



REPORT OF THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST, OCTOBER 2003

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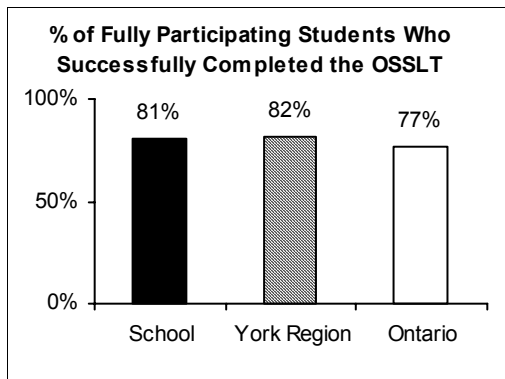
ABOUT THE TEST

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) was administered in October 2003 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. Successful completion of the OSSLT or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) is a graduation requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

RESULTS OF THE TEST

Results for First-Time Eligible Students

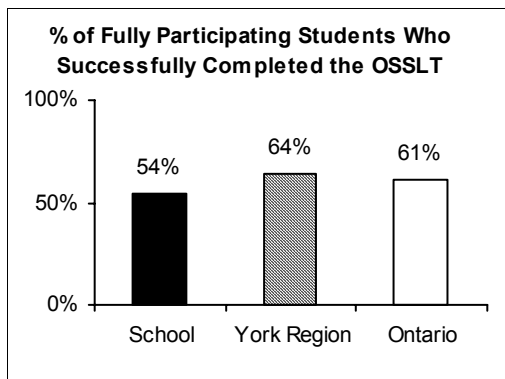
First-Time Eligible students entered Grade 9 during the 2002-2003 school year. These students (and any others who were placed in this cohort) were required to write the OSSLT for the first time in October 2003.



All Eligible Students			
	School	York Region	Ontario
Number of Students	247	8616	157464
Successfully Completed the OSSLT	79%	75%	70%
Wrote the OSSLT But Were Not Successful	19%	17%	21%
Absent One or Both Days	2%	3%	4%
Deferred	<1%	5%	5%

Results for Previously Eligible Students

Previously Eligible students entered Grade 9 during the 2000-2001 (cohort 1) or the 2001-2002 (cohort 2) school year. Cohort one students (and any others who were placed in this cohort) were required to write the OSSLT for the first time in February 2002. Cohort two students (and any others who were placed in this cohort) were required to write the OSSLT for the first time in October 2002. Students who were not successful in February 2002 and/or in October 2002, or were absent or deferred became eligible again to write the OSSLT in October 2003.



All Eligible Students			
	School	York Region	Ontario
Number of Students	67	2601	56034
Successfully Completed the OSSLT	51%	58%	50%
Wrote the OSSLT But Were Not Successful	43%	33%	32%
Absent One or Both Days	6%	6%	9%
Deferred	0%	1%	1%
Fulfilling the Requirement through the OSSLC	0%	2%	7%