



REPORT OF THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST, OCTOBER 2002

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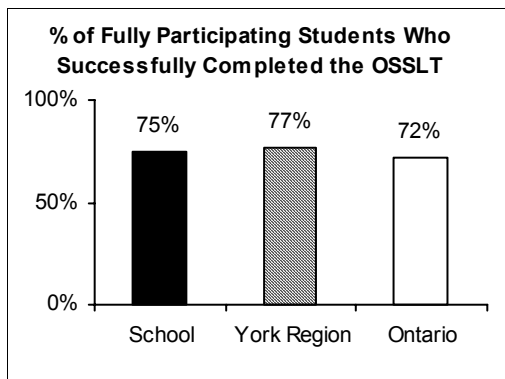
ABOUT THE TEST

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) was administered in October 2002 under the auspices of the province's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). The OSSLT was designed to assess the reading and writing skills that students are expected to have learned across all subjects by the end of grade 9, as outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*. Students must pass both the reading and writing components to successfully complete the test. In reading, this means that students' work shows that most of the time, they can read and understand information in various formats. In writing, this means that students' work shows that most of the time, they can communicate ideas in writing clearly and without errors in punctuation, spelling, grammar and organization that may prevent someone from understanding their writing. Successful completion of the OSSLT is a graduation requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

RESULTS OF THE TEST

Results for First-Time Eligible Students

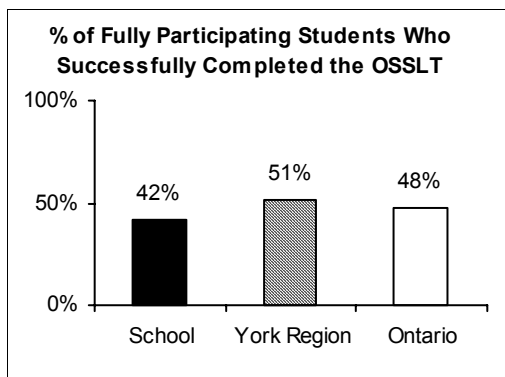
First-Time Eligible students entered Grade 9 during the 2001-2002 school year. These students (and any others who were placed in this cohort) were required to write the OSSLT for the first time in October 2002.



All Eligible Students				
	Number of Students	Successfully Completed the OSSLT	Absent One or Both Days	Deferred
School	221	71%	1%	3%
York Region	7780	73%	2%	3%
Ontario	146539	67%	3%	4%

Results for Previously Eligible Students

Previously Eligible students entered Grade 9 during the 2000-2001 school year. These students (and any others who were placed in this cohort) were required to write the OSSLT for the first time in February 2002. Students who were not successful in February 2002 or were absent or deferred became eligible again to write the OSSLT in October 2002.



All Eligible Students				
	Number of Students	Successfully Completed the OSSLT	Absent One or Both Days	Deferred
School	46	39%	7%	0%
York Region	1492	46%	5%	5%
Ontario	37242	43%	6%	5%

After two administrations, approximately 82% of the school's 2000-2001 student cohort have successfully completed the OSSLT, compared with 87% in York Region and 80% in Ontario.