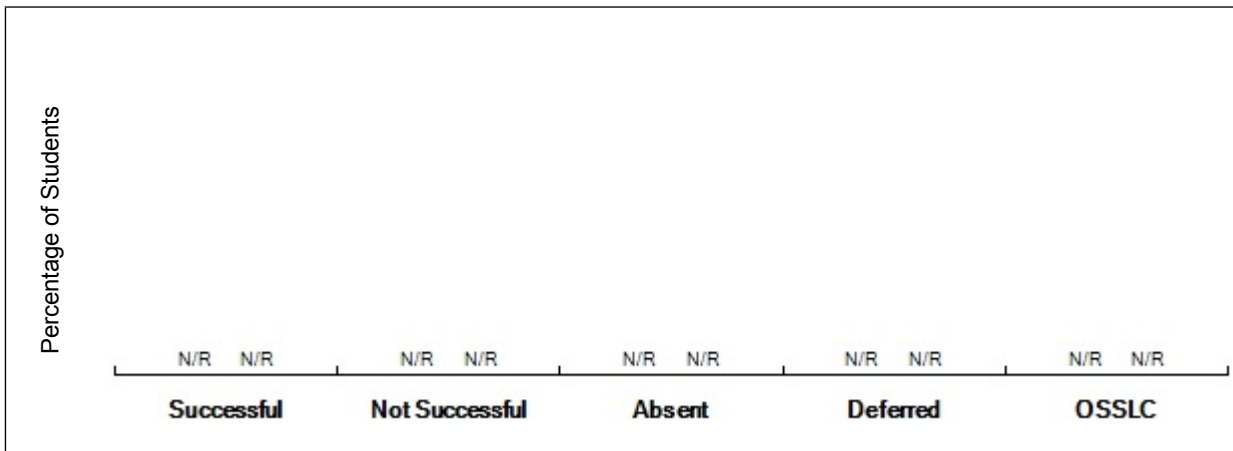
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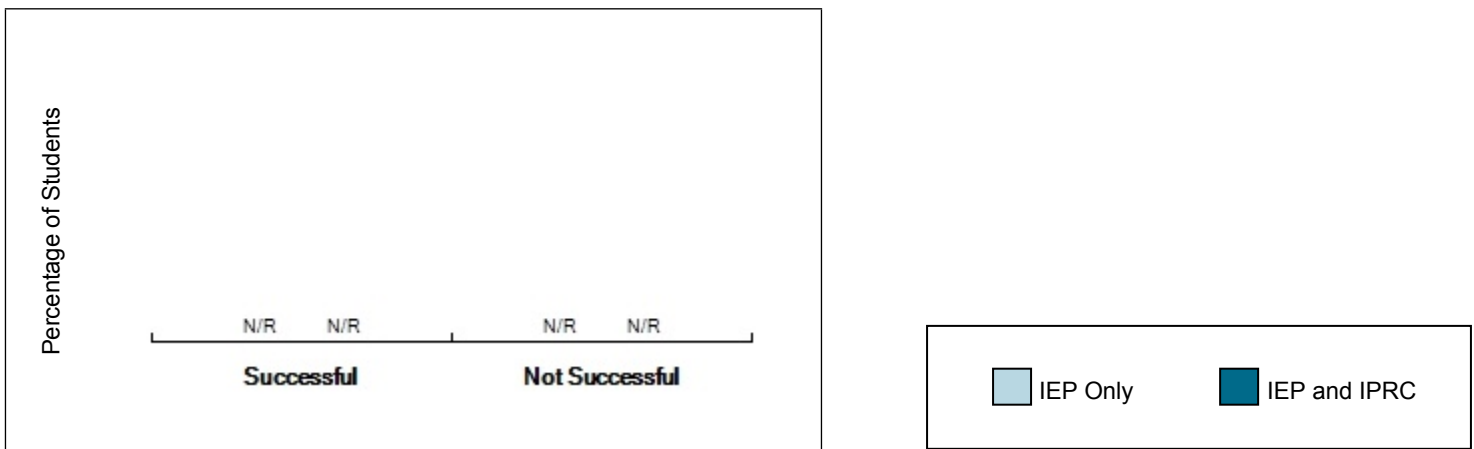
School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

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)

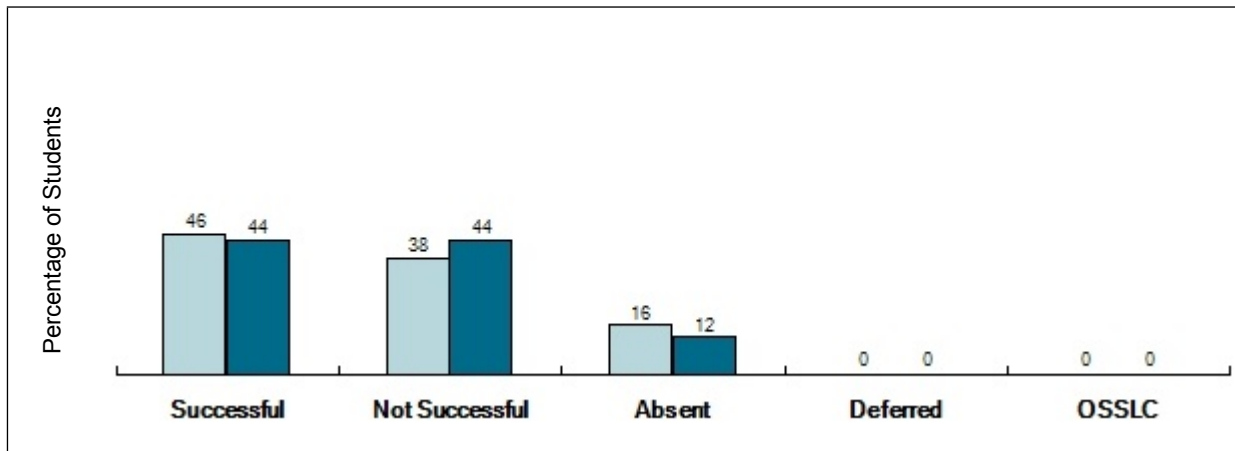


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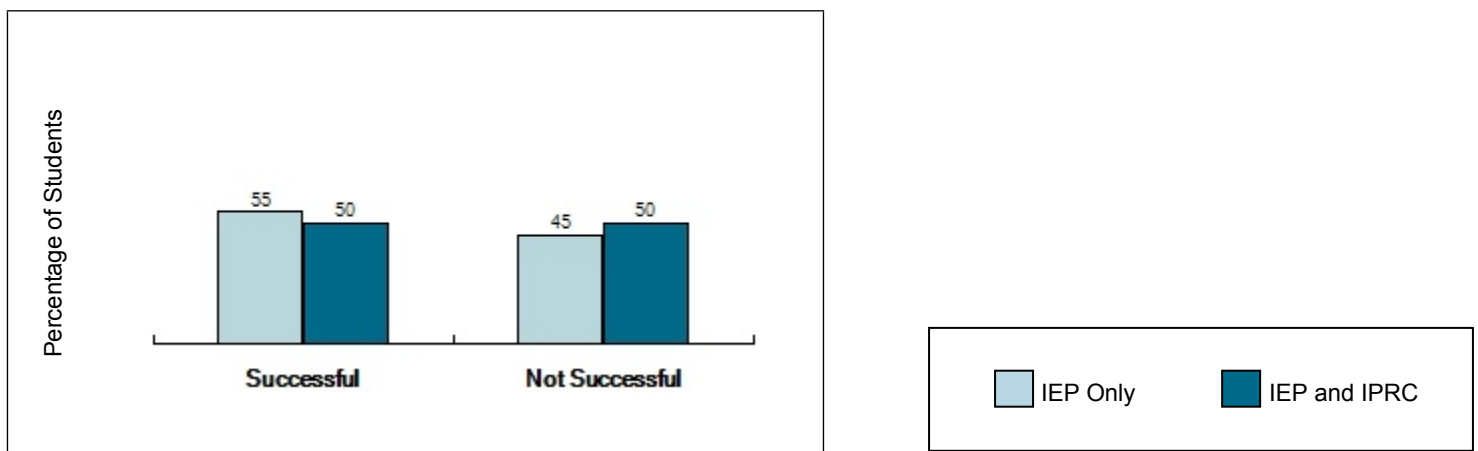
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 205		IEP and IPRC # = 202		IEP Only # = 172	IEP and IPRC # = 177
Successful	95	46%	88	44%	55%	50%
Not Successful	77	38%	89	44%	45%	50%
Fully Participating	172	84%	177	88%		
Absent	33	16%	25	12%		
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)

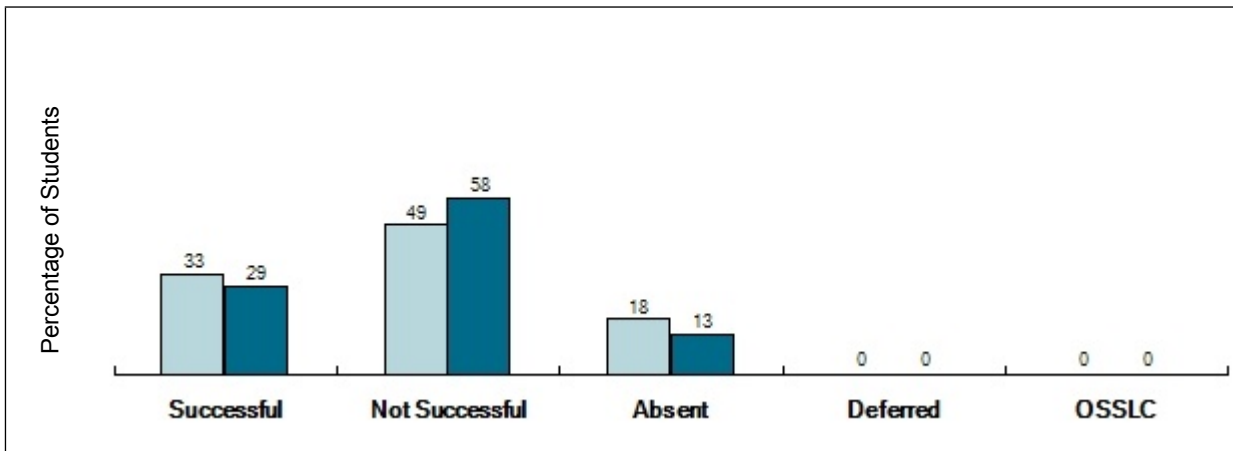


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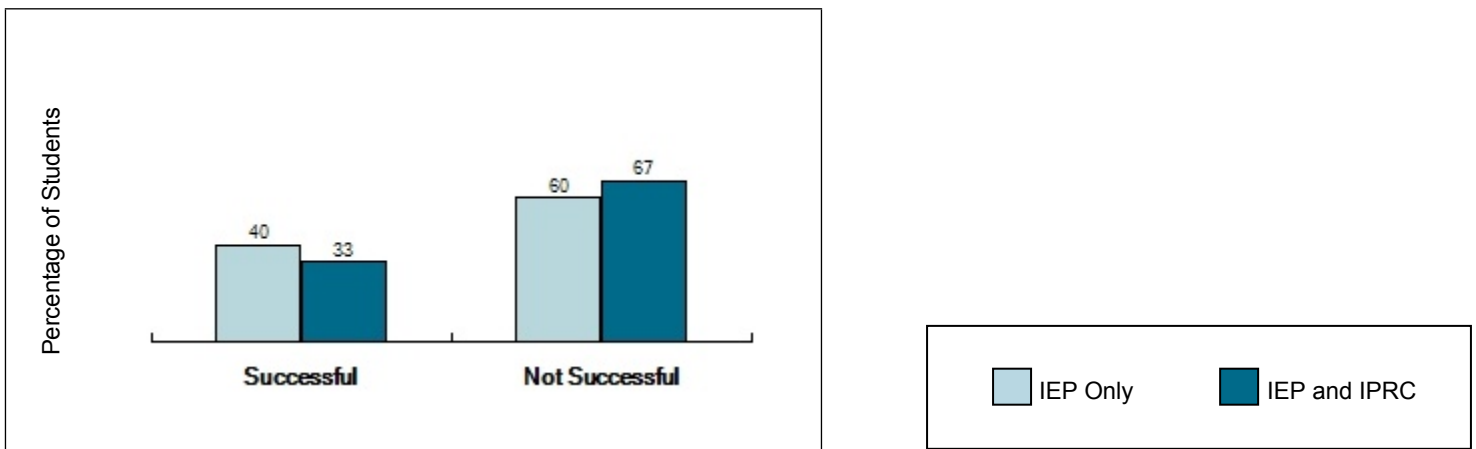
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

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

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



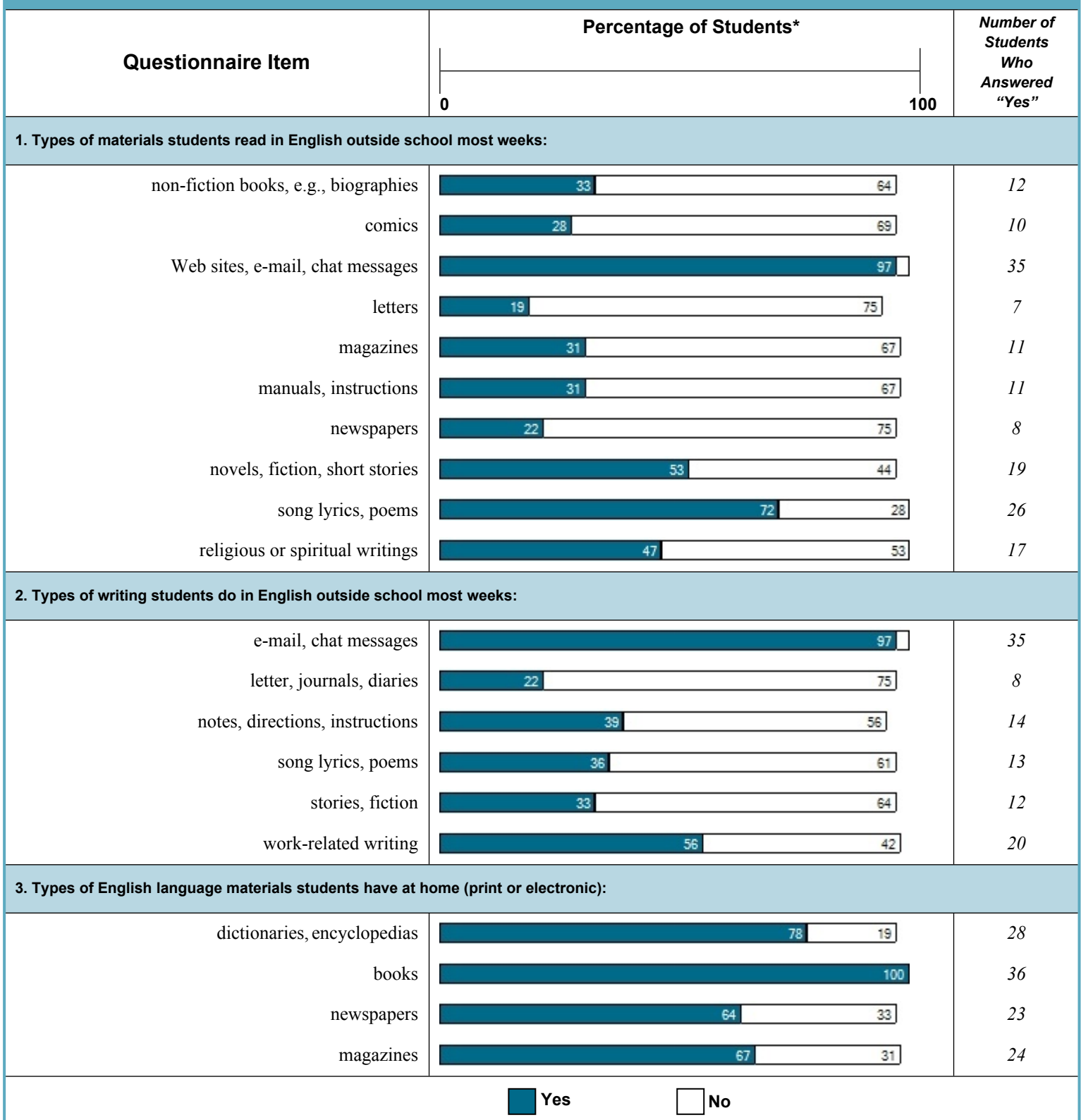
Provincial Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



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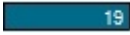
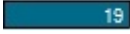


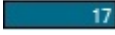


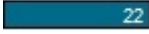








STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 36)



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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 36)

Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*		Number of Students
	0	100	
4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:			
one hour or less		36	13
more than one hour but less than three hours		25	9
more than three hours but less than five hours		19	7
five hours or more		19	7
5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:			
one hour or less		33	12
more than one hour but less than three hours		39	14
more than three hours but less than five hours		17	6
five hours or more		8	3
6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:			
don't have a computer at home		1	1
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework		22	8
use a computer once or twice a month for homework		14	5
use a computer once or twice a week for homework		36	13
use a computer almost every day for homework		25	9
7. First language students learned at home was English:			
yes		56	20
no		44	16
8. Language(s) students speak at home:			
only or mostly English		44	16
another language (or other languages) as often as English		39	14
only or mostly another language (or other languages)		17	6

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (# = 36)	Female* (# = 12)	Male* (# = 24)	All (# = 1 049)	Female* (# = 444)	Male* (# = 605)	All (# = 24 015)	Female* (# = 9 807)	Male* (# = 14 208)
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	97%	100%	96%	92%	93%	92%	91%	92%	91%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	25%	25%	25%	31%	34%	28%	25%	28%	23%
Percentage of students indicating that they read the following types of materials in English outside school most weeks:									
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	33%	25%	38%	41%	39%	42%	39%	39%	39%
comics	28%	33%	25%	33%	25%	39%	34%	27%	39%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	97%	100%	96%	91%	92%	90%	91%	94%	90%
letters	19%	8%	25%	35%	37%	33%	37%	40%	35%
magazines	31%	58%	17%	45%	53%	38%	46%	55%	40%
manuals, instructions	31%	25%	33%	47%	39%	52%	49%	39%	55%
newspapers	22%	25%	21%	39%	37%	40%	37%	35%	38%
novels, fiction, short stories	53%	75%	42%	67%	80%	59%	62%	74%	54%
song lyrics, poems	72%	75%	71%	66%	77%	59%	68%	79%	60%
religious or spiritual writings	47%	42%	50%	28%	30%	27%	27%	29%	25%
Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	39%	33%	42%	38%	43%	34%	30%	35%	27%
Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home (print or electronic):									
dictionaries, encyclopedias	78%	100%	67%	78%	82%	74%	71%	74%	69%
books	100%	100%	100%	89%	90%	89%	88%	91%	86%
newspapers	64%	67%	62%	64%	63%	65%	66%	65%	67%
magazines	67%	75%	62%	64%	66%	62%	64%	67%	62%
Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:									
e-mail, chat messages	97%	100%	96%	93%	94%	93%	93%	94%	92%
letters, journals, diaries	22%	33%	17%	28%	39%	20%	29%	43%	20%
notes, directions, instructions	39%	50%	33%	53%	53%	52%	53%	57%	51%
song lyrics, poems	36%	50%	29%	39%	45%	35%	41%	49%	36%
stories, fiction	33%	50%	25%	30%	35%	26%	31%	36%	27%
work-related writing	56%	58%	54%	58%	56%	60%	55%	55%	55%
Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	25%	33%	21%	28%	30%	26%	25%	29%	23%
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was									
other than English.	44%	50%	42%	47%	52%	44%	34%	36%	32%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	44%	33%	50%	49%	46%	52%	62%	59%	64%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	39%	58%	29%	29%	30%	28%	21%	23%	20%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	17%	8%	21%	21%	23%	19%	16%	17%	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 (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.