



REPORT OF THE ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST, OCTOBER 2004

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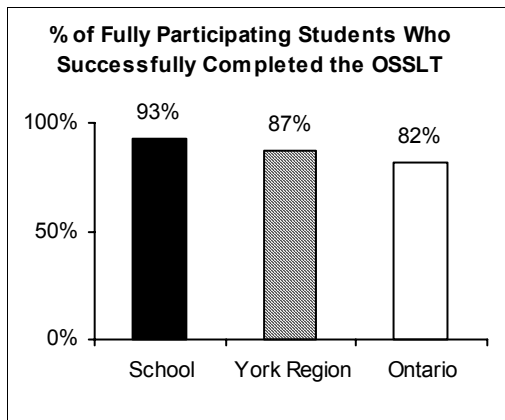
ABOUT THE TEST

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) was administered in October 2004 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*. 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

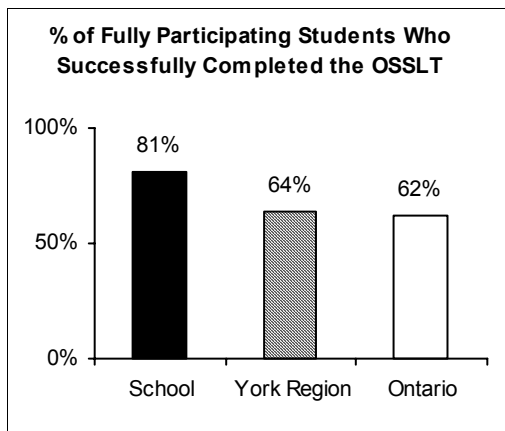
First-Time Eligible students typically entered Grade 9 during the 2003-2004 school year. They were required to write the OSSLT for the first time in October 2004.



| | School | York Region | Ontario |
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| Number of Students | 227 | 8817 | 160088 |
| Successfully Completed the OSSLT | 91% | 81% | 76% |
| Wrote the OSSLT But Were Not Successful | 7% | 12% | 16% |
| Absent One or Both Days | 2% | 2% | 3% |
| Deferred | 0% | 5% | 4% |

Results for Previously Eligible Students

Previously Eligible students are those who were retaking the test. This category includes all students who were not successful when they wrote the test previously, who were previously absent or who deferred taking the test.



| | School | York Region | Ontario |
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| Number of Students | 54 | 2524 | 51907 |
| Successfully Completed the OSSLT | 65% | 51% | 46% |
| Wrote the OSSLT But Were Not Successful | 15% | 29% | 28% |
| Absent One or Both Days | 4% | 11% | 12% |
| Deferred | 0% | 4% | 4% |
| Fulfilling the Requirement through the OSSLC | 17% | 5% | 10% |