

# News Release



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## York Region public secondary students maintain high success rates in provincial literacy testing

**Aurora, ON** – The 2010 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results released today by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) show that York Region District School Board Grade 10 students continue to demonstrate high rates of success in the province-wide test.

Again this year, the percentage of York Region public high school students who passed the test substantially exceeded the provincial average. Of the 8,811 Grade 10 students who wrote the test for the first time, 89% were successful, compared with an average success rate of 84% among all school districts across Ontario.

“York Region’s public high schools have worked diligently with students to maintain a high rate of success in literacy achievement. School staff, students and their families all have an important role to play in literacy achievement,” said Diane Giangrande, Chair of the York Region District School Board.

Dr. Beate Planche, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Services, said, “A continued focus on literacy improvement and the success of our students by teachers, curriculum consultants, school leaders, supervisors and trustees across the school district has resulted in the overall improvement trend.”

The OSSLT has been administered each year since 2002 by the EQAO. Passing the test or alternatively, the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course, is a requirement for high school graduation.

Individual school results for the York Region District School Board will be published on the Board’s web site at [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) on June 17, 2010. Individual student reports on Literacy Test results will be sent home with students by the end of the school year.

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