



School Report

Previously Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2017–2018

School: South Carleton HS (942855)

Board: Ottawa-Carleton DSB (66184)

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,

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

Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully

Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful



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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	54		2 298		57 133	
Number of schools with previously eligible students	n/a		30		817	
Number of students who were exempted	1		5		1 592	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all previously eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	37	69%	1 047	46%	26 021	46%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were absent	1	2%	355	15%	4 867	9%
Of all previously eligible students, those who were deferred	0	0%	465	20%	6 735	12%
Of all previously eligible students, those who are completing the literacy requirement through the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)	16	30%	431	19%	19 510	34%
Gender[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
Female	17	31%	942	41%	22 431	39%
Male	37	69%	1 337	58%	34 683	61%
Gender not specified	0	0%	19	1%	19	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of previously eligible students						
English language learners*	2	4%	826	36%	10 545	18%
English language learners receiving special provisions**§	0	0%	107	10%	2 773	11%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	29	54%	826	36%	21 976	38%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	12	32%	269	26%	6 669	26%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		31	916	23 913	
First language learned at home was other than English	5	16%	458	50%	8 597	36%
Speak only or mostly English at home	26	84%	427	47%	13 848	58%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	4	13%	284	31%	5 609	23%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	1	3%	185	20%	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	6	11%	906	39%	13 147	23%
Year prior to the assessment	6	11%	361	16%	8 334	15%
2 years prior to the assessment	32	59%	736	32%	24 848	43%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	10	19%	277	12%	10 111	18%
Data not available	0	0%	18	1%	693	1%
Year Student Entered Current Board†						
Year of the assessment	4	7%	531	23%	8 076	14%
Year prior to the assessment	6	11%	307	13%	5 889	10%
2 years prior to the assessment	5	9%	287	12%	6 661	12%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	39	72%	1 139	50%	33 740	59%
Data not available	0	0%	34	1%	2 767	5%

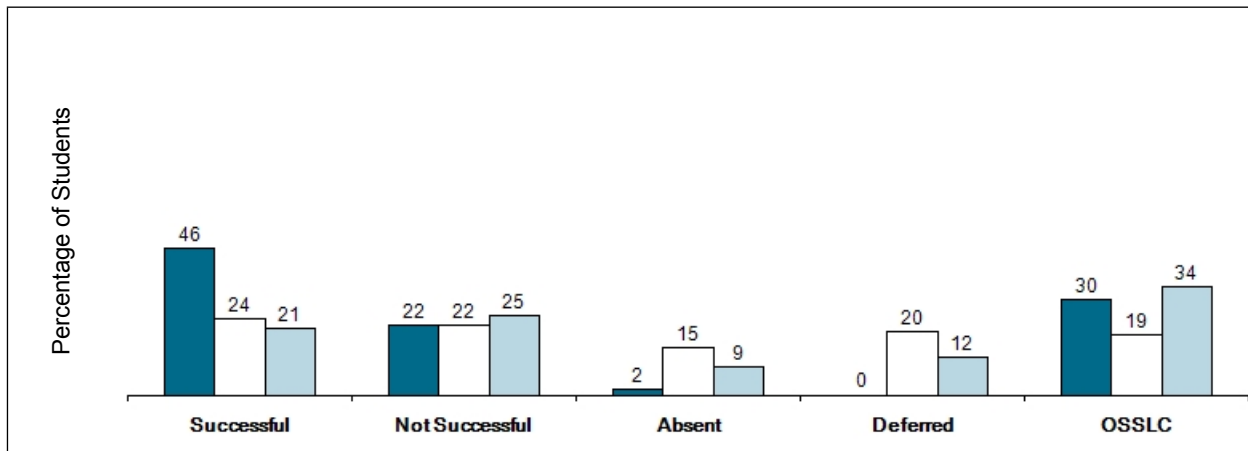
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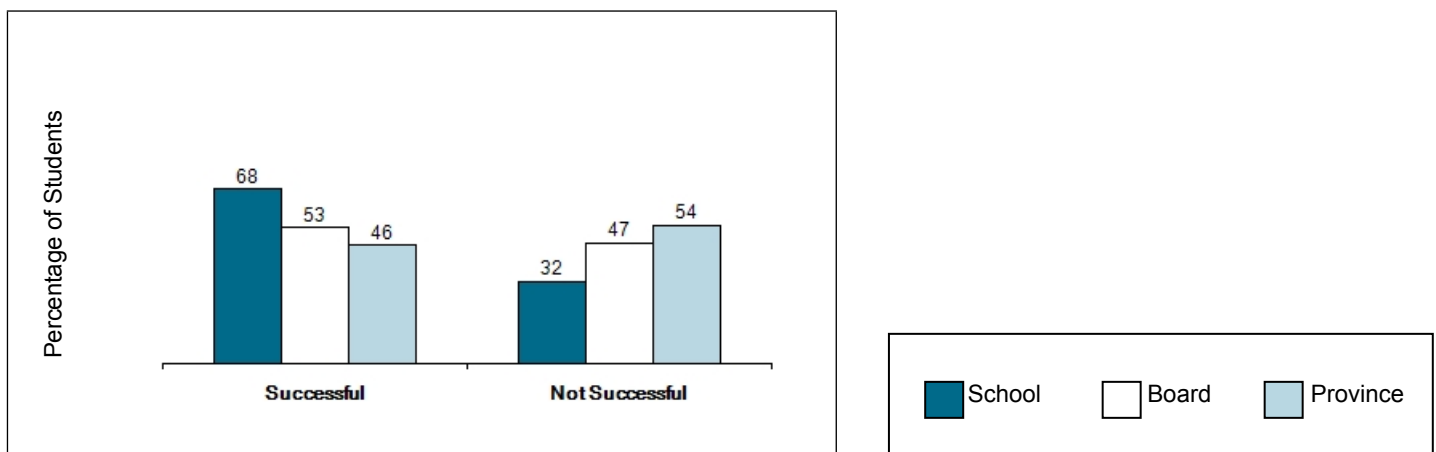
Results for All Students*

	Results for All Students Previously Eligible Students					
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 54	Board # = 2 298	Province # = 57 133	School # = 37	Board # = 1 047	Province # = 26 021
Successful	25	46%	24%	21%	68%	46%
Not Successful	12	22%	22%	25%	32%	54%
Fully Participating	37	69%	46%	46%		
Absent	1	2%	15%	9%		
Deferred	0	0%	20%	12%		
OSSLC	16	30%	19%	34%		

Results for All Previously Eligible Students*



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible Students*



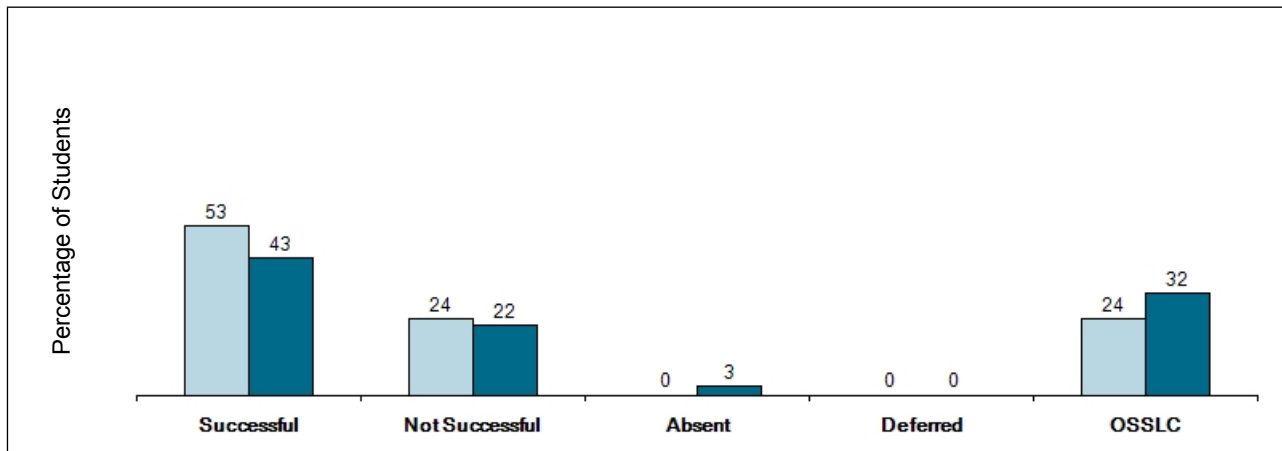
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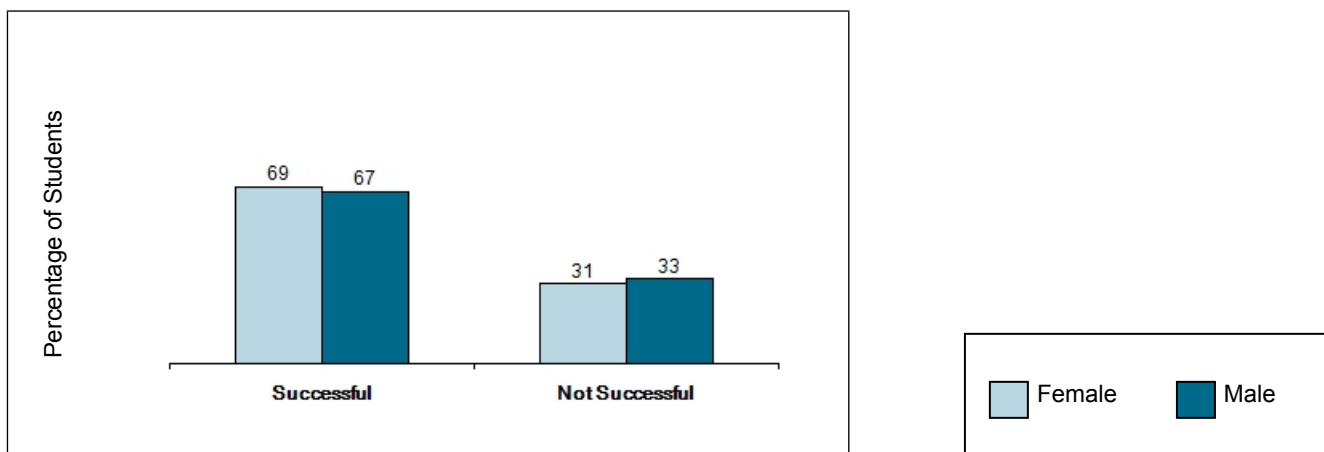
School Results by Gender*†

	School Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students					
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 17		Male # = 37		Female # = 13	Male # = 24
Successful	9	53%	16	43%	69%	67%
Not Successful	4	24%	8	22%	31%	33%
Fully Participating	13	76%	24	65%		
Absent	0	0%	1	3%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		
OSSLC	4	24%	12	32%		

School Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



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



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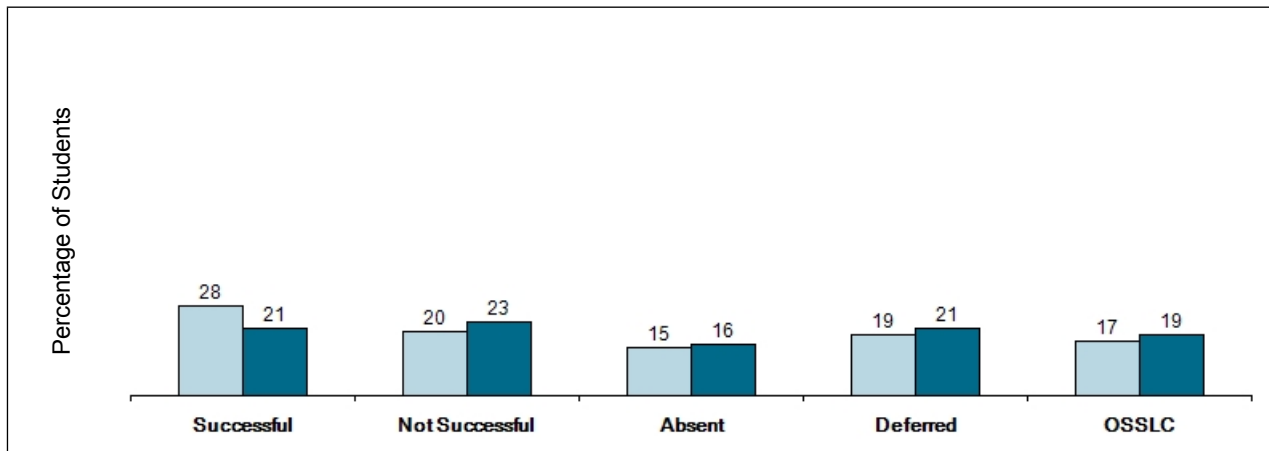
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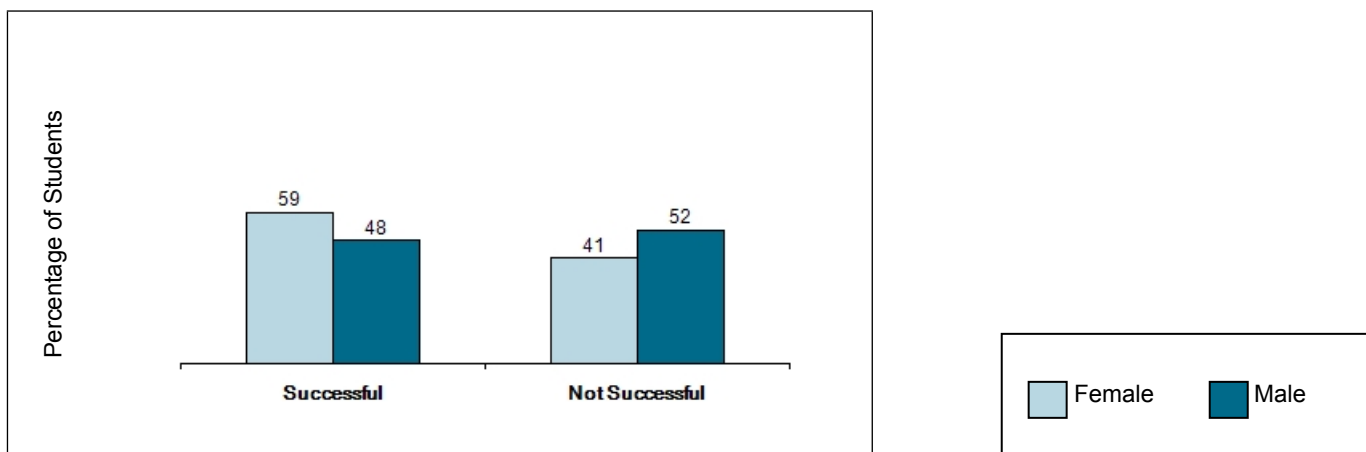
Board Results by Gender*†

Board Results by Gender Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 942		Male # = 1 337		Female # = 455	Male # = 592
Successful	268	28%	282	21%	59%	48%
Not Successful	187	20%	310	23%	41%	52%
Fully Participating	455	48%	592	44%		
Absent	145	15%	210	16%		
Deferred	183	19%	282	21%		
OSSLC	159	17%	253	19%		

Board Results for All Previously Eligible Students by Gender*†



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



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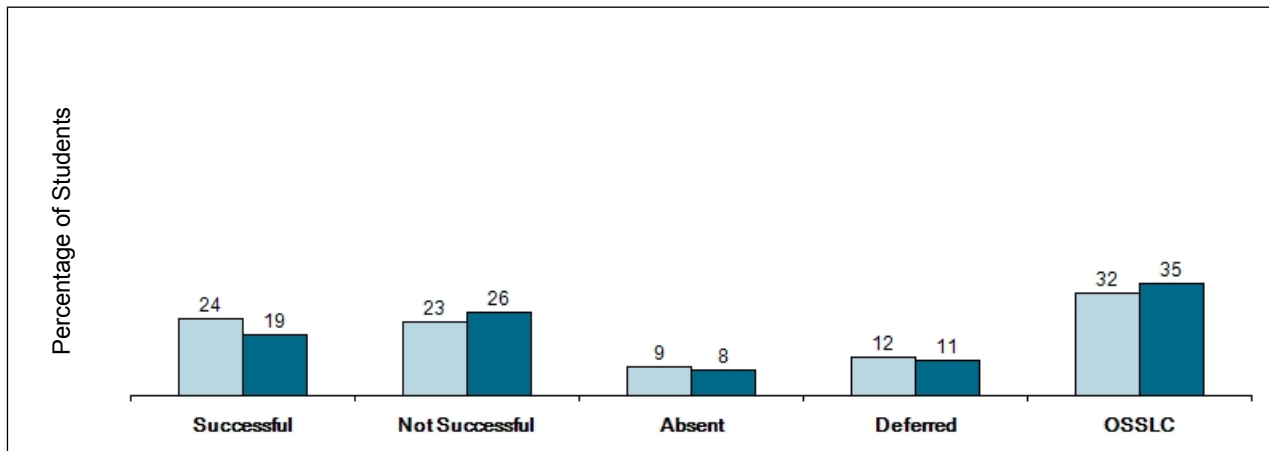
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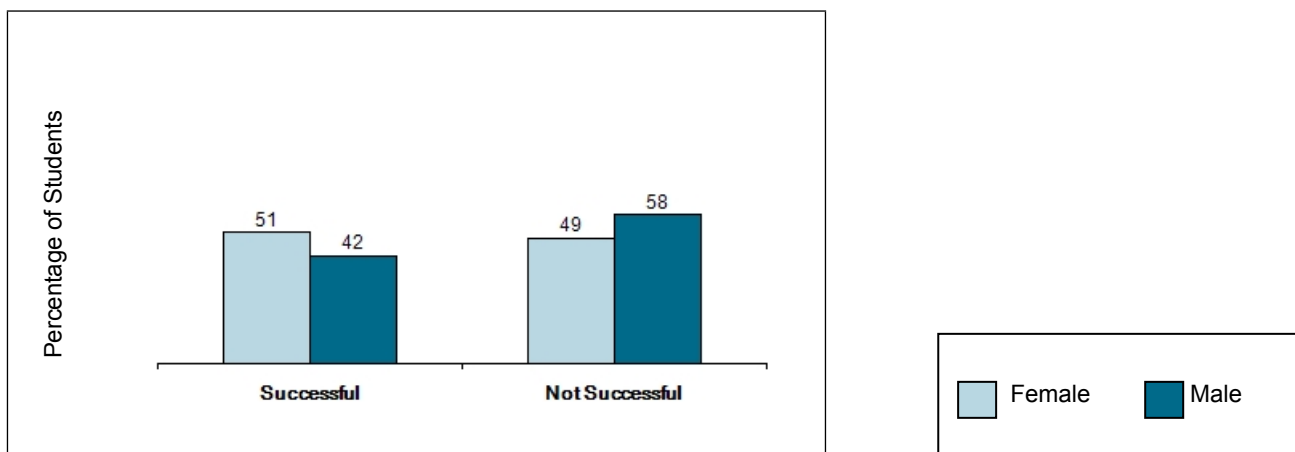
Provincial Results by Gender*†

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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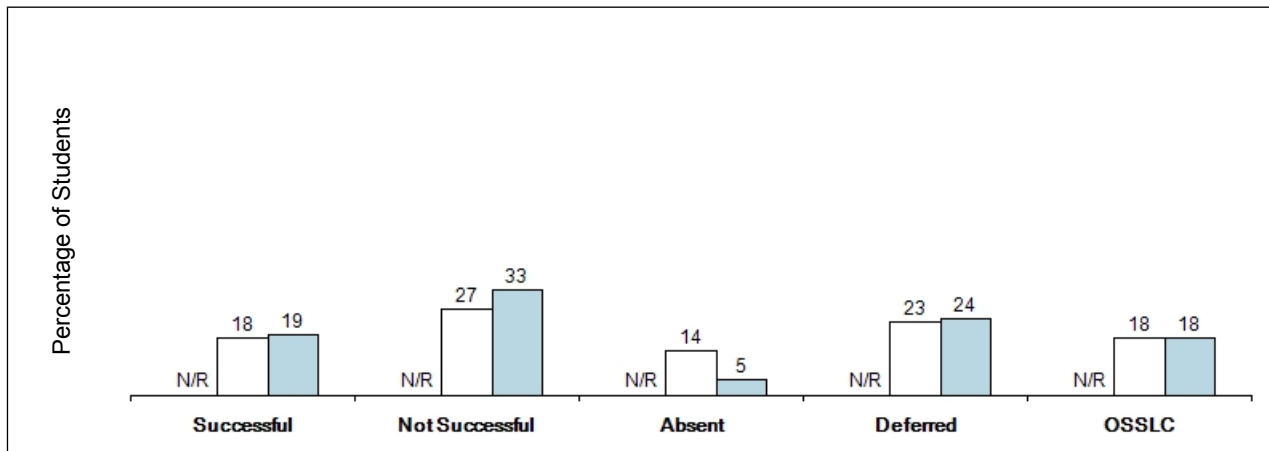
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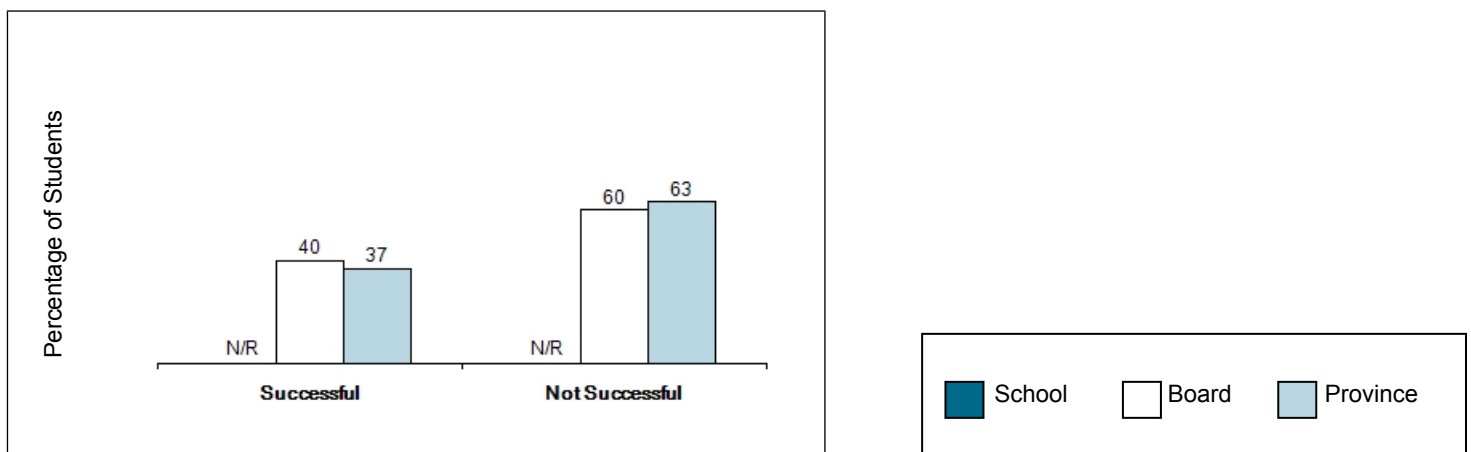
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	School # = N/R	Board # = 826	Province # = 10 545	School # = N/R	Board # = 370	Province # = 5 547
Successful	N/R	N/R	18%	19%	N/R	37%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	27%	33%	N/R	63%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	45%	53%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	14%	5%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	23%	24%		
OSSLC	N/R	N/R	18%	18%		

Results for All Previously Eligible English Language Learners*



Results for Fully Participating Previously Eligible English Language Learners*



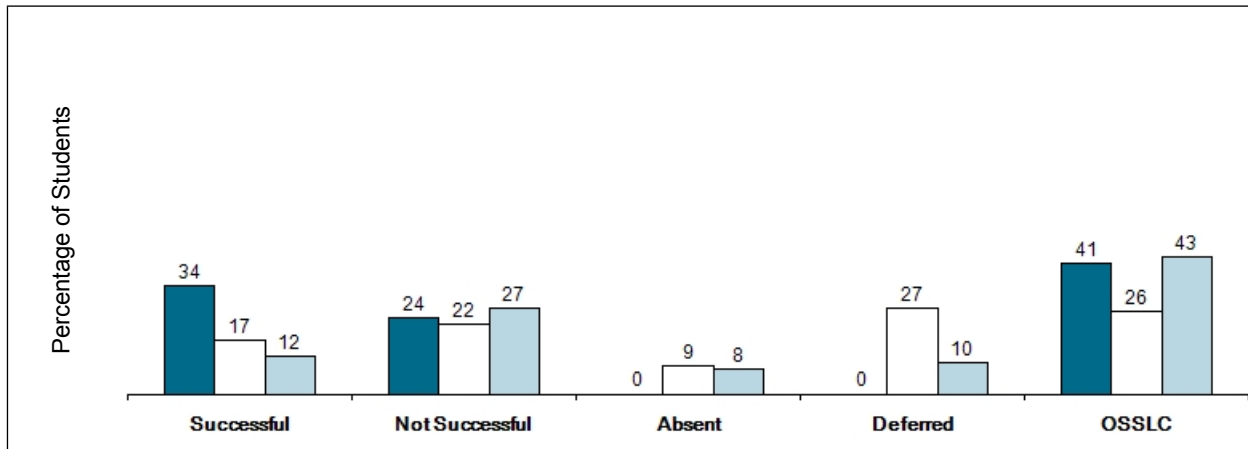
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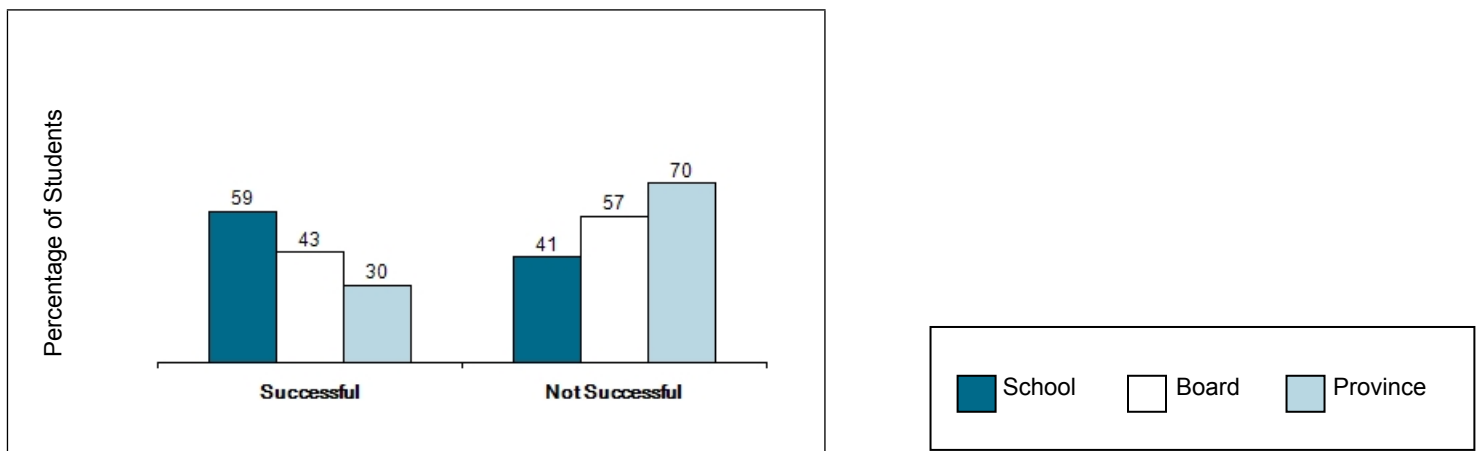
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 29	Board # = 826	Province # = 21 976	School # = 17	Board # = 320	Province # = 8 536
Successful	10	34%	17%	12%	59%	43%
Not Successful	7	24%	22%	27%	41%	57%
Fully Participating	17	59%	39%	39%		
Absent	0	0%	9%	8%		
Deferred	0	0%	27%	10%		
OSSLC	12	41%	26%	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)*



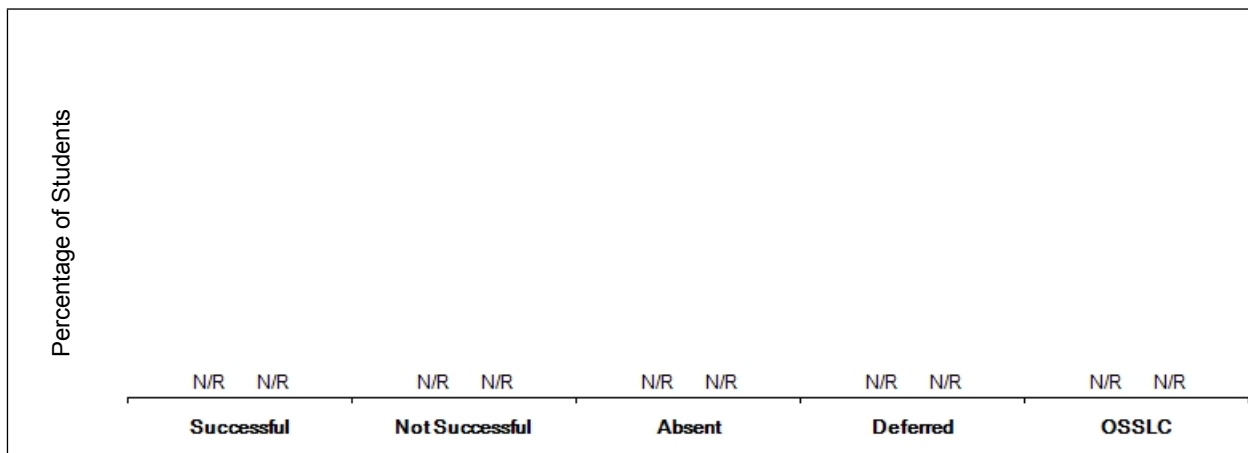
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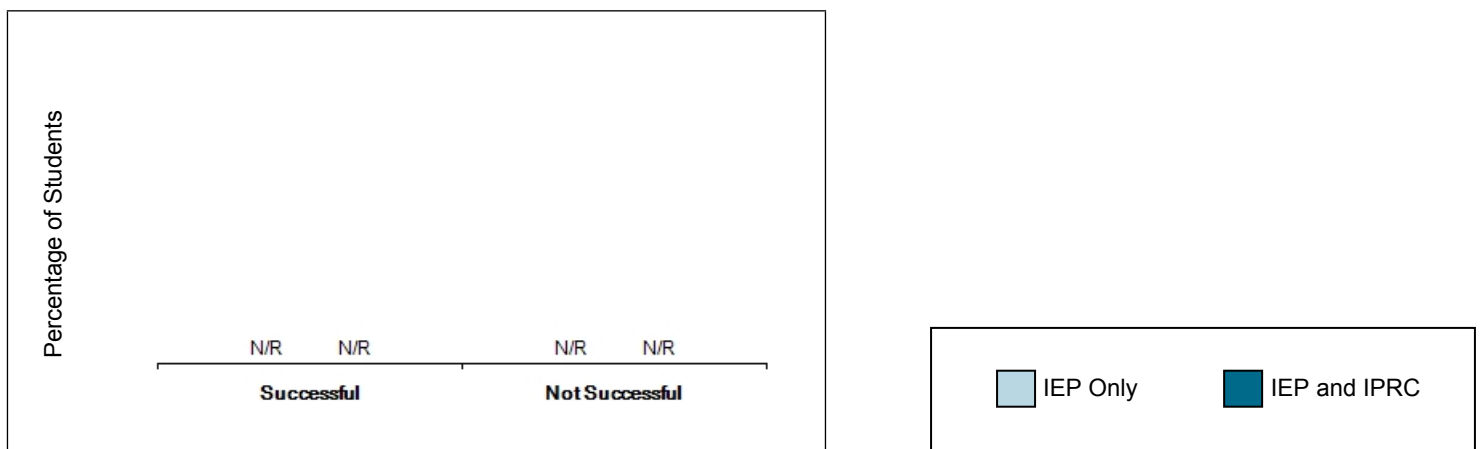
School Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

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)*



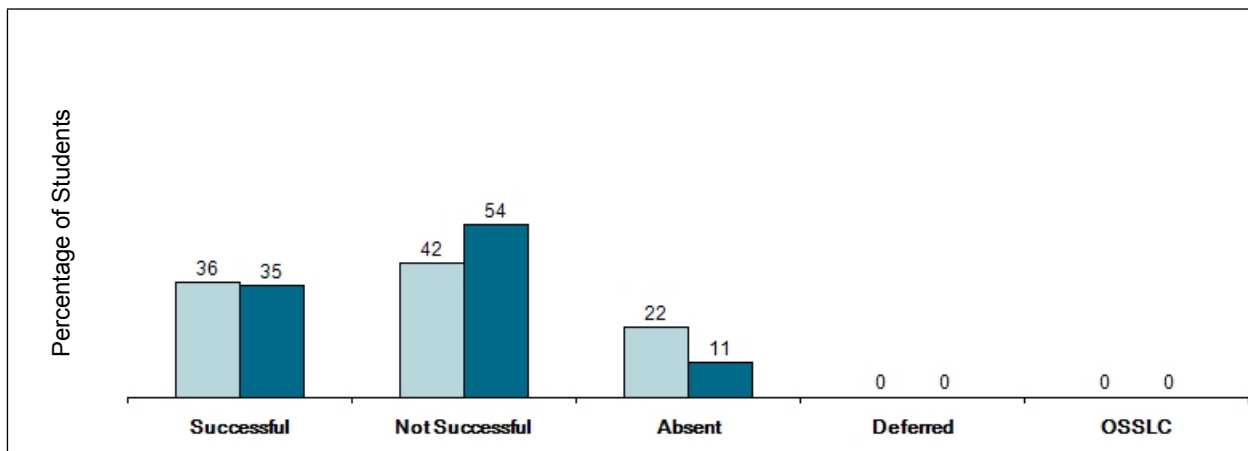
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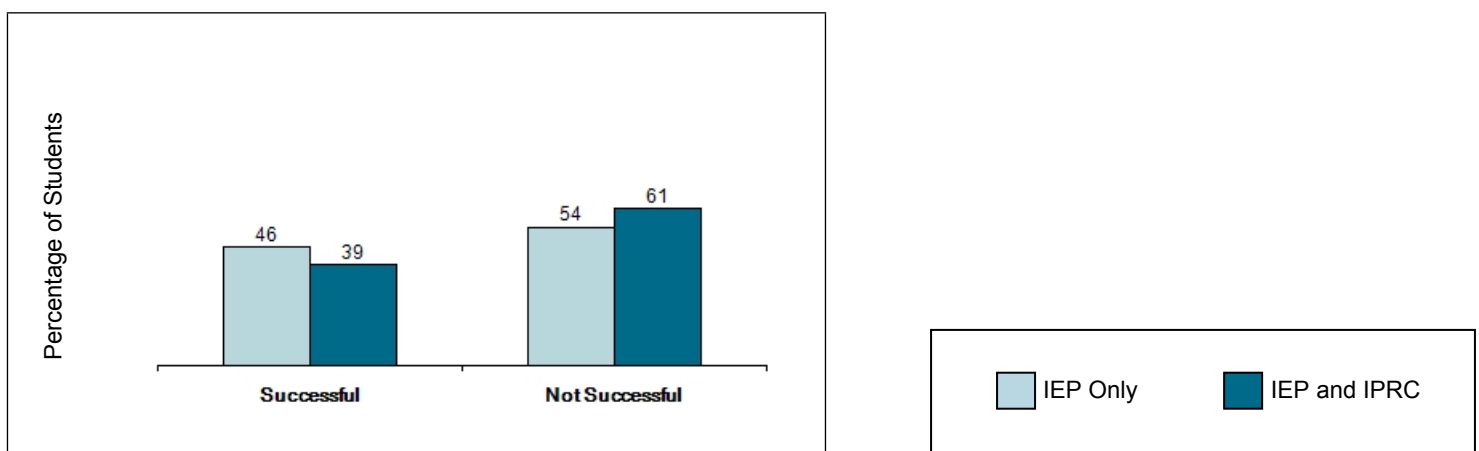
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 214		IEP and IPRC # = 114		IEP Only # = 167	IEP and IPRC # = 102
Successful	77	36%	40	35%	46%	39%
Not Successful	90	42%	62	54%	54%	61%
Fully Participating	167	78%	102	89%		
Absent	47	22%	12	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)*



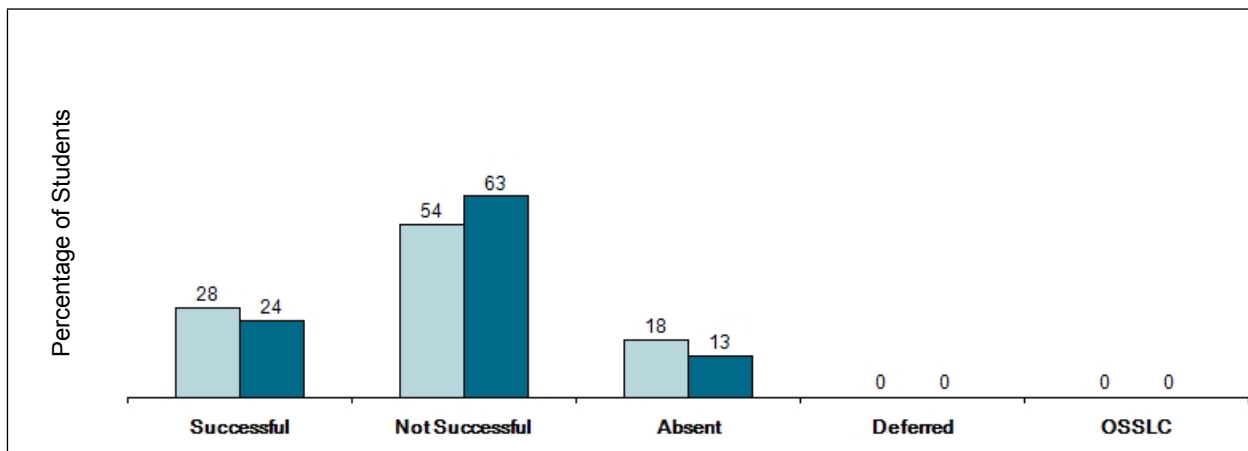
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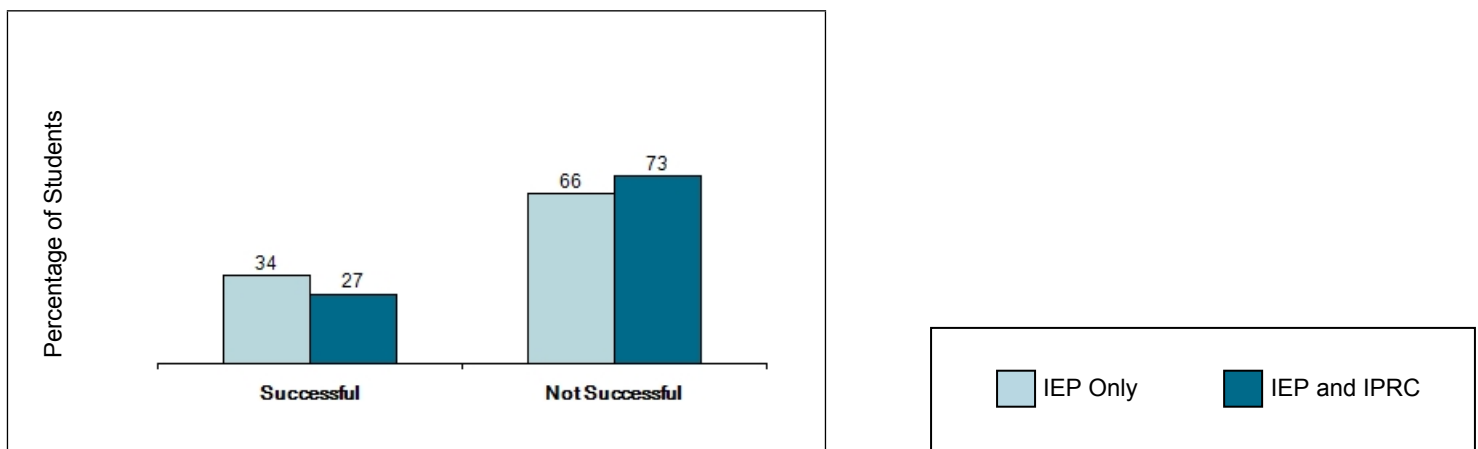
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) Previously Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 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 (# = 31)



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	81 16		1
comics	97		0
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages, blogs	26 29 29 16		14
letters	97		0
magazines	97		0
manuals, instructions	84 13		0
newspapers	94		0
novels, fiction, short stories	74 19 6		2
song lyrics, poems	65 26 10		3
religious or spiritual writings	94 6		0

TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS WRITE IN ENGLISH		Percentage of Students*	Number of students who answered "Three hours or more but less than five hours" or "Five hours or more"
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	19 29 32 19		16
letters, journals, diaries	94 6		0
notes, directions, instructions	61 35		1
song lyrics, poems	74 19 6		2
stories, fiction	84 16		0
work-related writing	52 35 13		4

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 31)

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			0
I never or hardly ever use the computer for homework		13	4
I use the computer once or twice a month for homework		13	4
I use the computer once or twice a week for homework		45	14
I use the computer almost every day for homework		29	9
LANGUAGE BACKGROUND			
4. Is English the first language you learned at home?			
yes		84	26
no		16	5
5. What languages do you speak at home (choose one only)?			
only or mostly English		84	26
another language (or other languages) as often as English		13	4
only or mostly another language (or other languages)			1
<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		84 16	26
books		100	31
newspapers		77 23	24
magazines		84 16	26

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (# = 31)	Female* (# = 12)	Male* (# = 19)	All (# = 916)	Female* (# = 415)	Male* (# = 501)	All (# = 23 913)	Female* (# = 9 776)	Male* (# = 14 137)
HOME COMPUTER USE Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	100%	100%	100%	91%	92%	89%	89%	91%	88%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	29%	42%	21%	34%	40%	28%	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	3%	8%	0%	15%	14%	15%	14%	16%	12%
comics	0%	0%	0%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages, blogs	45%	67%	32%	51%	58%	46%	51%	57%	46%
letters	0%	0%	0%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%
magazines	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
manuals, instructions	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	5%
newspapers	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
novels, fiction, short stories	6%	17%	0%	22%	27%	17%	19%	27%	13%
song lyrics, poems	10%	17%	5%	26%	28%	24%	29%	33%	26%
religious or spiritual writings	0%	0%	0%	9%	9%	10%	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	84%	92%	79%	75%	76%	74%	71%	73%	70%
books	100%	100%	100%	91%	93%	89%	90%	93%	88%
newspapers	77%	83%	74%	59%	57%	60%	63%	62%	64%
magazines	84%	92%	79%	59%	60%	59%	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.									
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on social media (Twitter, Facebook, blogs) or texting	52%	58%	47%	48%	56%	41%	49%	55%	45%
letters, journals, diaries	0%	0%	0%	5%	9%	2%	5%	8%	3%
notes, directions, instructions	3%	8%	0%	9%	11%	7%	8%	9%	7%
song lyrics, poems	6%	0%	11%	14%	13%	15%	17%	18%	16%
stories, fiction	0%	0%	0%	8%	10%	6%	8%	12%	6%
work-related writing	13%	8%	16%	20%	23%	18%	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 (# = 31)	Female* (# = 12)	Male* (# = 19)	All (# = 916)	Female* (# = 415)	Male* (# = 501)	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.	16%	25%	11%	50%	50%	50%	36%	39%	34%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	84%	67%	95%	47%	46%	47%	58%	54%	61%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	13%	25%	5%	31%	32%	31%	23%	26%	22%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	3%	8%	0%	20%	21%	20%	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.