



# School Report

## First-Time Eligible Students



### Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009

**School: Father Henry Carr Catholic SS (707589)**

**Board: Toronto Catholic District School Board (67059)**

I am pleased to provide you with this report about student achievement on the April 2009 OSSLT and the previous four administrations.

The OSSLT assesses the reading and writing skills students are expected to have acquired across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Developed with Ontario educators, EQAO assessments ensure that the achievement of all Ontario students in the publicly funded school system is measured using the same yardstick at a few critical transition points in their schooling. By providing a snapshot of how well each student in the province is meeting the learning expectations outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*, EQAO's assessments have become an important tool educators rely on to support student learning.

Literacy is a lifelong gift. That is why EQAO strives to provide parents, guardians and Ontario educators with transparent and valuable information that will ultimately help all students acquire the foundational reading and writing skills they need to reach their full potential.

OSSLT results are to be interpreted and used alongside results from classroom assessments and other school-level data, as these are all sources of important information for supporting students in their education. I trust that this report will help educators and parents work together in support of student learning.

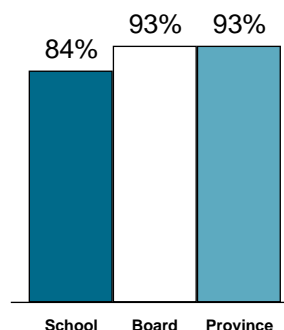
Sincerely,

Marguerite Jackson  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Education Quality and Accountability Office

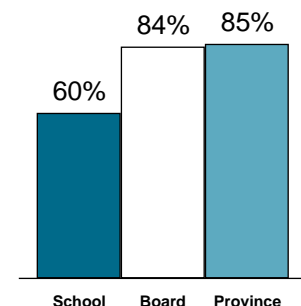
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#### FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, APRIL 2009: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

**Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully**



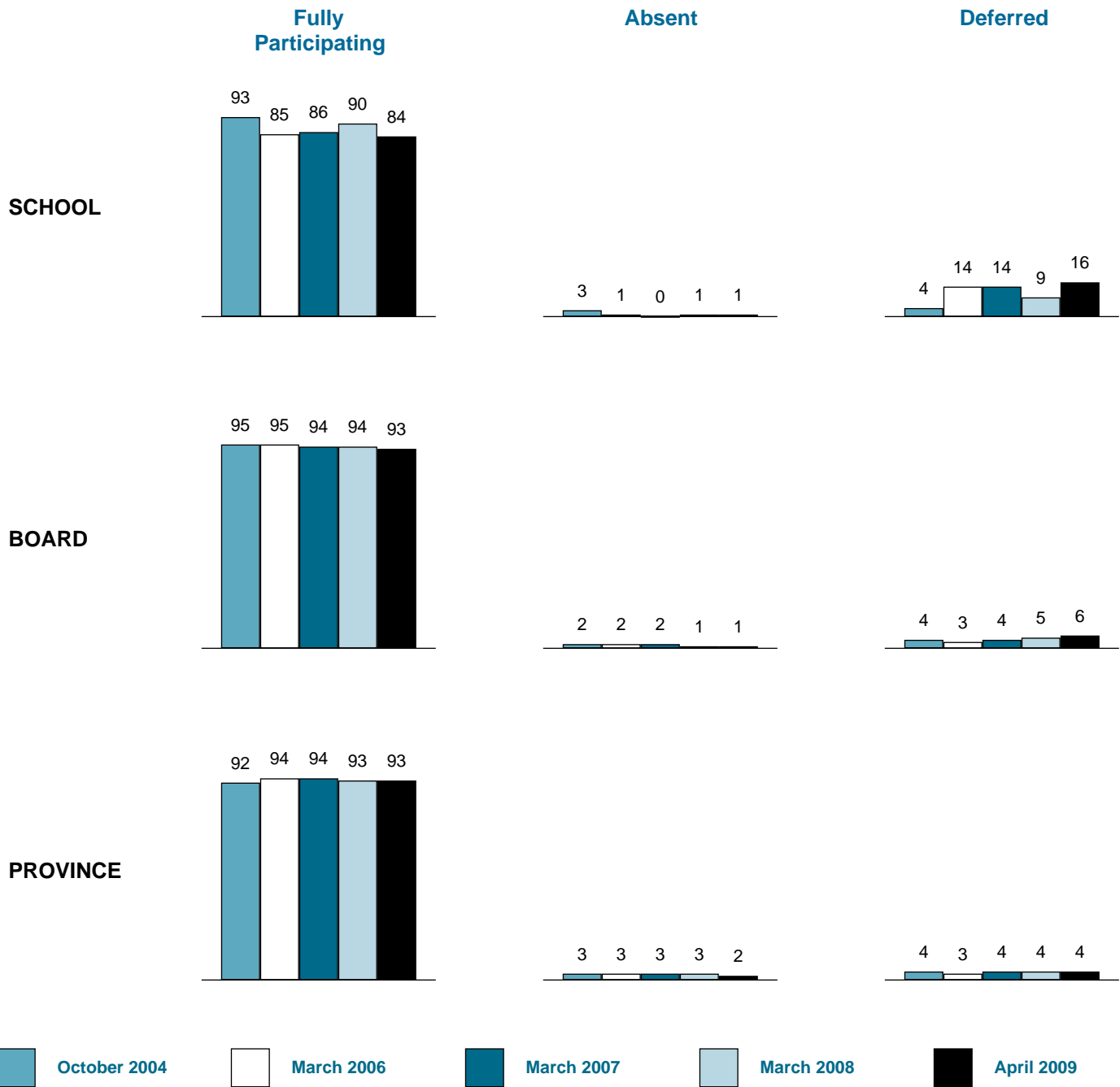
**Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful**



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## PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

### PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS\*



|          | <u>October 2004</u> | <u>March 2006</u> | <u>March 2007</u> | <u>March 2008</u> | <u>April 2009</u> |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| School   | 138                 | 120               | 136               | 154               | 172               |
| Board    | 6 911               | 6 819             | 6 804             | 6 897             | 7 071             |
| Province | 160 088             | 158 817           | 155 906           | 156 151           | 152 830           |

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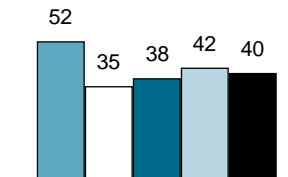
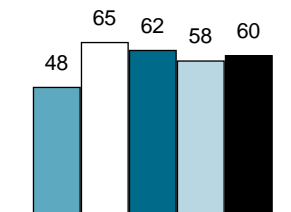
## ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

### PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS\*

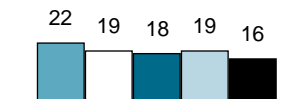
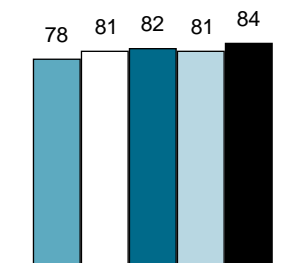
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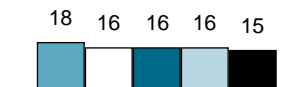
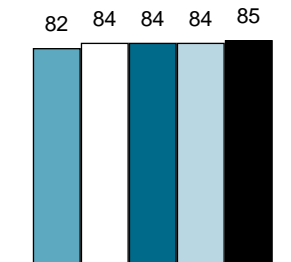
#### SCHOOL



#### BOARD



#### PROVINCE



### Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

|          | <u>October 2004</u> | <u>March 2006</u> | <u>March 2007</u> | <u>March 2008</u> | <u>April 2009</u> |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| School   | 128                 | 102               | 117               | 139               | 144               |
| Board    | 6 533               | 6 480             | 6 415             | 6 472             | 6 593             |
| Province | 147 781             | 149 098           | 146 173           | 145 603           | 142 394           |

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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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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students

### Contextual Information

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

|   | School                 |                | Board         |                | Province      |                |
|---|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Enrolment</b>  |                        |                |               |                |               |                |
| Number of first-time eligible students  | 172                    |                | 7 071         |                | 152 830       |                |
| Number of schools with first-time eligible students   | n/a                    |                | 36            |                | 798           |                |
| Number of students who were exempted  | 0                      |                | 56            |                | 1 679         |                |
|   | <b>Number</b>          | <b>Percent</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
| <b>Participation in the Test</b>  |                        |                |               |                |               |                |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment           | 144                    | 84%            | 6 593         | 93%            | 142 394       | 93%            |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent                                    | 1                      | 1%             | 63            | 1%             | 3 707         | 2%             |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred                                  | 27                     | 16%            | 415           | 6%             | 6 729         | 4%             |
| <b>Gender<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>                     |                        |                |               |                |               |                |
| Female  | 73                     | 42%            | 3 581         | 51%            | 74 355        | 49%            |
| Male  | 99                     | 58%            | 3 490         | 49%            | 78 459        | 51%            |
| Gender not specified  | 0                      | 0%             | 0             | 0%             | 16            | <1%            |
| <b>Student Status<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>             |                        |                |               |                |               |                |
| English language learners*  | 29                     | 17%            | 686           | 10%            | 6 177         | 4%             |
| English language learners receiving special provisions**                                      | 3                      | 2%             | 322           | 5%             | 2 739         | 2%             |
| Students with special needs (excluding gifted)*   | 29                     | 17%            | 1 151         | 16%            | 24 066        | 16%            |
| Students with special needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**                     | 24                     | 17%            | 984           | 15%            | 18 680        | 13%            |
| <b>Level of Study for English<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b> |                        |                |               |                |               |                |
| Academic  | 71                     | 41%            | 4 792         | 68%            | 102 880       | 67%            |
| Applied   | 63                     | 37%            | 1 758         | 25%            | 37 845        | 25%            |
| Locally developed   | 15                     | 9%             | 209           | 3%             | 5 958         | 4%             |
| ESL/ELD   | 17                     | 10%            | 251           | 4%             | 3 733         | 2%             |
| Other   | 6                      | 3%             | 61            | 1%             | 2 337         | 2%             |
| <b>Language<sup>††</sup> Based on Student Questionnaire data</b>                              |                        |                |               |                |               |                |
|   | Number of Respondents: |                | 139           | 6 494          | 140 462       |                |
| First language learned at home was other than English   | 49                     | 35%            | 2 338         | 36%            | 30 851        | 22%            |
| Speak only or mostly English at home  | 74                     | 53%            | 3 781         | 58%            | 106 970       | 76%            |
| Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home                       | 50                     | 36%            | 1 932         | 30%            | 23 530        | 17%            |
| Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home                            | 12                     | 9%             | 745           | 11%            | 9 294         | 7%             |

<sup>†</sup> Contextual data are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by schools or boards.

\* See Explanation of Terms.

\*\* Percentages are based on fully participating students.

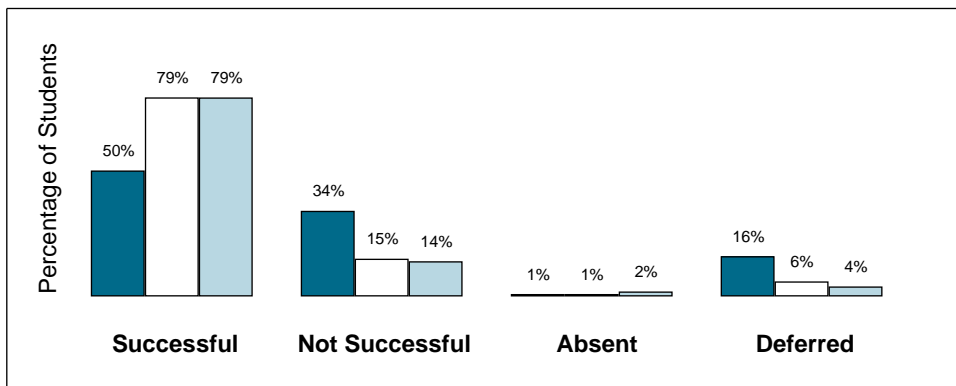
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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students

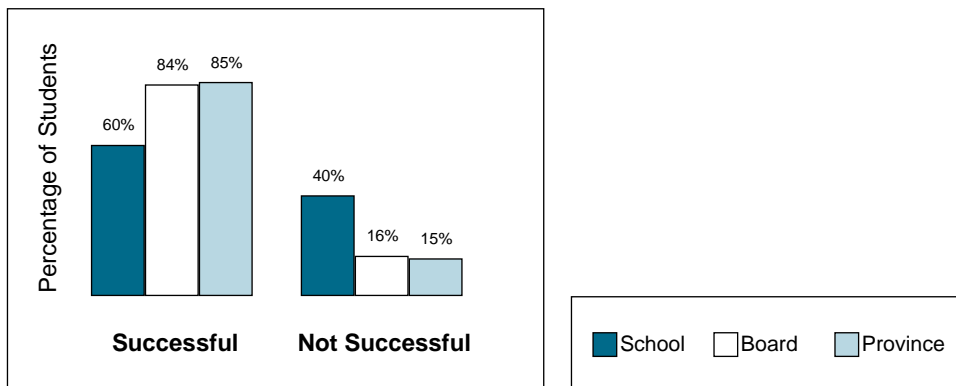
### Results for All Students\*

| First-Time Eligible Students |                   |                    |                         |                     |                    |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                              | All               |                    |                         | Fully Participating |                    |                         |
|                              | School<br># = 172 | Board<br># = 7 071 | Province<br># = 152 830 | School<br># = 144   | Board<br># = 6 593 | Province<br># = 142 394 |
| Successful                   | 86                | 50%                | 79%                     | 60%                 | 84%                | 85%                     |
| Not Successful               | 58                | 34%                | 15%                     | 40%                 | 16%                | 15%                     |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>   | <b>144</b>        | <b>84%</b>         | <b>93%</b>              |                     |                    |                         |
| Absent                       | 1                 | 1%                 | 1%                      |                     |                    | 2%                      |
| Deferred                     | 27                | 16%                | 6%                      |                     |                    | 4%                      |

### Results for All First-Time Eligible Students



### Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students



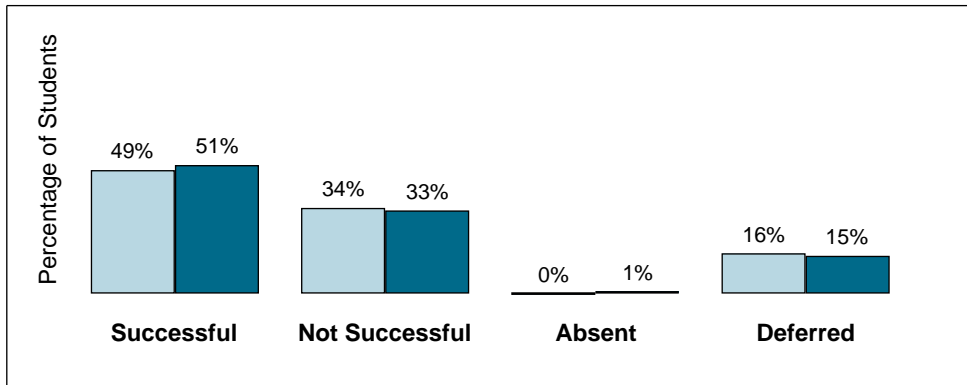
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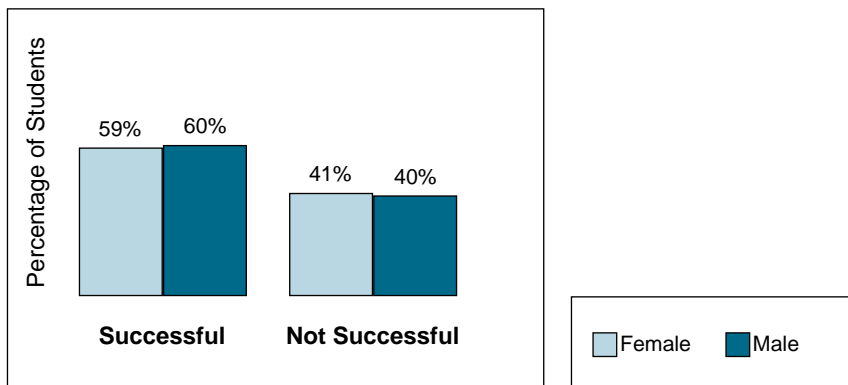
### School Results by Gender\*†

| School Results by Gender<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                  |            |                |                     |                |
|--|------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|  | All              |            |                | Fully Participating |                |
|  | Female<br># = 73 |            | Male<br># = 99 | Female<br># = 61    | Male<br># = 83 |
| Successful   | 36               | 49%        | 50             | 51%                 | 59%            |
| Not Successful   | 25               | 34%        | 33             | 33%                 | 41%            |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>                               | <b>61</b>        | <b>84%</b> | <b>83</b>      | <b>84%</b>          | <b>60%</b>     |
| Absent   | 0                | 0%         | 1              | 1%                  |                |
| Deferred   | 12               | 16%        | 15             | 15%                 | 40%            |

### 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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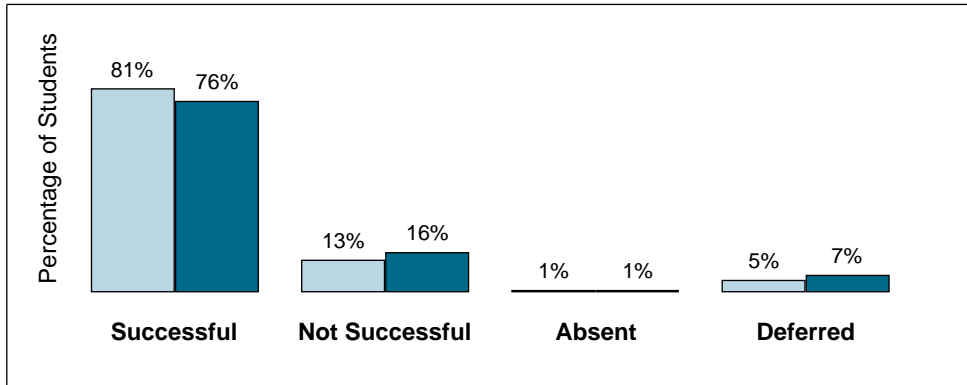
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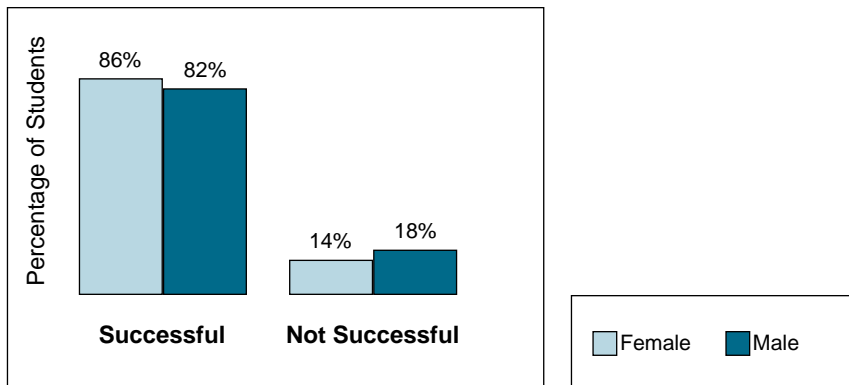
### Board Results by Gender<sup>\*†</sup>

| Board Results by Gender<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                     |            |                   |            |                     |                   |
|---|---------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|   | All                 |            |                   |            | Fully Participating |                   |
|   | Female<br># = 3 581 |            | Male<br># = 3 490 |            | Female<br># = 3 367 | Male<br># = 3 226 |
| Successful  | 2 897               | 81%        | 2 654             | 76%        | 86%                 | 82%               |
| Not Successful  | 470                 | 13%        | 572               | 16%        | 14%                 | 18%               |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>                              | <b>3 367</b>        | <b>94%</b> | <b>3 226</b>      | <b>92%</b> |                     |                   |
| Absent  | 34                  | 1%         | 29                | 1%         |                     |                   |
| Deferred  | 180                 | 5%         | 235               | 7%         |                     |                   |

### 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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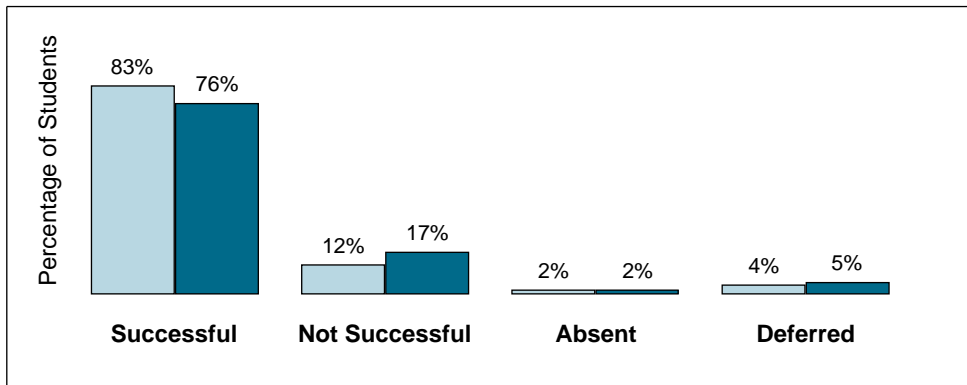


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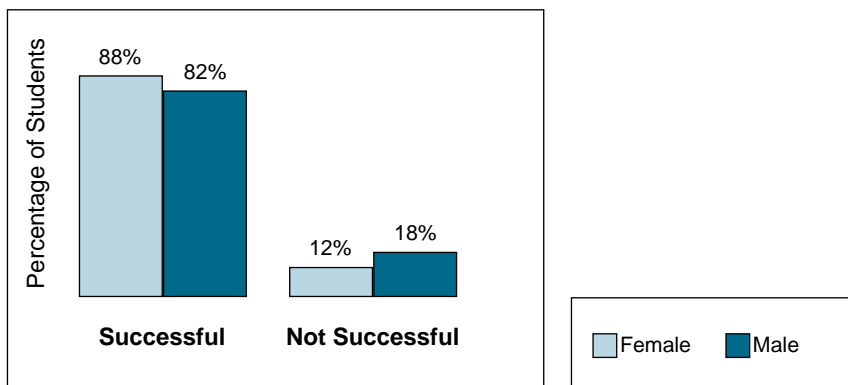
### Provincial Results by Gender<sup>\*†</sup>

| Provincial Results by Gender<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                      |            |                    |            |                      |                    |
|--|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|  | All                  |            |                    |            | Fully Participating  |                    |
|  | Female<br># = 74 355 |            | Male<br># = 78 459 |            | Female<br># = 69 954 | Male<br># = 72 432 |
| Successful   | 61 348               | 83%        | 59 423             | 76%        | 88%                  | 82%                |
| Not Successful   | 8 606                | 12%        | 13 009             | 17%        | 12%                  | 18%                |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>                                   | <b>69 954</b>        | <b>94%</b> | <b>72 432</b>      | <b>92%</b> |                      |                    |
| Absent   | 1 785                | 2%         | 1 914              | 2%         |                      |                    |
| Deferred   | 2 616                | 4%         | 4 113              | 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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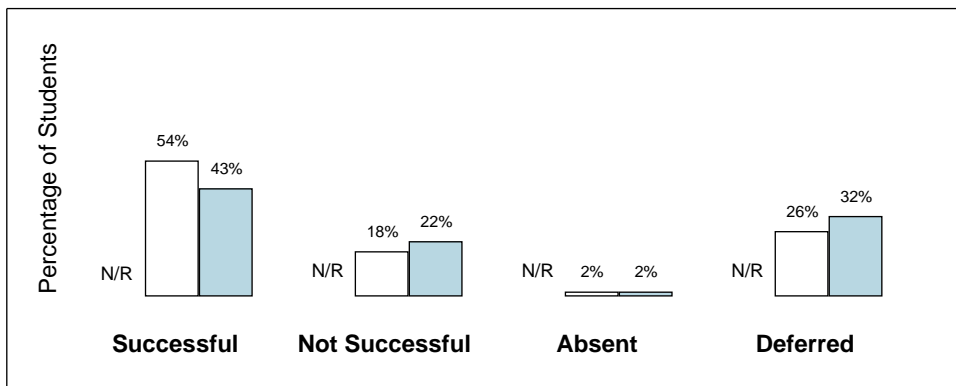
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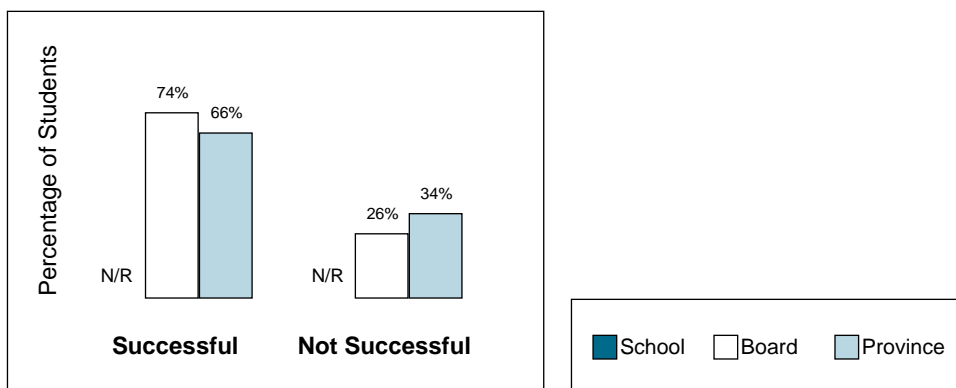
### Results for English Language Learners\*

| Results for English Language Learners<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                   |                  |                       |                   |                     |                       |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|   | All               |                  |                       |                   | Fully Participating |                       |
|   | School<br># = N/R | Board<br># = 686 | Province<br># = 6 177 | School<br># = N/R | Board<br># = 494    | Province<br># = 4 059 |
| Successful  | N/R               | N/R              | 54%                   | 43%               | N/R                 | 66%                   |
| Not Successful  | N/R               | N/R              | 18%                   | 22%               | N/R                 | 34%                   |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>  | N/R               | N/R              | 72%                   | 66%               |                     |                       |
| Absent  | N/R               | N/R              | 2%                    | 2%                |                     |                       |
| Deferred  | N/R               | N/R              | 26%                   | 32%               |                     |                       |

### Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



### Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



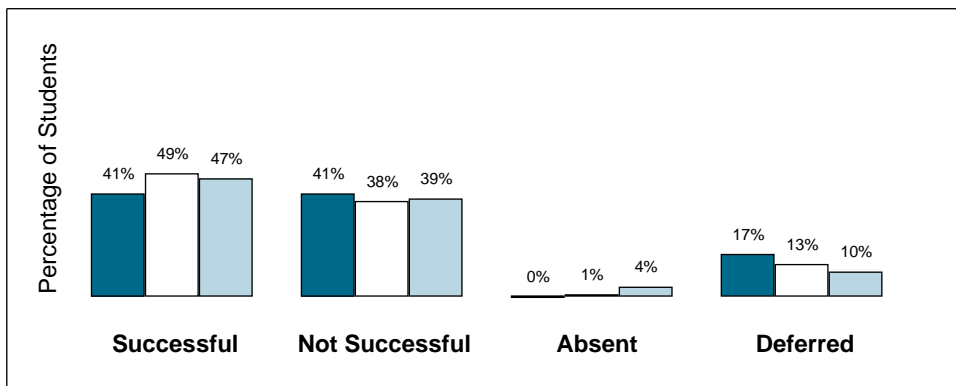
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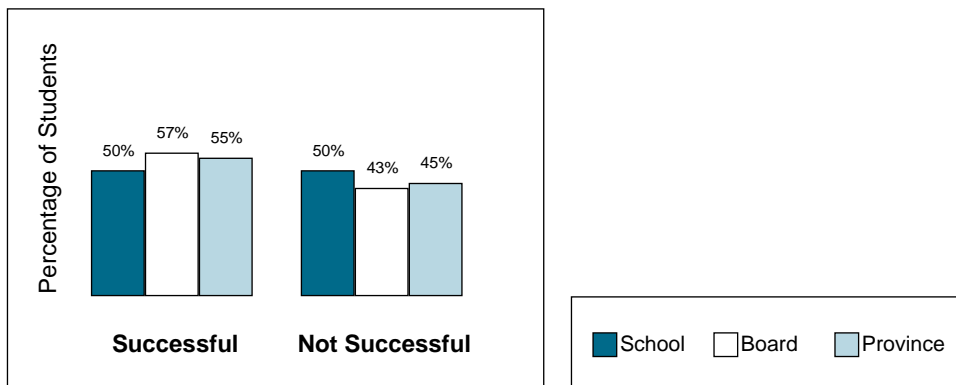
### Results for Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)\*

| Results for Students with Special Needs<br>(excluding gifted)<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                  |                    |                        |                     |                  |                        |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|   | All              |                    |                        | Fully Participating |                  |                        |
|   | School<br># = 29 | Board<br># = 1 151 | Province<br># = 24 066 | School<br># = 24    | Board<br># = 998 | Province<br># = 20 716 |
| Successful  | 12               | 41%                | 49%                    | 47%                 | 50%              | 55%                    |
| Not Successful  | 12               | 41%                | 38%                    | 39%                 | 50%              | 45%                    |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>  | <b>24</b>        | <b>83%</b>         | <b>87%</b>             | <b>86%</b>          |                  |                        |
| Absent  | 0                | 0%                 | 1%                     | 4%                  |                  |                        |
| Deferred  | 5                | 17%                | 13%                    | 10%                 |                  |                        |

### 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)



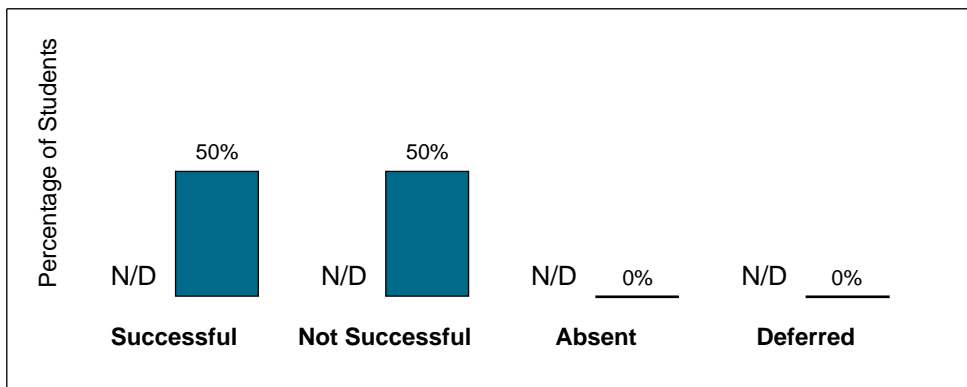
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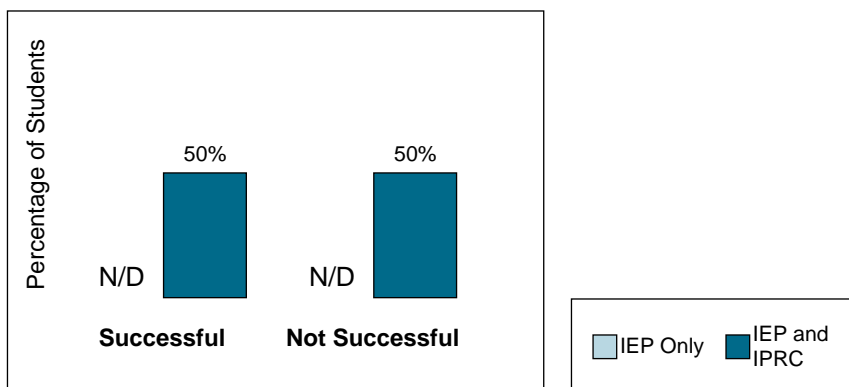
### School Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

| School Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                     |     |                        |      |                     |                        |
|--|---------------------|-----|------------------------|------|---------------------|------------------------|
|  | All                 |     |                        |      | Fully Participating |                        |
|  | IEP Only<br># = N/D |     | IEP and IPRC<br># = 24 |      | IEP Only<br># = N/D | IEP and IPRC<br># = 24 |
| Successful   | N/D                 | N/D | 12                     | 50%  | N/D                 | 50%                    |
| Not Successful   | N/D                 | N/D | 12                     | 50%  | N/D                 | 50%                    |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>   | N/D                 | N/D | 24                     | 100% |                     |                        |
| Absent   | N/D                 | N/D | 0                      | 0%   |                     |                        |
| Deferred   | N/D                 | N/D | 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)



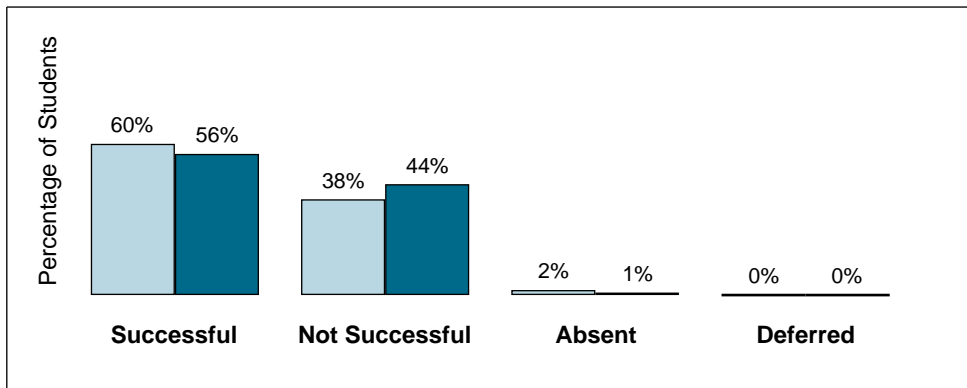
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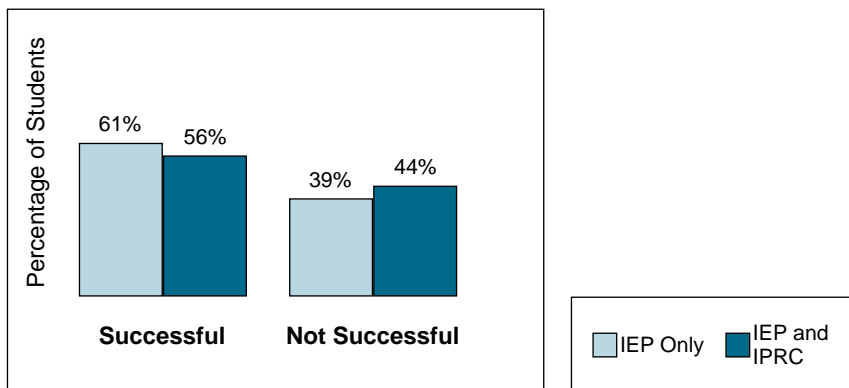
### Board Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

| Board Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                     |            |                         |            |                     |                         |
|---|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|   | All                 |            |                         |            | Fully Participating |                         |
|   | IEP Only<br># = 123 |            | IEP and IPRC<br># = 869 |            | IEP Only<br># = 121 | IEP and IPRC<br># = 863 |
| Successful  | 74                  | 60%        | 483                     | 56%        | 61%                 | 56%                     |
| Not Successful  | 47                  | 38%        | 380                     | 44%        | 39%                 | 44%                     |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>  | <b>121</b>          | <b>98%</b> | <b>863</b>              | <b>99%</b> |                     |                         |
| Absent  | 2                   | 2%         | 6                       | 1%         |                     |                         |
| 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)



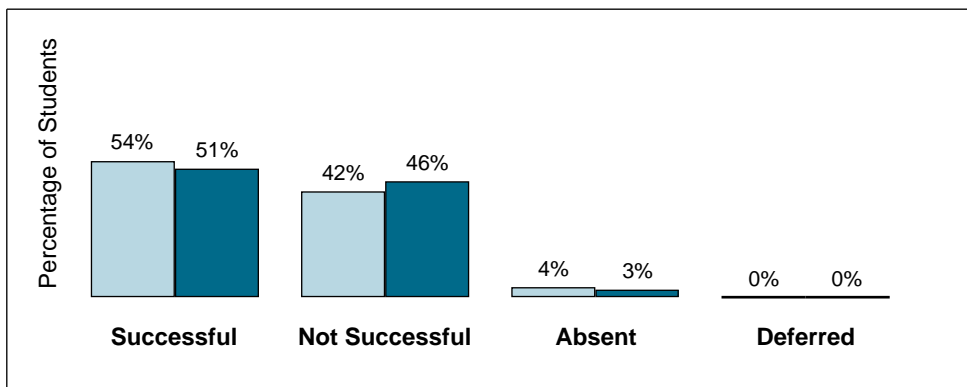
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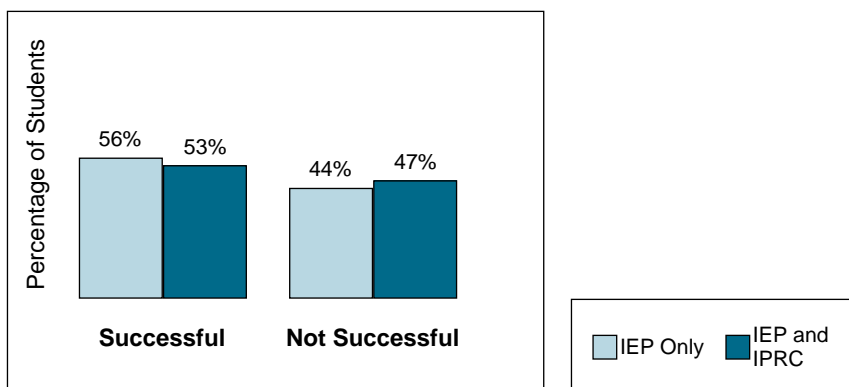
### Provincial Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)\*

| Provincial Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                       |            |                            |            |                       |                            |
|--|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|  | All                   |            |                            |            | Fully Participating   |                            |
|  | IEP Only<br># = 5 893 |            | IEP and IPRC<br># = 13 440 |            | IEP Only<br># = 5 652 | IEP and IPRC<br># = 13 028 |
| Successful   | 3 160                 | 54%        | 6 897                      | 51%        | 56%                   | 53%                        |
| Not Successful   | 2 492                 | 42%        | 6 131                      | 46%        | 44%                   | 47%                        |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>   | <b>5 652</b>          | <b>96%</b> | <b>13 028</b>              | <b>97%</b> |                       |                            |
| Absent   | 241                   | 4%         | 412                        | 3%         |                       |                            |
| 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)



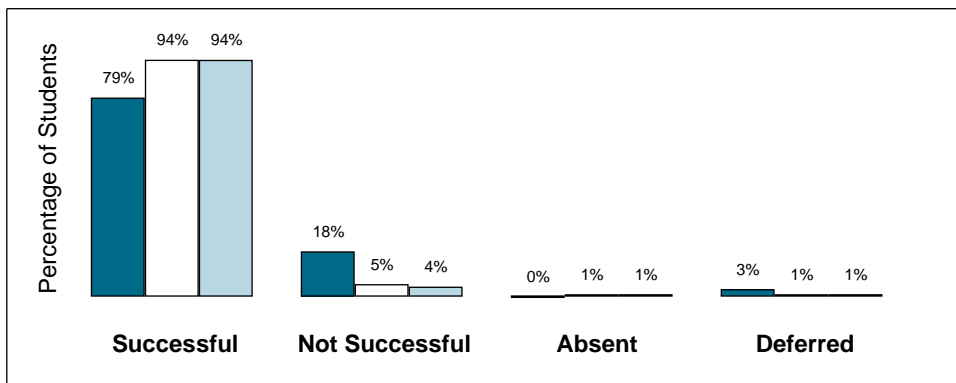
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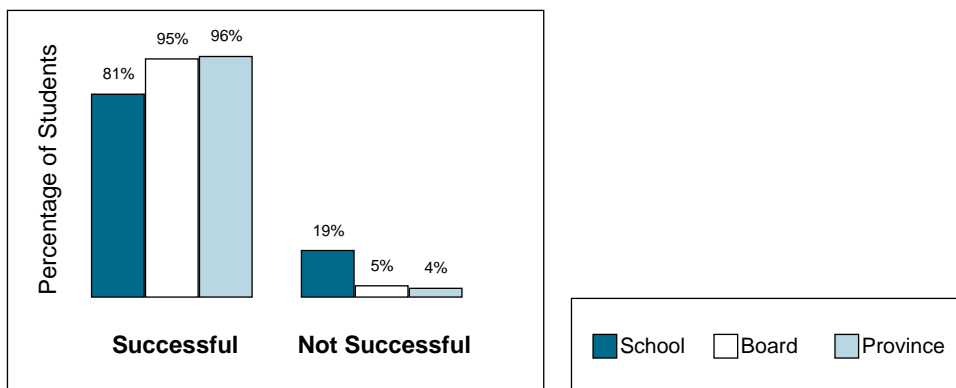
### Results for Students Taking Academic English Course\*

| Results for Students Taking Academic English Course<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                  |                    |                         |                     |                    |                         |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|   | All              |                    |                         | Fully Participating |                    |                         |
|   | School<br># = 71 | Board<br># = 4 792 | Province<br># = 102 880 | School<br># = 69    | Board<br># = 4 723 | Province<br># = 100 997 |
| Successful  | 56               | 79%                | 94%                     | 81%                 | 95%                | 96%                     |
| Not Successful  | 13               | 18%                | 5%                      | 19%                 | 5%                 | 4%                      |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>  | <b>69</b>        | <b>97%</b>         | <b>99%</b>              | <b>98%</b>          |                    |                         |
| Absent  | 0                | 0%                 | 1%                      |                     |                    |                         |
| Deferred  | 2                | 3%                 | 1%                      |                     |                    |                         |

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



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



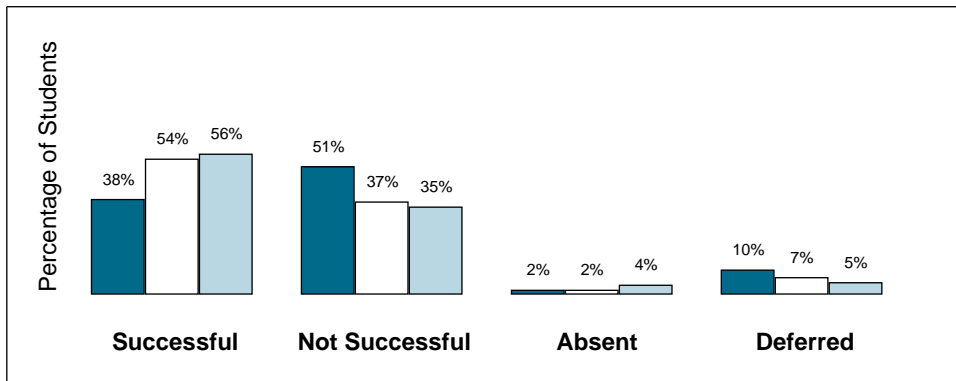
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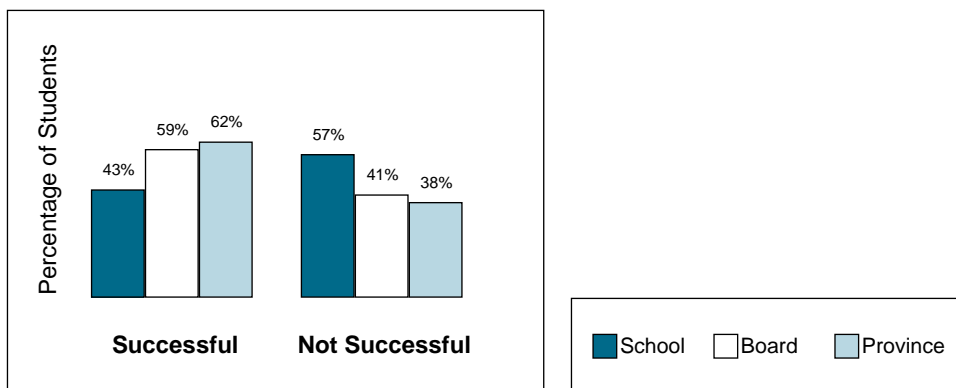
### Results for Students Taking Applied English Course\*

| Results for Students Taking Applied English Course<br>First-Time Eligible Students |                  |                    |                        |                     |                    |                        |
|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|  | All              |                    |                        | Fully Participating |                    |                        |
|  | School<br># = 63 | Board<br># = 1 758 | Province<br># = 37 845 | School<br># = 56    | Board<br># = 1 598 | Province<br># = 34 401 |
| Successful   | 24               | 38%                | 54%                    | 56%                 | 43%                | 59%                    |
| Not Successful   | 32               | 51%                | 37%                    | 35%                 | 57%                | 41%                    |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>   | <b>56</b>        | <b>89%</b>         | <b>91%</b>             | <b>91%</b>          |                    |                        |
| Absent   | 1                | 2%                 | 2%                     | 4%                  |                    |                        |
| Deferred   | 6                | 10%                | 7%                     | 5%                  |                    |                        |

### 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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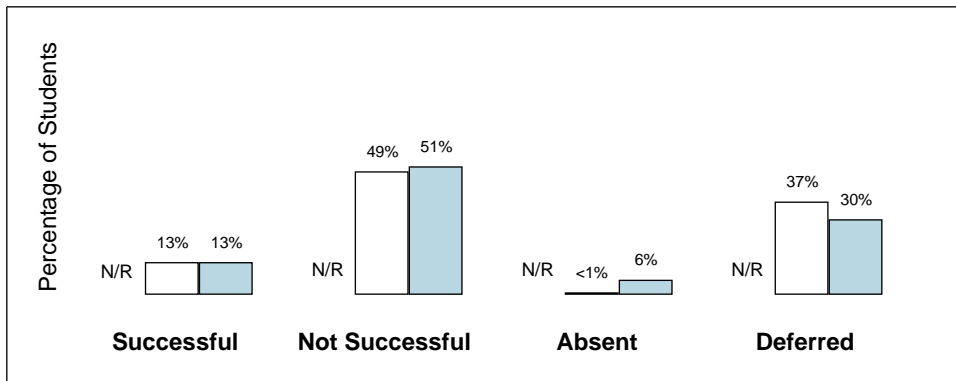


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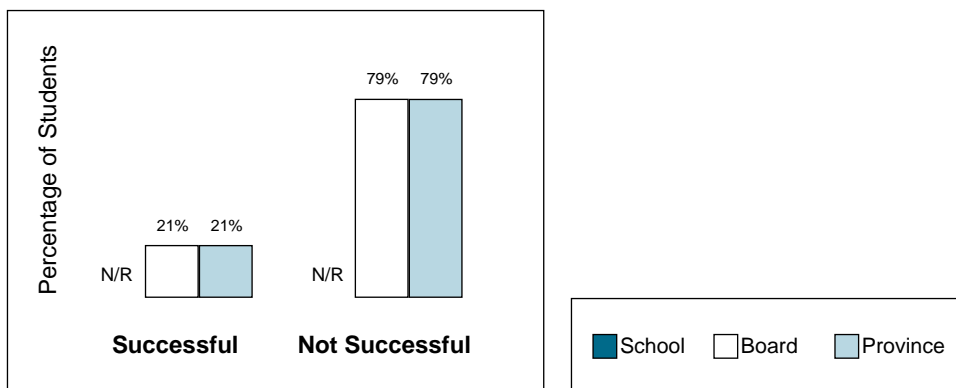
### Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course\*

| Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students |                |               |                    |                     |               |                    |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
|   | All            |               |                    | Fully Participating |               |                    |
|   | School # = N/R | Board # = 209 | Province # = 5 958 | School # = N/R      | Board # = 131 | Province # = 3 815 |
| Successful  | N/R            | N/R           | 13%                | 13%                 | N/R           | 21%                |
| Not Successful  | N/R            | N/R           | 49%                | 51%                 | N/R           | 79%                |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>  | N/R            | N/R           | 63%                | 64%                 |               |                    |
| Absent  | N/R            | N/R           | <1%                | 6%                  |               |                    |
| Deferred  | N/R            | N/R           | 37%                | 30%                 |               |                    |

### 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



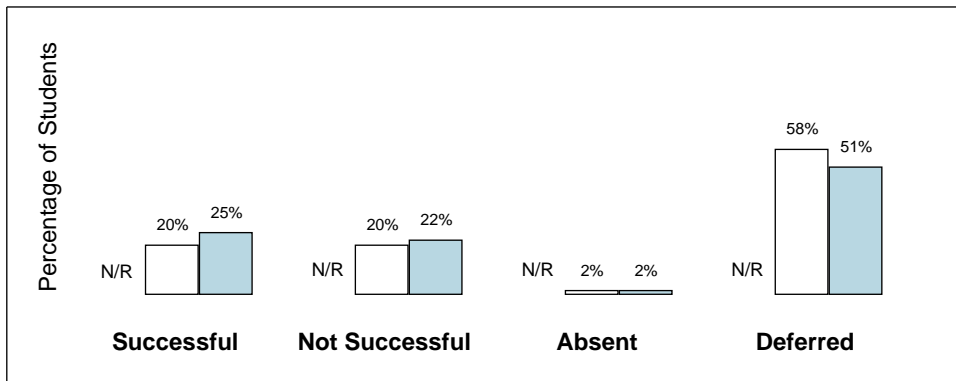
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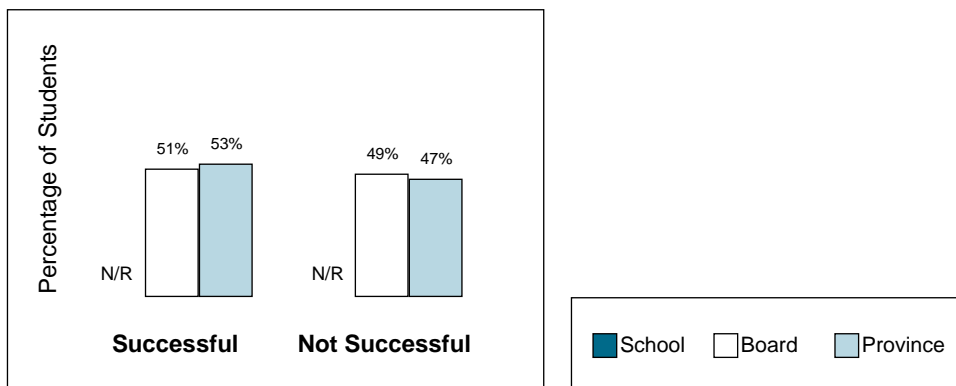
### Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course\*

| Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students |                |               |                    |                |                     |                    |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | All            |               |                    |                | Fully Participating |                    |
|   | School # = N/R | Board # = 251 | Province # = 3 733 | School # = N/R | Board # = 100       | Province # = 1 745 |
| Successful  | N/R            | N/R           | 20%                | 25%            | N/R                 | 53%                |
| Not Successful  | N/R            | N/R           | 20%                | 22%            | N/R                 | 47%                |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>  | N/R            | N/R           | 40%                | 47%            |                     |                    |
| Absent  | N/R            | N/R           | 2%                 | 2%             |                     |                    |
| Deferred  | N/R            | N/R           | 58%                | 51%            |                     |                    |

### 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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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students

### Contextual Information over Time

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

|   | Oct. 2004 | Mar. 2006 | Mar. 2007 | Mar. 2008 | Apr. 2009 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Enrolment</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Number of first-time eligible students  | 138       | 120       | 136       | 154       | 172       |
| Number of students who were exempted  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Participation in the Test</b>  |           |           |           |           |           |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment           | 93%       | 85%       | 86%       | 90%       | 84%       |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent                                    | 3%        | 1%        | 0%        | 1%        | 1%        |
| Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred                                  | 4%        | 14%       | 14%       | 9%        | 16%       |
| <b>Gender<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>                     |           |           |           |           |           |
| Female  | 53%       | 49%       | 48%       | 46%       | 42%       |
| Male  | 47%       | 51%       | 52%       | 54%       | 58%       |
| Gender not specified  | 0%        | 0%        | 0%        | 0%        | 0%        |
| <b>Student Status<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b>             |           |           |           |           |           |
| English language learners*  | 14%       | 14%       | 15%       | 9%        | 17%       |
| English language learners receiving special provisions**                                      | 10%       | 0%        | 3%        | 1%        | 2%        |
| Students with special needs (excluding gifted)*   | 12%       | 14%       | 21%       | 12%       | 17%       |
| Students with special needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**                     | 10%       | 15%       | 16%       | 12%       | 17%       |
| <b>Level of Study for English<sup>†</sup> Based on number of first-time eligible students</b> |           |           |           |           |           |
| Academic  | 39%       | 42%       | 38%       | 45%       | 41%       |
| Applied   | 51%       | 38%       | 41%       | 42%       | 37%       |
| Locally developed   | 1%        | 3%        | 3%        | 5%        | 9%        |
| ESL/ELD   | 7%        | 13%       | 15%       | 7%        | 10%       |
| Other   | n/a       | n/a       | 2%        | 0%        | 3%        |
| <b>Language<sup>††</sup> Based on Student Questionnaire data</b>                              |           |           |           |           |           |
| Number of Respondents:  | 128       | 102       | 115       | 136       | 139       |
| First language learned at home was other than English   | 58%       | 49%       | 41%       | 41%       | 35%       |
| Speak only or mostly English at home  | 41%       | 40%       | 52%       | 52%       | 53%       |
| Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home                       | 40%       | 44%       | 38%       | 32%       | 36%       |
| Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home                            | 20%       | 14%       | 9%        | 14%       | 9%        |

<sup>†</sup> Contextual data are provided by schools and/or boards through the Student Data Collection process. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by schools or boards.

\* See Explanation of Terms.

\*\* Percentages are based on fully participating students.

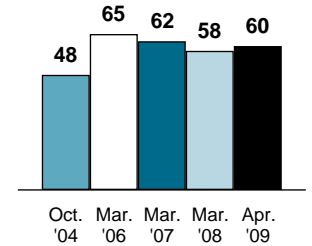
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## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students Results over Time, October 2004–April 2009

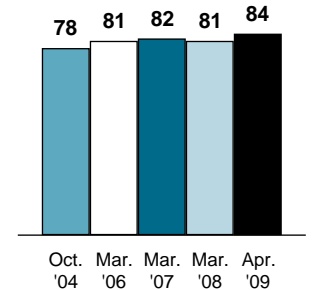
| School Results: All First-Time Eligible Students* |              |     |            |     |            |     |            |     |            |     |
|---|--------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|
|   | October 2004 |     | March 2006 |     | March 2007 |     | March 2008 |     | April 2009 |     |
| <i>Number of Students</i>                         | 138          |     | 120        |     | 136        |     | 154        |     | 172        |     |
| Successful  | 62           | 45% | 66         | 55% | 72         | 53% | 81         | 53% | 86         | 50% |
| Not Successful                                    | 66           | 48% | 36         | 30% | 45         | 33% | 58         | 38% | 58         | 34% |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>                        | 128          | 93% | 102        | 85% | 117        | 86% | 139        | 90% | 144        | 84% |
| Absent  | 4            | 3%  | 1          | 1%  | 0          | 0%  | 1          | 1%  | 1          | 1%  |
| Deferred  | 6            | 4%  | 17         | 14% | 19         | 14% | 14         | 9%  | 27         | 16% |
| <b>Fully Participating Successful</b>             | 62           | 48% | 66         | 65% | 72         | 62% | 81         | 58% | 86         | 60% |

**School Results over Time:  
Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students**



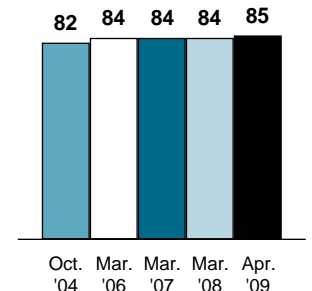
| Board Results: All First-Time Eligible Students* |              |     |            |     |            |     |            |     |            |     |
|--|--------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|
|  | October 2004 |     | March 2006 |     | March 2007 |     | March 2008 |     | April 2009 |     |
| <i>Number of Students</i>                        | 6 911        |     | 6 819      |     | 6 804      |     | 6 897      |     | 7 071      |     |
| Successful                                       | 5 087        | 74% | 5 238      | 77% | 5 250      | 77% | 5 265      | 76% | 5 551      | 79% |
| Not Successful                                   | 1 446        | 21% | 1 242      | 18% | 1 165      | 17% | 1 207      | 18% | 1 042      | 15% |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>                       | 6 533        | 95% | 6 480      | 95% | 6 415      | 94% | 6 472      | 94% | 6 593      | 93% |
| Absent   | 133          | 2%  | 117        | 2%  | 104        | 2%  | 84         | 1%  | 63         | 1%  |
| Deferred   | 245          | 4%  | 222        | 3%  | 285        | 4%  | 341        | 5%  | 415        | 6%  |
| <b>Fully Participating Successful</b>            | 5 087        | 78% | 5 238      | 81% | 5 250      | 82% | 5 265      | 81% | 5 551      | 84% |

**Board Results over Time:  
Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students**



| Provincial Results: All First-Time Eligible Students* |              |     |            |     |            |     |            |     |            |     |
|---|--------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|
|   | October 2004 |     | March 2006 |     | March 2007 |     | March 2008 |     | April 2009 |     |
| <i>Number of Students</i>                             | 160 088      |     | 158 817    |     | 155 906    |     | 156 151    |     | 152 830    |     |
| Successful  | 121 855      | 76% | 125 830    | 79% | 122 475    | 79% | 122 324    | 78% | 120 776    | 79% |
| Not Successful  | 25 926       | 16% | 23 268     | 15% | 23 698     | 15% | 23 279     | 15% | 21 618     | 14% |
| <b>Fully Participating</b>                            | 147 781      | 92% | 149 098    | 94% | 146 173    | 94% | 145 603    | 93% | 142 394    | 93% |
| Absent  | 5 435        | 3%  | 4 715      | 3%  | 3 932      | 3%  | 4 357      | 3%  | 3 707      | 2%  |
| Deferred  | 6 872        | 4%  | 5 004      | 3%  | 5 801      | 4%  | 6 191      | 4%  | 6 729      | 4%  |
| <b>Fully Participating Successful</b>                 | 121 855      | 82% | 125 830    | 84% | 122 475    | 84% | 122 324    | 84% | 120 776    | 85% |

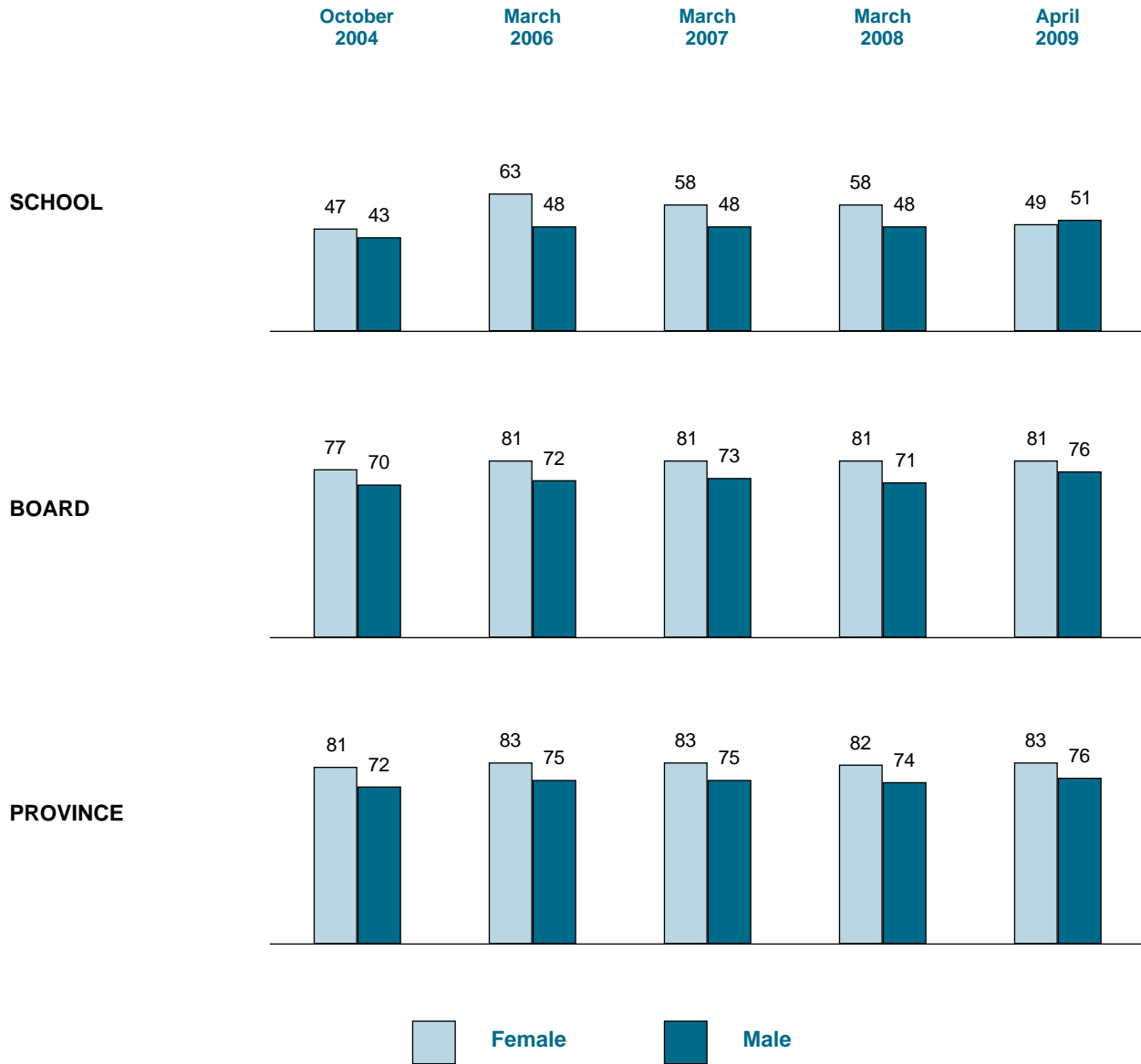
**Provincial Results over Time:  
Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students**



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**ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†**

**PERCENTAGE OF ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL:  
ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST**



Female Male

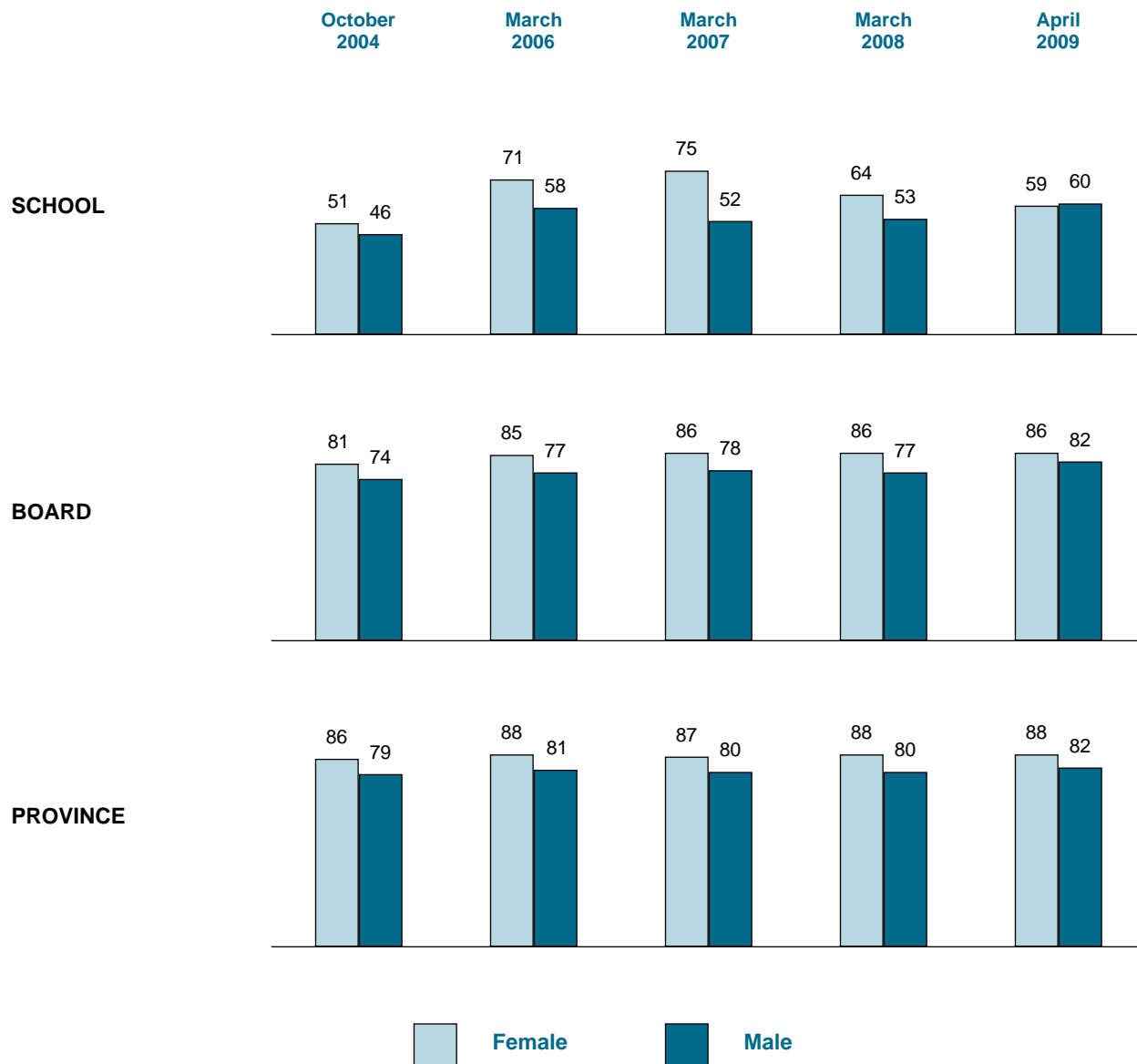
**Number of First-Time Eligible Students†**

|          | October 2004 |        | March 2006 |        | March 2007 |        | March 2008 |        | April 2009 |        |
|----------|--------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
|          | Female       | Male   | Female     | Male   | Female     | Male   | Female     | Male   | Female     | Male   |
| School   | 73           | 65     | 59         | 61     | 65         | 71     | 71         | 83     | 73         | 99     |
| Board    | 3 565        | 3 310  | 3 577      | 3 239  | 3 434      | 3 370  | 3 529      | 3 364  | 3 581      | 3 490  |
| Province | 77 110       | 81 469 | 77 358     | 81 402 | 76 252     | 79 638 | 76 226     | 79 904 | 74 355     | 78 459 |

† 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:  
ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST**

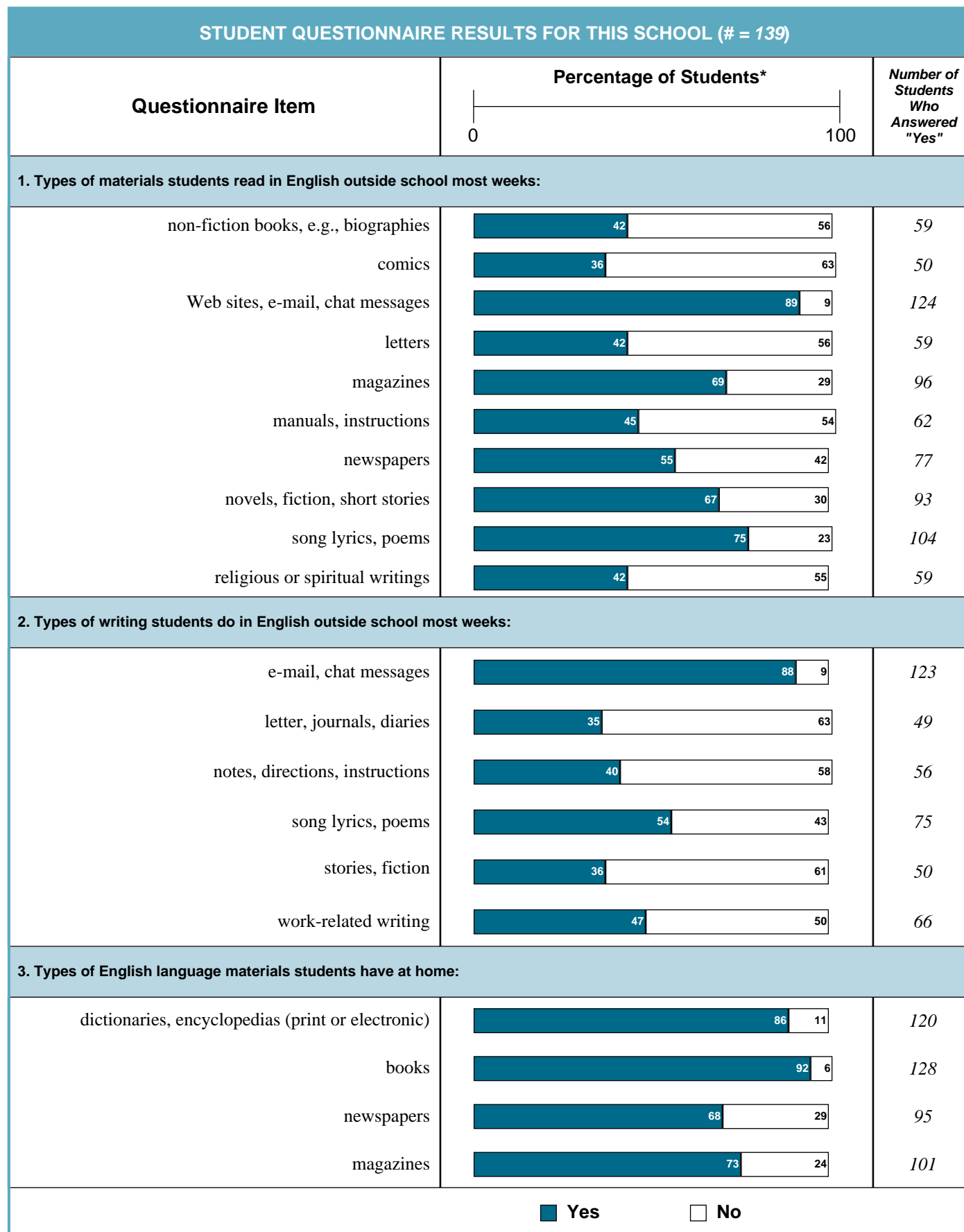


**Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†**

|          | <u>October 2004</u> |        | <u>March 2006</u> |        | <u>March 2007</u> |        | <u>March 2008</u> |        | <u>April 2009</u> |        |
|----------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
|          | Female              | Male   | Female            | Male   | Female            | Male   | Female            | Male   | Female            | Male   |
| School   | 67                  | 61     | 52                | 50     | 51                | 66     | 64                | 75     | 61                | 83     |
| Board    | 3 394               | 3 111  | 3 413             | 3 064  | 3 260             | 3 155  | 3 335             | 3 133  | 3 367             | 3 226  |
| Province | 72 296              | 74 659 | 73 081            | 75 966 | 72 031            | 74 129 | 71 615            | 73 969 | 69 954            | 72 432 |

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students



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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 139)   |                         |                    |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Questionnaire Item  | Percentage of Students* |                    |
|   |                         |                    |
|   |                         | Number of Students |
| <b>4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:</b> |                         |                    |
| one hour or less  | 42                      | 59                 |
| more than one hour but less than three hours  | 35                      | 49                 |
| more than three hours but less than five hours  | 10                      | 14                 |
| five hours or more  | 10                      | 14                 |
| <b>5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:</b>                  |                         |                    |
| one hour or less  | 37                      | 51                 |
| more than one hour but less than three hours  | 37                      | 52                 |
| more than three hours but less than five hours  | 11                      | 15                 |
| five hours or more  | 13                      | 18                 |
| <b>6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:</b>   |                         |                    |
| don't have a computer at home   | 4                       | 6                  |
| never or hardly ever use a computer for homework  | 12                      | 17                 |
| use a computer once or twice a month for homework   | 27                      | 38                 |
| use a computer once or twice a week for homework  | 33                      | 46                 |
| use a computer almost every day for homework  | 22                      | 31                 |
| <b>7. First language students learned at home was English:</b>  |                         |                    |
| yes   | 65                      | 90                 |
| no  | 35                      | 49                 |
| <b>8. Language(s) students speak at home:</b>   |                         |                    |
| only or mostly English  | 53                      | 74                 |
| another language (or other languages) as often as English   | 36                      | 50                 |
| only or mostly another language (or other languages)  | 9                       | 12                 |

\* Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses.



## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students

| STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS<br>FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE<br>(all students, female, male)                                  | School          |                    |                  | Board             |                       |                     | Province             |                        |                      |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|  | All<br>(#= 139) | Female*<br>(#= 59) | Male*<br>(#= 80) | All<br>(#= 6 494) | Female*<br>(#= 3 332) | Male*<br>(#= 3 162) | All<br>(#= 1 40 462) | Female*<br>(#= 69 178) | Male*<br>(#= 71 275) |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they</b>   |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| have a computer at home.   | <b>95%</b>      | 92%                | 98%              | <b>98%</b>        | 98%                   | 98%                 | <b>98%</b>           | 98%                    | 97%                  |
| use the computer almost every day for homework.  | <b>22%</b>      | 22%                | 22%              | <b>32%</b>        | 34%                   | 30%                 | <b>30%</b>           | 32%                    | 28%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they read the following types of materials in English outside school most weeks:</b>   |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| non-fiction books, e.g., biographies   | <b>42%</b>      | 44%                | 41%              | <b>38%</b>        | 38%                   | 38%                 | <b>34%</b>           | 33%                    | 35%                  |
| comics   | <b>36%</b>      | 25%                | 44%              | <b>39%</b>        | 31%                   | 46%                 | <b>35%</b>           | 29%                    | 41%                  |
| Web sites, e-mail, chat messages   | <b>89%</b>      | 93%                | 86%              | <b>93%</b>        | 95%                   | 91%                 | <b>92%</b>           | 95%                    | 90%                  |
| letters  | <b>42%</b>      | 44%                | 41%              | <b>42%</b>        | 47%                   | 37%                 | <b>38%</b>           | 43%                    | 33%                  |
| magazines  | <b>69%</b>      | 80%                | 61%              | <b>71%</b>        | 83%                   | 58%                 | <b>71%</b>           | 82%                    | 60%                  |
| manuals, instructions  | <b>45%</b>      | 39%                | 49%              | <b>47%</b>        | 39%                   | 55%                 | <b>40%</b>           | 31%                    | 50%                  |
| newspapers   | <b>55%</b>      | 53%                | 58%              | <b>61%</b>        | 60%                   | 62%                 | <b>52%</b>           | 50%                    | 53%                  |
| novels, fiction, short stories   | <b>67%</b>      | 83%                | 55%              | <b>71%</b>        | 84%                   | 57%                 | <b>70%</b>           | 84%                    | 56%                  |
| song lyrics, poems   | <b>75%</b>      | 88%                | 65%              | <b>72%</b>        | 83%                   | 61%                 | <b>64%</b>           | 77%                    | 52%                  |
| religious or spiritual writings  | <b>42%</b>      | 51%                | 36%              | <b>27%</b>        | 29%                   | 25%                 | <b>21%</b>           | 22%                    | 19%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for</b> |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| more than three hours a week.  | <b>20%</b>      | 27%                | 15%              | <b>37%</b>        | 44%                   | 30%                 | <b>40%</b>           | 47%                    | 32%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home:</b>                        |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| dictionaries, encyclopedias (print or electronic)  | <b>86%</b>      | 81%                | 90%              | <b>92%</b>        | 93%                   | 92%                 | <b>92%</b>           | 93%                    | 90%                  |
| books  | <b>92%</b>      | 93%                | 91%              | <b>94%</b>        | 97%                   | 92%                 | <b>95%</b>           | 97%                    | 92%                  |
| newspapers   | <b>68%</b>      | 71%                | 66%              | <b>81%</b>        | 81%                   | 80%                 | <b>86%</b>           | 86%                    | 85%                  |
| magazines  | <b>73%</b>      | 80%                | 68%              | <b>83%</b>        | 87%                   | 78%                 | <b>86%</b>           | 89%                    | 82%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:</b>       |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| e-mail, chat messages  | <b>88%</b>      | 92%                | 86%              | <b>95%</b>        | 96%                   | 93%                 | <b>94%</b>           | 96%                    | 92%                  |
| letters, journals, diaries   | <b>35%</b>      | 51%                | 24%              | <b>33%</b>        | 48%                   | 18%                 | <b>28%</b>           | 43%                    | 14%                  |
| notes, directions, instructions  | <b>40%</b>      | 53%                | 31%              | <b>49%</b>        | 52%                   | 45%                 | <b>44%</b>           | 49%                    | 40%                  |
| song lyrics, poems   | <b>54%</b>      | 63%                | 48%              | <b>47%</b>        | 53%                   | 40%                 | <b>39%</b>           | 46%                    | 31%                  |
| stories, fiction   | <b>36%</b>      | 39%                | 34%              | <b>33%</b>        | 39%                   | 28%                 | <b>29%</b>           | 35%                    | 24%                  |
| work-related writing   | <b>47%</b>      | 42%                | 51%              | <b>53%</b>        | 54%                   | 51%                 | <b>46%</b>           | 46%                    | 46%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for</b>                  |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| more than three hours a week.  | <b>24%</b>      | 24%                | 24%              | <b>30%</b>        | 33%                   | 27%                 | <b>29%</b>           | 33%                    | 25%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was</b>  |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| other than English.  | <b>35%</b>      | 41%                | 31%              | <b>36%</b>        | 36%                   | 36%                 | <b>22%</b>           | 22%                    | 22%                  |
| <b>Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**</b>                                    |                 |                    |                  |                   |                       |                     |                      |                        |                      |
| only or mostly English   | <b>53%</b>      | 54%                | 52%              | <b>58%</b>        | 59%                   | 57%                 | <b>76%</b>           | 76%                    | 76%                  |
| another language (or other languages) as often as English  | <b>36%</b>      | 32%                | 39%              | <b>30%</b>        | 30%                   | 30%                 | <b>17%</b>           | 17%                    | 16%                  |
| only or mostly another language (or other languages)   | <b>9%</b>       | 12%                | 6%               | <b>11%</b>        | 11%                   | 12%                 | <b>7%</b>            | 6%                     | 7%                   |

\* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

\*\* Percentages may not add to 100, due to a lack of or ambiguous responses.

## Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009

## EXPLANATION OF TERMS

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| <b>First-Time Eligible Students</b>  | First-time eligible students typically entered Grade 9 during the 2007–2008 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 April 2009. <b>First-time eligible</b> includes all students in the first-time eligible cohort who are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).        |
| <b>Previously Eligible Students</b>  | <b>Previously eligible</b> 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 April 2009 (i.e., those working toward an OSSD).  |
| <b>All Eligible Students</b>   | This method of reporting provides percentages based on <b>all</b> 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).  |
| <b>Fully Participating Students</b>  | 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.   |
| <b>Successful</b>  | Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that met the expected standard.  |
| <b>Not Successful</b>  | Students who fully participated in the OSSLT and received a score that did not meet the expected standard.   |
| <b>Absent</b>  | Students are deemed to be absent if there is no work for <b>one or both</b> sessions of the administration.  |
| <b>Deferred</b>  | 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.   |
| <b>OSSLC</b>   | 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 ( <a href="http://www.edu.gov.on.ca">www.edu.gov.on.ca</a> ). If a student completed any portion of the OSSLT, he or she is not categorized as OSSLC. |
| <b>Exempted</b>  | 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.  |
| <b>English Language Learners</b>   | 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). Prior to 2007, English language learners were called English as a second language (ESL)/English literacy development (ELD) learners.  |
| <b>English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions</b>                  | 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> .   |
| <b>Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)</b>                          | 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.   |
| <b>Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)</b> | 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> .   |
| <b>N/R</b>   | "Not reported" indicates that the number of students fully participating (fewer than 15 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire is so small (fewer than six in a group) that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore results are not reported.  |
| <b>N/D</b>   | "No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the group or year specified.  |
| <b>W</b>   | Results for some or all students are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact the school principal.   |