

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



School Report

First-Time Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, March 2008

School: St Mary's SS (689831)

Board: Toronto Catholic District School Board (67059)

I am pleased to provide you with this report which shows the achievement of students on the March 2008 OSSLT and the previous four administrations.

Designed in close collaboration with Ontario educators, EQAO assessments ensure that the achievement of all students in publicly funded schools across the province is measured against a common benchmark at key stages in their education. By providing this snapshot of how well Ontario students are learning the expectations of *The Ontario Curriculum*, EQAO's large-scale testing results have become an important tool to support student achievement.

Literacy is a gift for life. That is why EQAO strives to provide objective and reliable information that helps identify and address learning needs so that students may reach their full potential.

EQAO's literacy test results are to be used in conjunction with school-based data, such as that from regular classroom assessments. When used together, these sources provide a more complete picture of student knowledge and skills than they would separately. I trust this report will contribute to building strong literacy skills—skills that are so essential to living a fulfilling life.

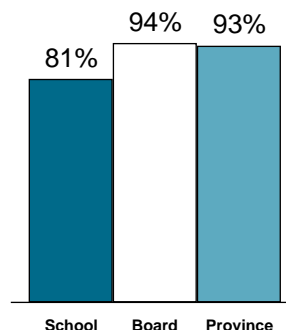
Sincerely,

Marguerite Jackson
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Education Quality and Accountability Office

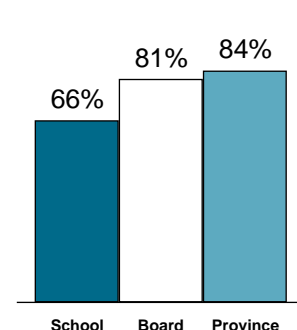
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FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, MARCH 2008: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully

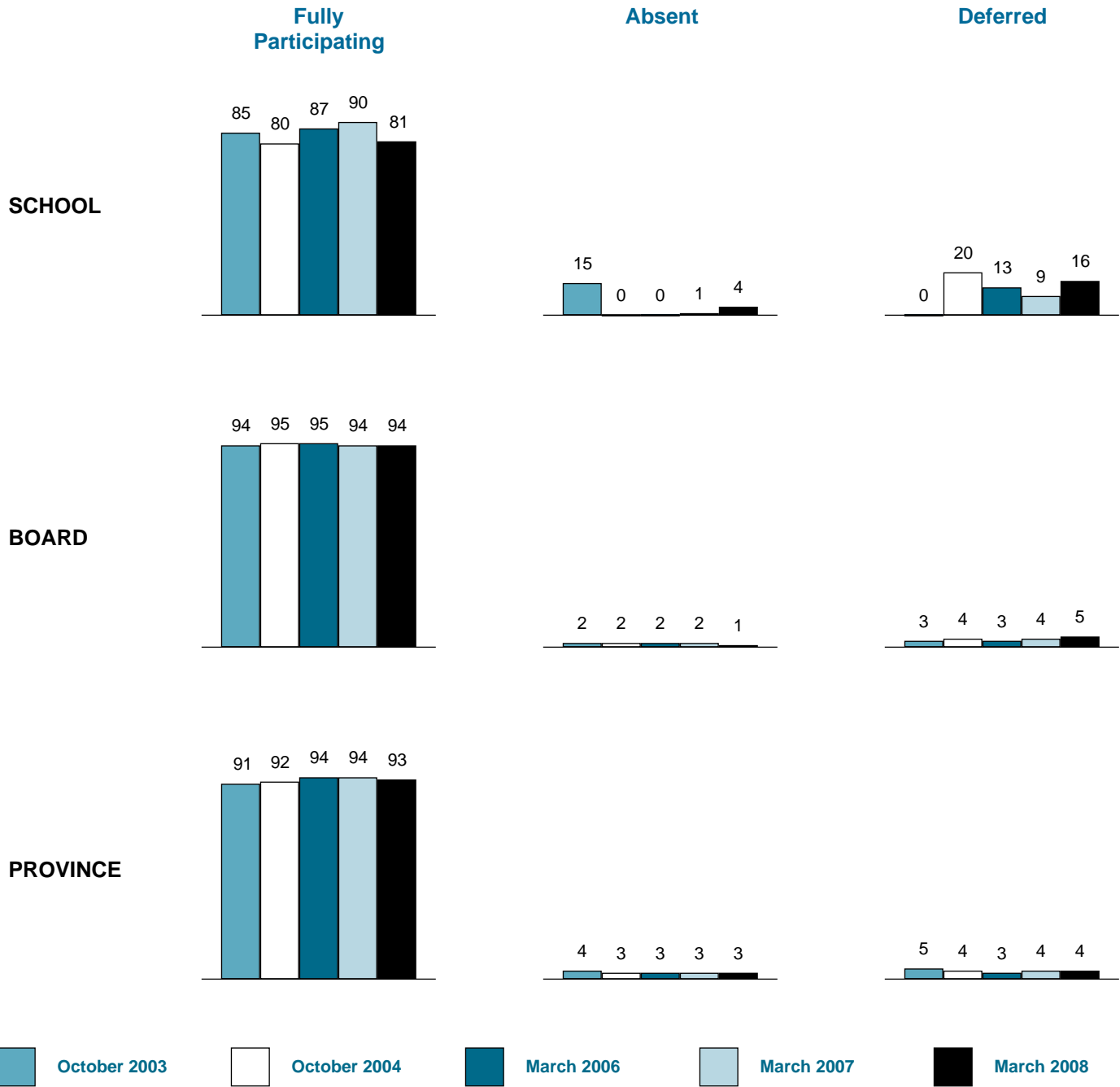


Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful



PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*



Number of First-Time Eligible Students

	<u>October 2003</u>	<u>October 2004</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2008</u>
School	160	138	135	134	198
Board	6 484	6 911	6 819	6 804	6 897
Province	157 464	160 088	158 817	155 906	156 151

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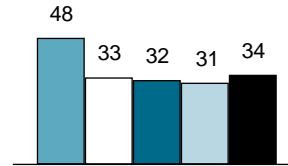
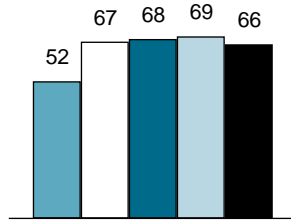
ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*

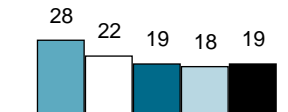
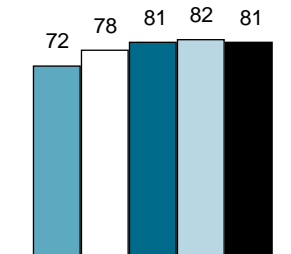
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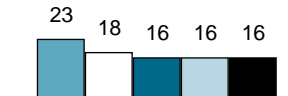
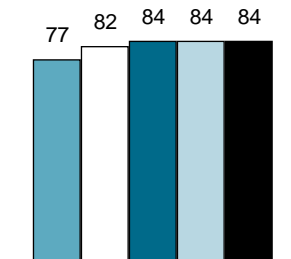
SCHOOL



BOARD



PROVINCE



Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

	<u>October 2003</u>	<u>October 2004</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2008</u>
School	136	110	117	121	160
Board	6 113	6 533	6 480	6 415	6 472
Province	143 025	147 781	149 098	146 173	145 603

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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. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a group of 30 students, a difference of 10% represents only three students.



Trends may be difficult to identify or to interpret. This is especially true in small schools or in schools where there is a high turnover in the student population.



EQAO values students' privacy. Results are not reported publicly for schools where fewer than 15 students fully 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;
- ◆ a comparison of results over the past five administrations of the test to aid in monitoring improvement and
- ◆ 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 the provincial results?
 - How do these results compare over time?
 - 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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OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

Contextual Information

This information provides a context for interpreting the school's results.

	School		Board		Province	
Enrolment						
Number of first-time eligible students	198		6 897		156 151	
Number of schools with first-time eligible students	n/a		36		782	
Number of students who were exempted	3		47		1 759	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	160	81%	6 472	94%	145 603	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	7	4%	84	1%	4 357	3%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	31	16%	341	5%	6 191	4%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Female	65	33%	3 529	51%	76 226	49%
Male	133	67%	3 364	49%	79 904	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	4	<1%	21	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
English language learners*	36	18%	298	4%	6 121	4%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	17	11%	103	2%	2 558	2%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)*	38	19%	1 010	15%	23 322	15%
Students with special needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	26	16%	844	13%	17 719	12%
Level of Study for English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Academic	80	40%	4 779	69%	103 774	66%
Applied	67	34%	1 575	23%	38 834	25%
Locally developed	11	6%	227	3%	5 838	4%
ESL/ELD	36	18%	256	4%	4 283	3%
Other	4	2%	56	1%	3 351	2%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		159		6 379	
					143 535	
First language learned at home was other than English	91	57%	2 384	37%	30 991	22%
Speak only or mostly English at home	58	36%	3 705	58%	110 122	77%
Speak another language (or languages) as often as English at home	68	43%	1 898	30%	23 038	16%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	31	19%	736	12%	9 636	7%

[†] Demographic information is provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not reported by schools.

* See Explanation of Terms.

** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

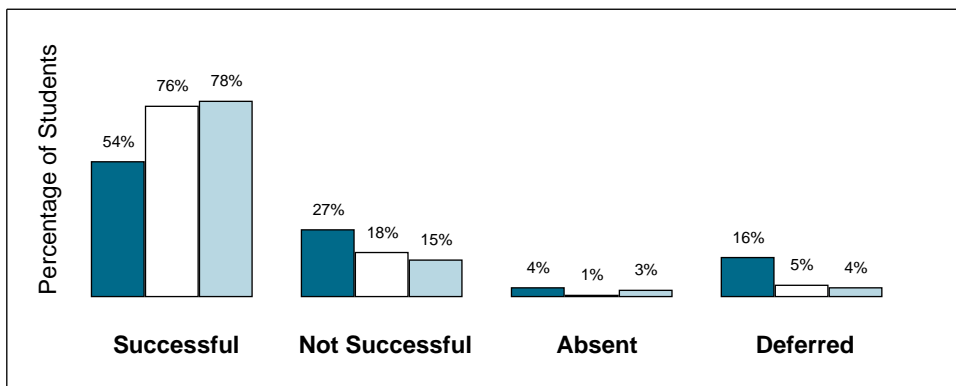
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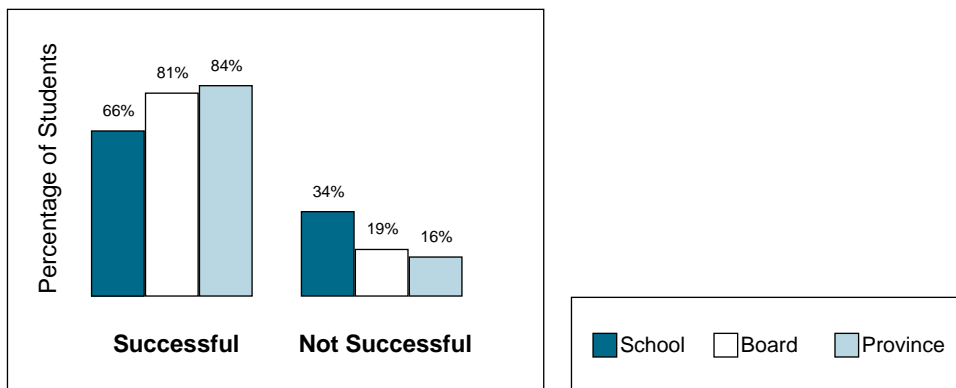
Results for All First-Time Eligible Students*

First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 198	Board # = 6 897	Province # = 156 151	School # = 160	Board # = 6 472	Province # = 145 603	
Successful	106	54%	76%	78%	66%	81%	84%
Not Successful	54	27%	18%	15%	34%	19%	16%
Fully Participating	160	81%	94%	93%			
Absent	7	4%	1%	3%			
Deferred	31	16%	5%	4%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students



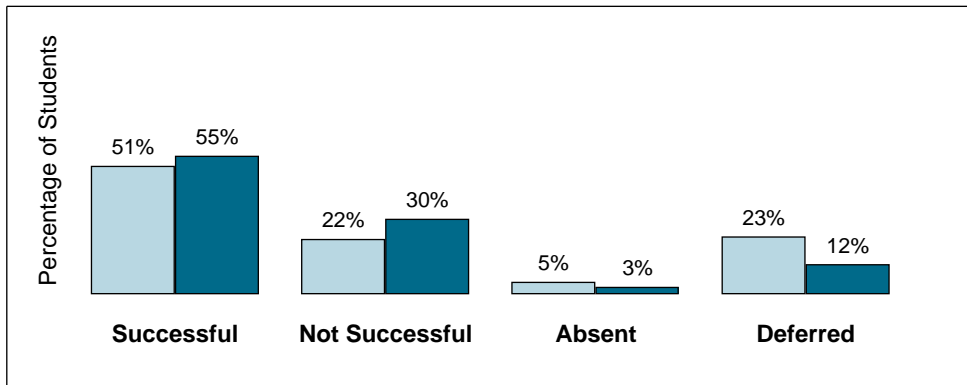
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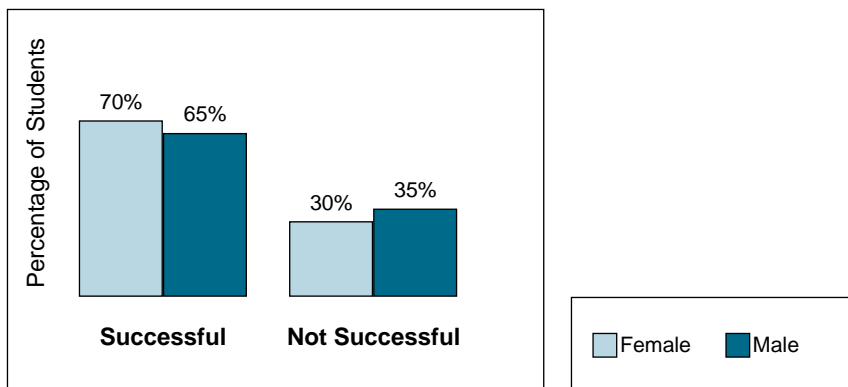
School Results by Gender^{*†}

School Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 65		Male # = 133		Female # = 47	Male # = 113
Successful	33	51%	73	55%	70%	65%
Not Successful	14	22%	40	30%	30%	35%
Fully Participating	47	72%	113	85%		
Absent	3	5%	4	3%		
Deferred	15	23%	16	12%		

School Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



School Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



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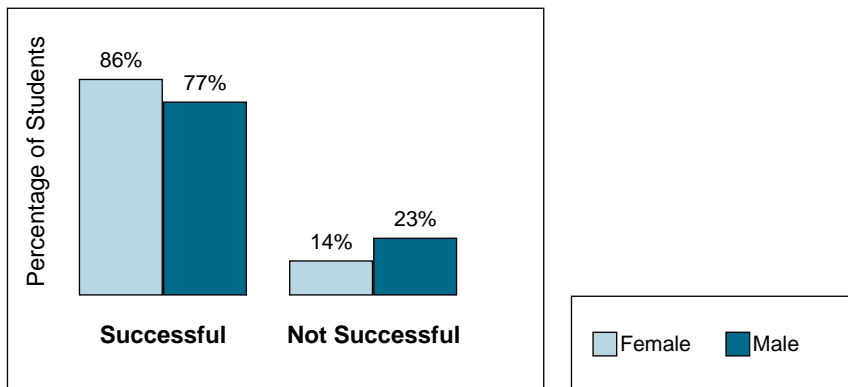
Board Results by Gender*†

Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 3 529		Male # = 3 364		Female # = 3 335	Male # = 3 133
Successful	2 858	81%	2 403	71%	86%	77%
Not Successful	477	14%	730	22%	14%	23%
Fully Participating	3 335	95%	3 133	93%		
Absent	45	1%	39	1%		
Deferred	149	4%	192	6%		

Board Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



Board Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



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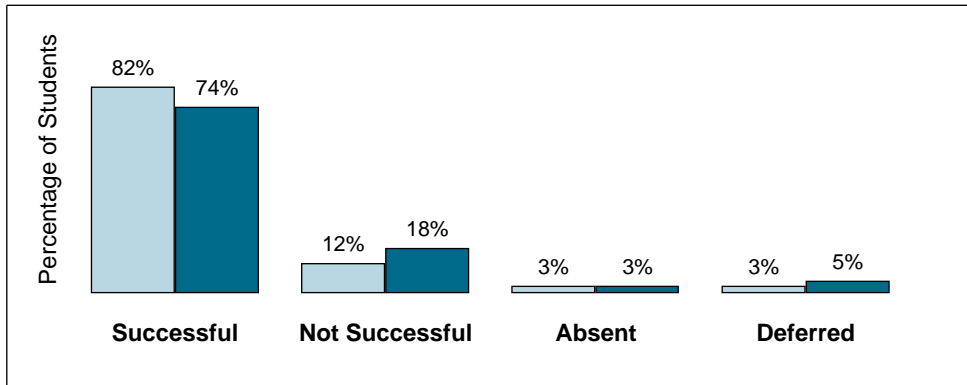
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OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

Provincial Results by Gender*†

Provincial Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 76 226		Male # = 79 904		Female # = 71 615	Male # = 73 969
Successful	62 806	82%	59 503	74%	88%	80%
Not Successful	8 809	12%	14 466	18%	12%	20%
Fully Participating	71 615	94%	73 969	93%		
Absent	2 131	3%	2 224	3%		
Deferred	2 480	3%	3 711	5%		

Provincial Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



Provincial Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students by Gender



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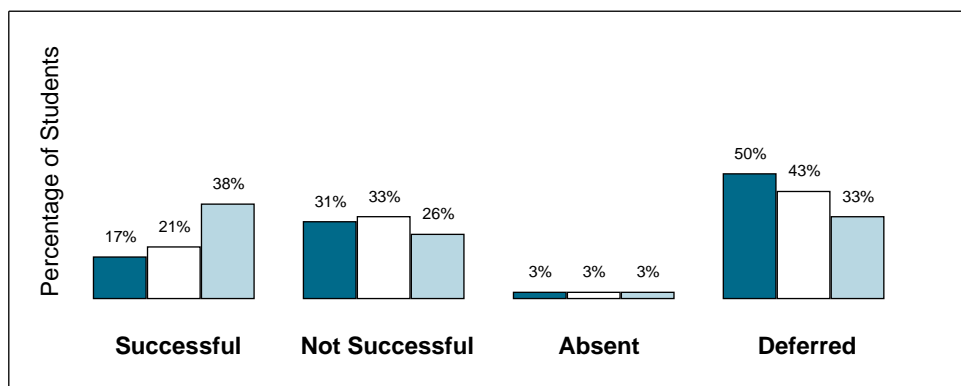
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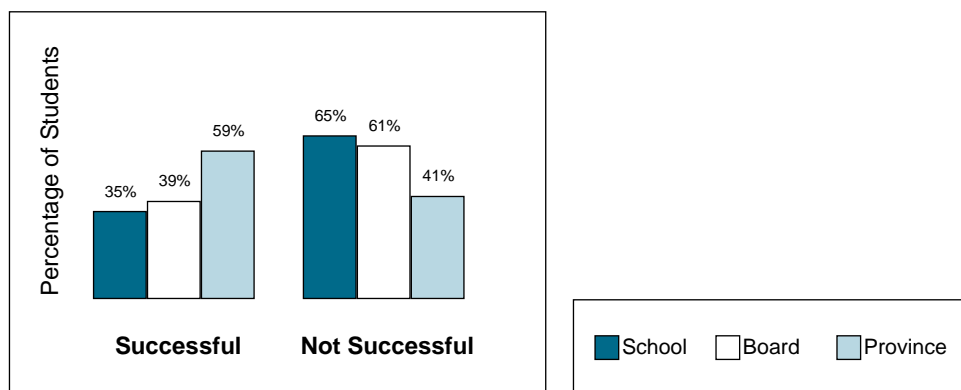
Results for English Language Learners*†

Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 36	Board # = 298	Province # = 6 121	School # = 17	Board # = 162	Province # = 3 918
Successful	6	17%	21%	38%	35%	39%
Not Successful	11	31%	33%	26%	65%	61%
Fully Participating	17	47%	54%	64%		
Absent	1	3%	3%	3%		
Deferred	18	50%	43%	33%		

Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



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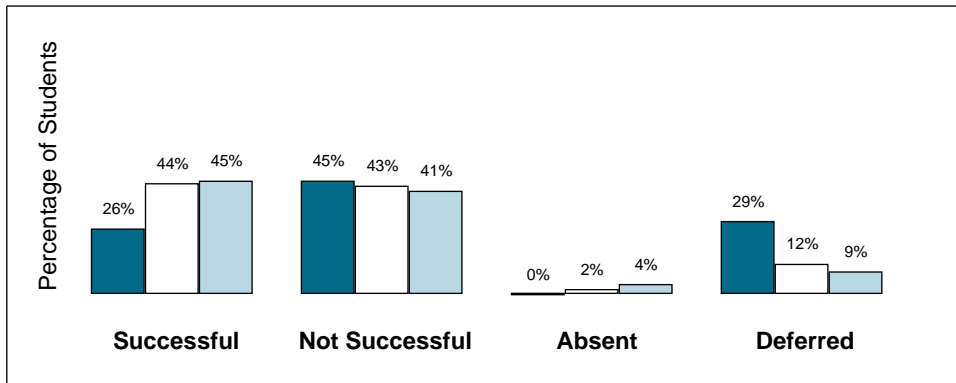
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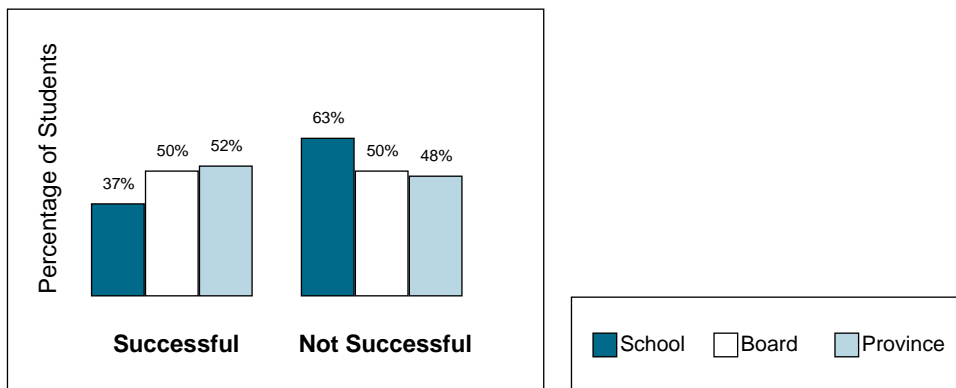
Results for Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)^{*†}

Results for Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 38	Board # = 1 010	Province # = 23 322	School # = 27	Board # = 872	Province # = 20 240	
Successful	10	26%	44%	45%	37%	50%	52%
Not Successful	17	45%	43%	41%	63%	50%	48%
Fully Participating	27	71%	86%	87%			
Absent	0	0%	2%	4%			
Deferred	11	29%	12%	9%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)



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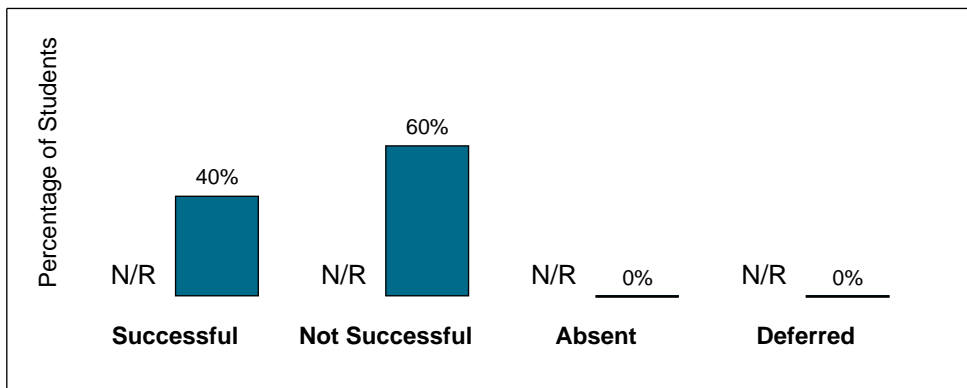
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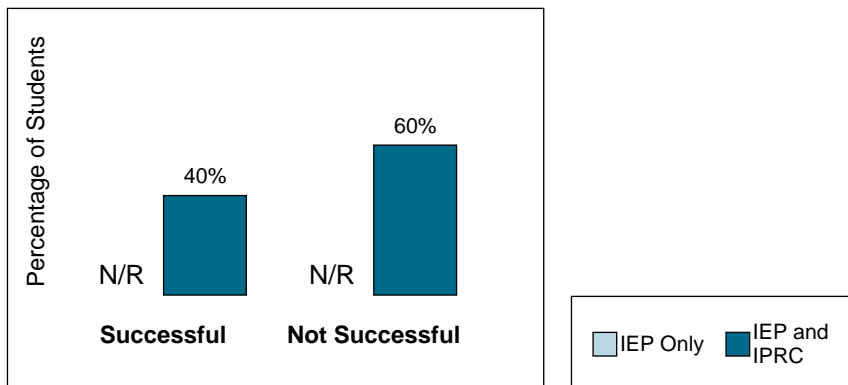
School Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

School Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = N/R		IEP and IPRC # = 20		IEP Only # = N/R	IEP and IPRC # = 20
Successful	N/R	N/R	8	40%	N/R	40%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	12	60%	N/R	60%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	20	100%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	0	0%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	0	0%		

School Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



School Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



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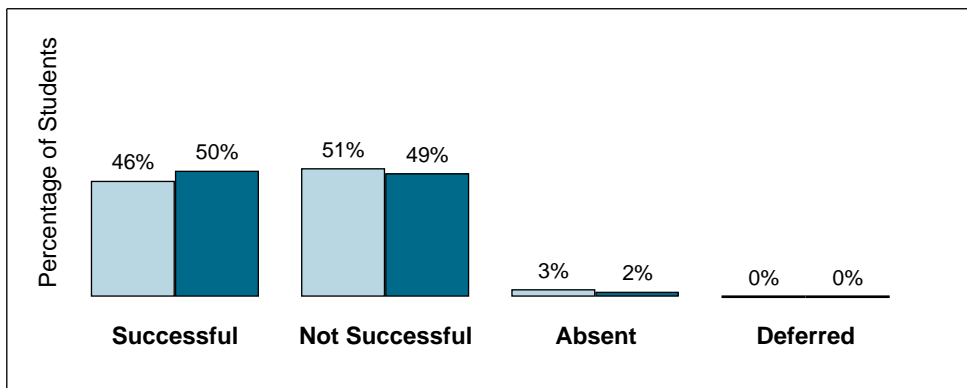
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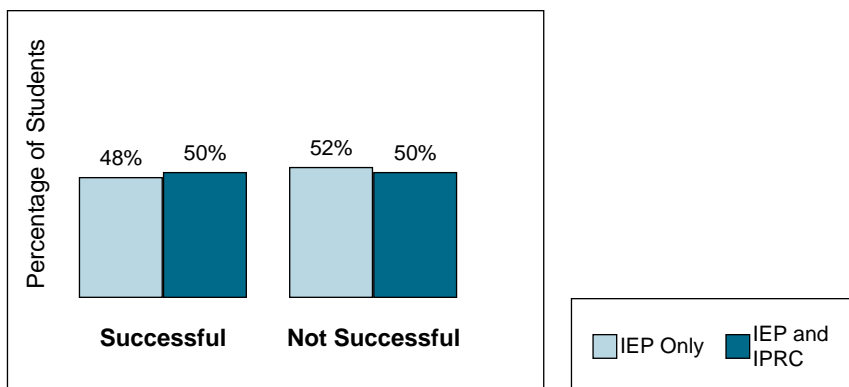
Board Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

Board Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 104		IEP and IPRC # = 757		IEP Only # = 101	IEP and IPRC # = 743
Successful	48	46%	375	50%	48%	50%
Not Successful	53	51%	368	49%	52%	50%
Fully Participating	101	97%	743	98%		
Absent	3	3%	14	2%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		

Board Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



Board Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



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OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

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

Provincial Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 5 752		IEP and IPRC # = 12 720		IEP Only # = 5 462	IEP and IPRC # = 12 257
Successful	2 794	49%	6 222	49%	51%	51%
Not Successful	2 668	46%	6 035	47%	49%	49%
Fully Participating	5 462	95%	12 257	96%		
Absent	290	5%	463	4%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		

Provincial Results for All First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



Provincial Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)



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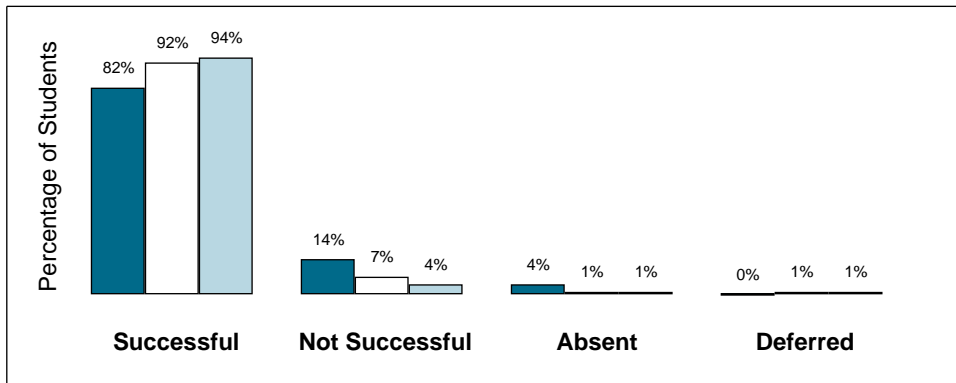
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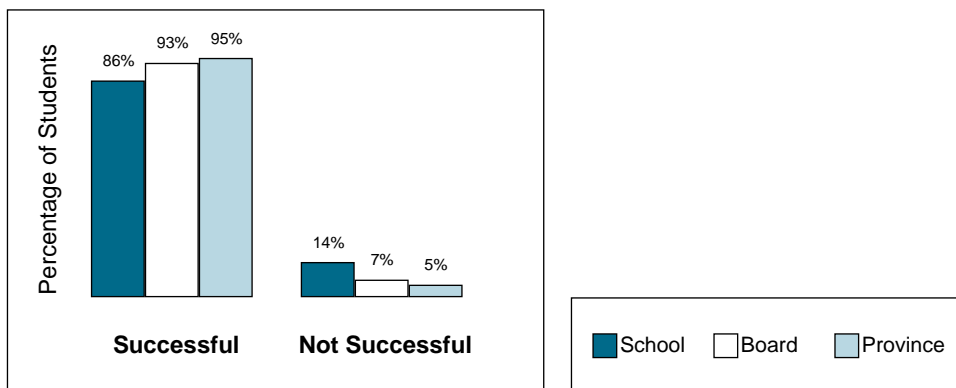
Results for Students Taking Academic English Course*†

Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 80	Board # = 4 779	Province # = 103 774	School # = 77	Board # = 4 716	Province # = 101 698
Successful	66	82%	92%	94%	86%	93%
Not Successful	11	14%	7%	4%	14%	7%
Fully Participating	77	96%	99%	98%		
Absent	3	4%	1%	1%		
Deferred	0	0%	1%	1%		

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking Academic English Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking Academic English Course



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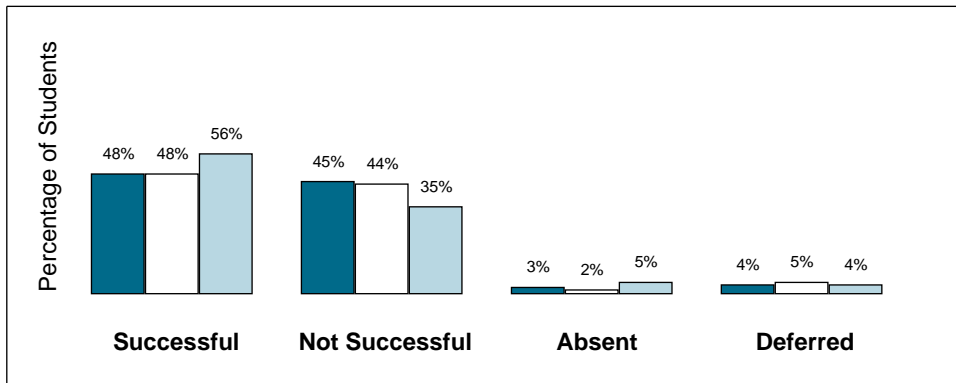
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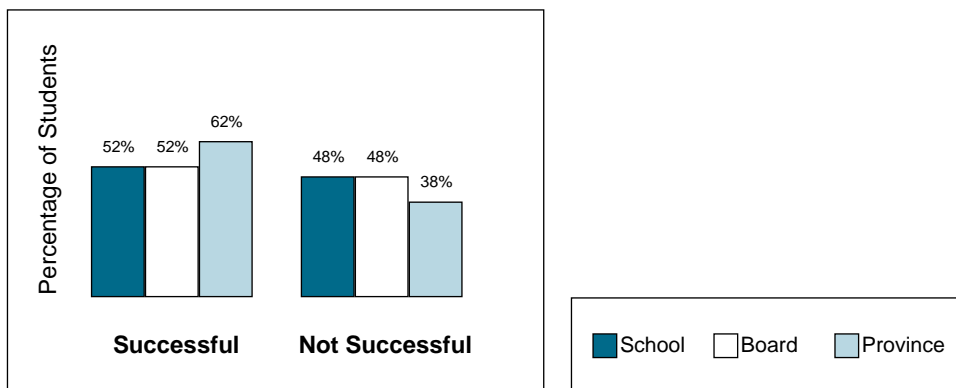
Results for Students Taking Applied English Course*†

Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 67	Board # = 1 575	Province # = 38 834	School # = 62	Board # = 1 451	Province # = 35 515
Successful	32	48%	48%	52%	52%	62%
Not Successful	30	45%	44%	48%	48%	38%
Fully Participating	62	93%	92%	91%		
Absent	2	3%	2%	5%		
Deferred	3	4%	5%	4%		

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking Applied English Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking Applied English Course



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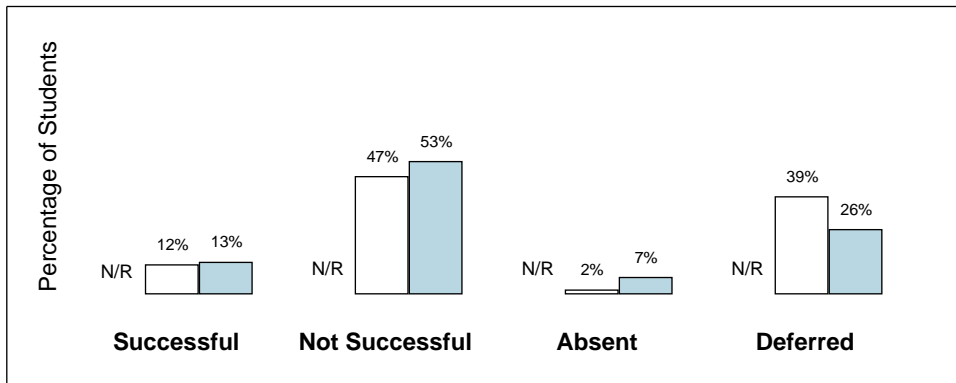
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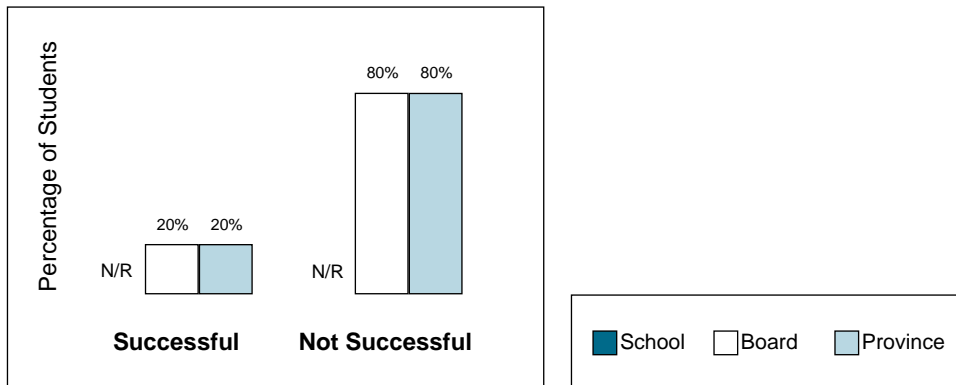
Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course*†

Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = N/R	Board # = 227	Province # = 5 838	School # = N/R	Board # = 133	Province # = 3 905
Successful	N/R	N/R	12%	13%	N/R	20%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	47%	53%	N/R	80%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	59%	67%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	2%	7%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	39%	26%		

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking Locally Developed English Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking Locally Developed English Course



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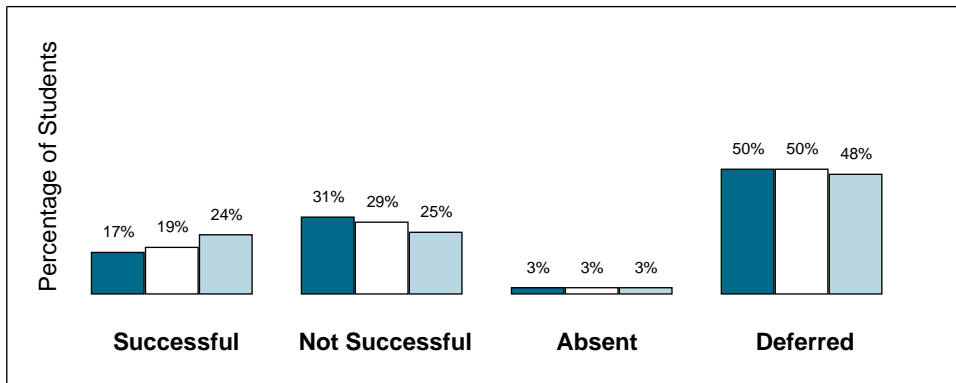
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OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

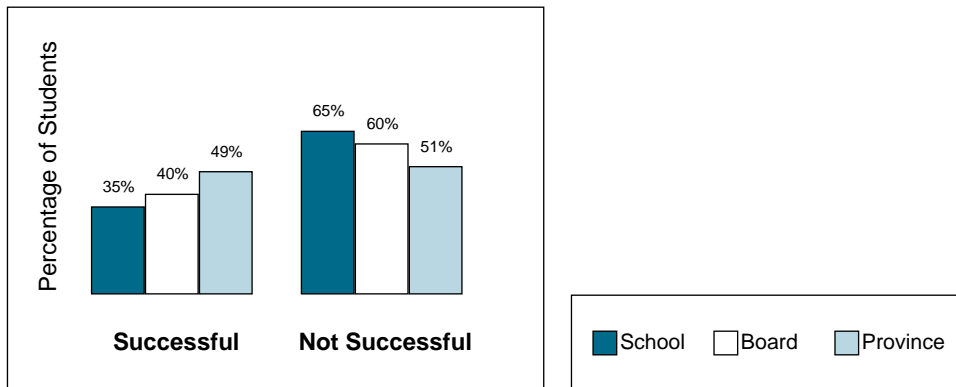
Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course*†

Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 36	Board # = 256	Province # = 4 283	School # = 17	Board # = 121	Province # = 2 114	
Successful	6	17%	19%	24%	35%	40%	49%
Not Successful	11	31%	29%	25%	65%	60%	51%
Fully Participating	17	47%	47%	49%			
Absent	1	3%	3%	3%			
Deferred	18	50%	50%	48%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students Taking ESL/ELD Course



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students Taking ESL/ELD Course



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OSSLT Results over Time, October 2003–March 2008

Contextual Information for School

This information provides a context for interpreting the school's results over the past five administrations.

	Oct. 2003	Oct. 2004	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2008
Enrolment					
Number of first-time eligible students	160	138	135	134	198
Number of students who were exempted	19	10	1	4	3
Participation in the Test					
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	85%	80%	87%	90%	81%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	15%	0%	0%	1%	4%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	0%	20%	13%	9%	16%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Female	47%	40%	34%	32%	33%
Male	51%	60%	66%	68%	67%
Gender not specified	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
English language learners*	23% ⁺	16%	12%	15%	18%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	n/a	9%	10%	11%	11%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)*	23%	46%	50%	40%	19%
Students with special needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	18%	49%	47%	39%	16%
Level of Study for English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Academic	35%	33%	38%	36%	40%
Applied	56%	43%	37%	37%	34%
Locally developed	6%	4%	9%	9%	6%
ESL/ELD	n/a	19%	13%	17%	18%
Other	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%	2%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data					
Number of Respondents:	136	109	117	121	159
First language learned at home was other than English	63%	51%	55%	50%	57%
Speak only or mostly English at home	29%	39%	37%	35%	36%
Speak another language (or languages) as often as English at home	48%	36%	38%	45%	43%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	23%	24%	26%	21%	19%

[†] Demographic information is provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not reported by schools.

* See Explanation of Terms.

** Percentages are based on fully participating students.

^{††} Demographic information pertaining to "language" is gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by students.

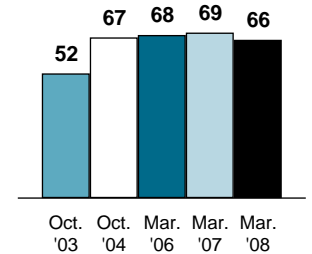
⁺ The percentage of students in October 2003 may not be comparable with those of later years as the definition for the ESL/ELD group changed in 2004 from "students enrolled in an ESL/ELD program" to "students designated as ESL/ELD learners".

n/a Information not available.

OSSLT Results over Time, October 2003–March 2008

School Results: All First-Time Eligible Students*										
	October 2003		October 2004		March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
<i>Number of Students</i>	160		138		135		134		198	
Successful	71	44%	74	54%	80	59%	84	63%	106	54%
Not Successful	65	41%	36	26%	37	27%	37	28%	54	27%
Fully Participating	136	85%	110	80%	117	87%	121	90%	160	81%
Absent	24	15%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	7	4%
Deferred	0	0%	28	20%	18	13%	12	9%	31	16%
Fully Participating Successful	71	52%	74	67%	80	68%	84	69%	106	66%

School Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



Board Results: All First-Time Eligible Students*										
	October 2003		October 2004		March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
<i>Number of Students</i>	6 484		6 911		6 819		6 804		6 897	
Successful	4 425	68%	5 087	74%	5 238	77%	5 250	77%	5 265	76%
Not Successful	1 688	26%	1 446	21%	1 242	18%	1 165	17%	1 207	18%
Fully Participating	6 113	94%	6 533	95%	6 480	95%	6 415	94%	6 472	94%
Absent	162	2%	133	2%	117	2%	104	2%	84	1%
Deferred	209	3%	245	4%	222	3%	285	4%	341	5%
Fully Participating Successful	4 425	72%	5 087	78%	5 238	81%	5 250	82%	5 265	81%

Board Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



Provincial Results: All First-Time Eligible Students*										
	October 2003		October 2004		March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
<i>Number of Students</i>	157 464		160 088		158 817		155 906		156 151	
Successful	109 609	70%	121 855	76%	125 830	79%	122 475	79%	122 324	78%
Not Successful	33 416	21%	25 926	16%	23 268	15%	23 698	15%	23 279	15%
Fully Participating	143 025	91%	147 781	92%	149 098	94%	146 173	94%	145 603	93%
Absent	6 612	4%	5 435	3%	4 715	3%	3 932	3%	4 357	3%
Deferred	7 827	5%	6 872	4%	5 004	3%	5 801	4%	6 191	4%
Fully Participating Successful	109 609	77%	121 855	82%	125 830	84%	122 475	84%	122 324	84%

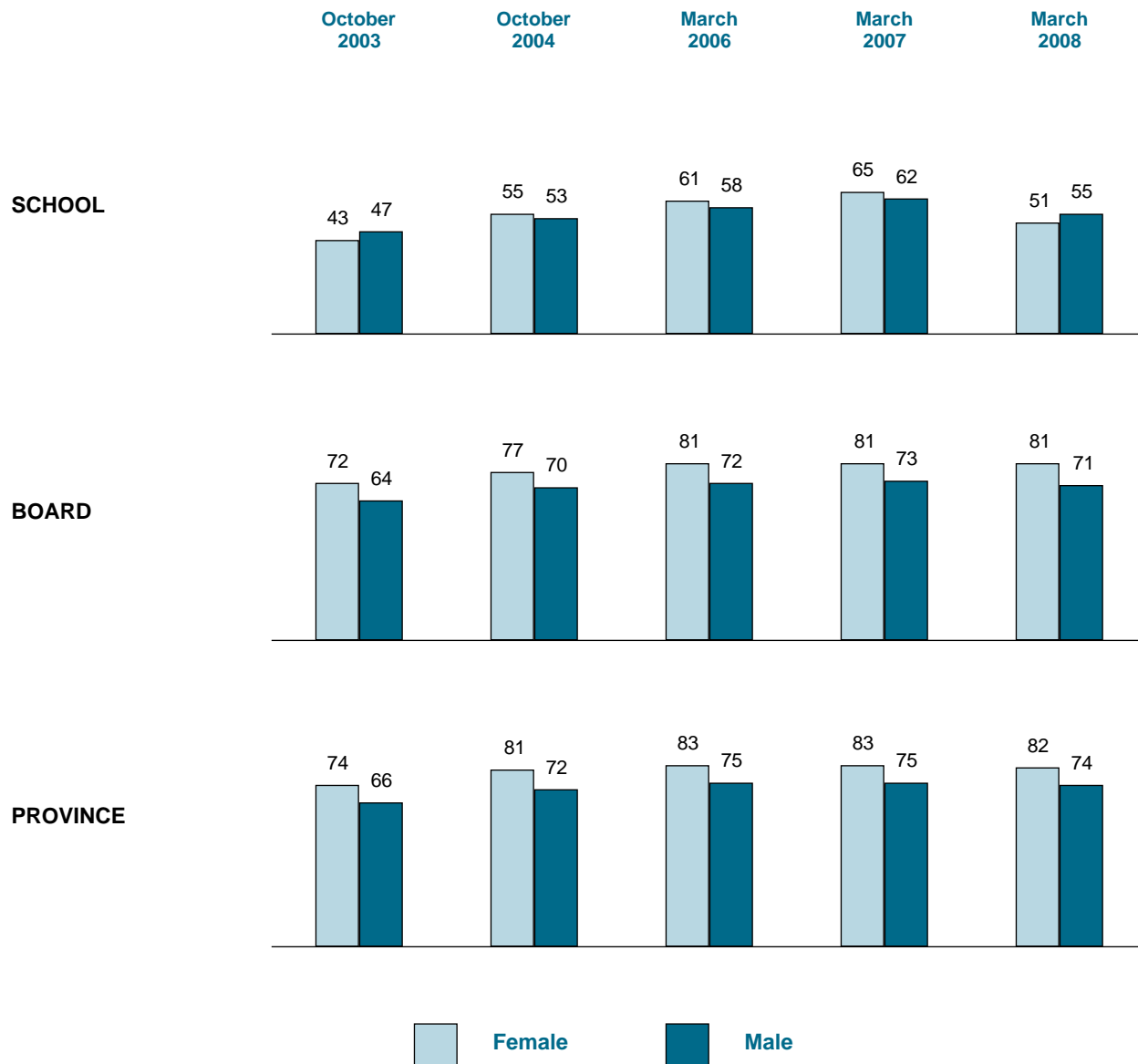
Provincial Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



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ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

PERCENTAGE OF ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL



Female Male

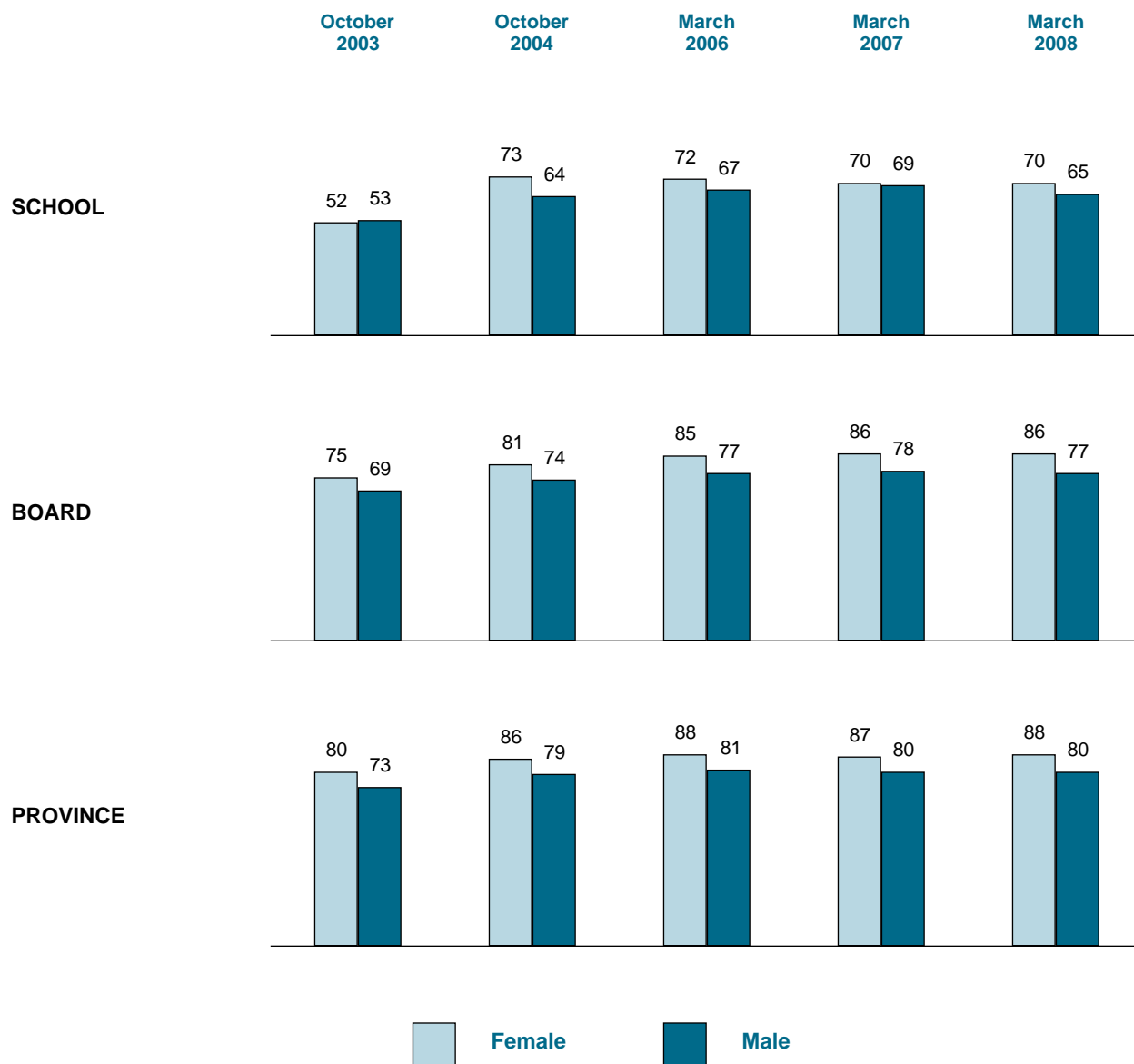
Number of First-Time Eligible Students†

	October 2003		October 2004		March 2006		March 2007		March 2008	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
School	75	81	55	83	46	89	43	91	65	133
Board	3 163	3 067	3 565	3 310	3 577	3 239	3 434	3 370	3 529	3 364
Province	75 023	79 904	77 110	81 469	77 358	81 402	76 252	79 638	76 226	79 904

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

PERCENTAGE OF FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL



Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†

	<u>October 2003</u>		<u>October 2004</u>		<u>March 2006</u>		<u>March 2007</u>		<u>March 2008</u>	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
School	62	72	41	69	39	78	40	81	47	113
Board	3 019	2 854	3 394	3 111	3 413	3 064	3 260	3 155	3 335	3 133
Province	69 529	71 961	72 296	74 659	73 081	75 966	72 031	74 129	71 615	73 969

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 159)			
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*		Number of Students Who Answered "Yes"
1. Types of materials students read in English outside school most weeks:			
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	36	63	57
comics	44	55	70
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	96	4	152
letters	45	54	72
magazines	68	31	108
manuals, instructions	58	42	92
newspapers	57	42	90
novels, fiction, short stories	54	45	86
song lyrics, poems	69	30	110
religious or spiritual writings	31	67	50
2. Types of writing students do in English outside school most weeks:			
e-mail, chat messages	97	1	154
letter, journals, diaries	25	74	40
notes, directions, instructions	42	57	66
song lyrics, poems	47	52	75
stories, fiction	30	69	48
work-related writing	52	47	83
3. Types of English language materials students have at home:			
dictionaries, encyclopedias (print or electronic)	86	14	137
books	89	11	141
newspapers	67	32	107
magazines	83	16	132
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

* Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses. Where there is no number in a box, the percentage of responses is smaller than 4.

OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 159)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	
		<i>Number of Students</i>
4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:		
one hour or less	36	57
more than one hour but less than three hours	36	58
more than three hours but less than five hours	20	32
five hours or more	8	12
5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:		
one hour or less	32	51
more than one hour but less than three hours	41	65
more than three hours but less than five hours	15	24
five hours or more	12	19
6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:		
don't have a computer at home	3	5
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework	13	20
use a computer once or twice a month for homework	20	32
use a computer once or twice a week for homework	39	62
use a computer almost every day for homework	25	40
7. First language students learned at home was English:		
yes	42	67
no	57	91
8. Language(s) students speak at home:		
only or mostly English	36	58
another language (or languages) as often as English	43	68
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	19	31

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OSSLT Results for First-Time Eligible Students, March 2008

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (#= 159)	Female* (#= 47)	Male* (#= 112)	All (#= 6 379)	Female* (#= 3 305)	Male* (#= 3 070)	All (#= 143 535)	Female* (#= 70 815)	Male* (#= 72 701)
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	97%	96%	97%	98%	98%	97%	98%	98%	97%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	25%	26%	25%	31%	34%	28%	30%	32%	28%
Percentage of students indicating that they read the following types of materials in English outside school most weeks:									
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	36%	34%	37%	39%	40%	39%	34%	34%	35%
comics	44%	32%	49%	40%	35%	45%	36%	31%	41%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	96%	98%	95%	93%	95%	91%	92%	95%	90%
letters	45%	57%	40%	45%	51%	39%	41%	47%	36%
magazines	68%	87%	60%	72%	83%	60%	73%	84%	63%
manuals, instructions	58%	43%	64%	49%	41%	57%	43%	34%	52%
newspapers	57%	62%	54%	61%	61%	61%	53%	51%	55%
novels, fiction, short stories	54%	70%	47%	69%	82%	55%	67%	79%	55%
song lyrics, poems	69%	83%	63%	71%	82%	60%	63%	76%	50%
religious or spiritual writings	31%	32%	31%	29%	31%	26%	21%	23%	20%
Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	28%	40%	22%	36%	43%	29%	39%	45%	33%
Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home:									
dictionaries, encyclopedias (print or electronic)	86%	85%	87%	92%	94%	91%	92%	93%	90%
books	89%	89%	88%	93%	95%	91%	94%	97%	92%
newspapers	67%	70%	66%	81%	83%	79%	86%	87%	86%
magazines	83%	89%	80%	84%	89%	78%	87%	91%	83%
Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:									
e-mail, chat messages	97%	98%	96%	94%	96%	92%	94%	96%	91%
letters, journals, diaries	25%	45%	17%	34%	50%	18%	30%	46%	14%
notes, directions, instructions	42%	45%	40%	50%	52%	47%	45%	49%	41%
song lyrics, poems	47%	55%	44%	45%	52%	39%	37%	45%	30%
stories, fiction	30%	38%	27%	32%	37%	27%	28%	32%	24%
work-related writing	52%	51%	53%	57%	59%	56%	49%	49%	48%
Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	27%	40%	21%	30%	35%	25%	30%	35%	26%
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was									
other than English.	57%	77%	49%	37%	39%	36%	22%	22%	21%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	36%	26%	41%	58%	59%	58%	77%	77%	77%
another language (or languages) as often as English	43%	60%	36%	30%	30%	29%	16%	17%	15%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	19%	15%	21%	12%	11%	12%	7%	6%	7%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

First-Time Eligible Students	First-time eligible students typically entered Grade 9 during the 2006–2007 school year. These students (and any others who were placed in this cohort) were required to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for the first time in March 2008. First-time eligible includes all students in the first-time eligible cohort who are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
Previously Eligible Students	Previously eligible includes all students who were not successful during a previous administration, or who were absent or deferred, and who were eligible to write the OSSLT in March 2008 (i.e., those working toward an OSSD).
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 are deemed to be absent if there is no work for one or both sessions of the administration.
Deferred	Students' participation in the OSSLT can be deferred under several circumstances, as outlined in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</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). 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	These are 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 were formerly called English as a second language (ESL)/English literacy development (ELD) learners.
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>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> .
Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)	These are 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 as gifted are not included.
Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)	These are students with special needs identified by the school as receiving test accommodations. Students identified as gifted are not included. Detailed information about accommodations is available in the Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum No. 127 and in EQAO's <i>Guide for Accommodations, Special Provisions, Deferrals and Exemptions</i> .
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students fully participating (fewer than 15 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.