

School Report

First-Time Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009

School: Neil McNeil HS (734080)

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.

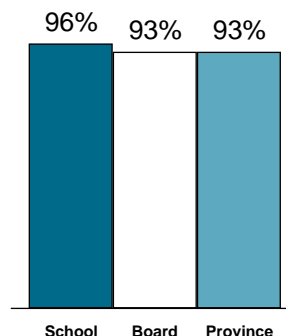
Sincerely,

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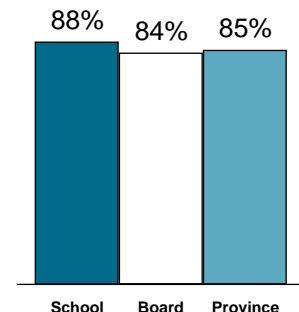
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FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, APRIL 2009: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

Percentage of Eligible Students Who Participated Fully



Percentage of Fully Participating Students Who Were Successful

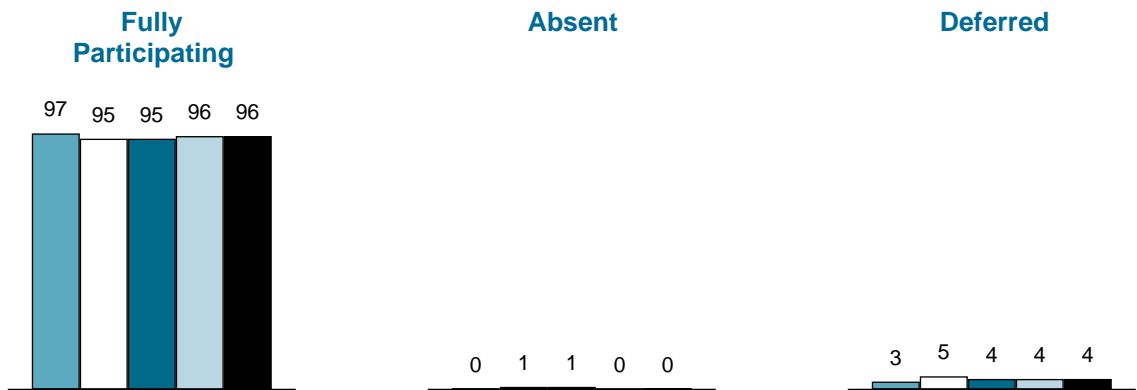


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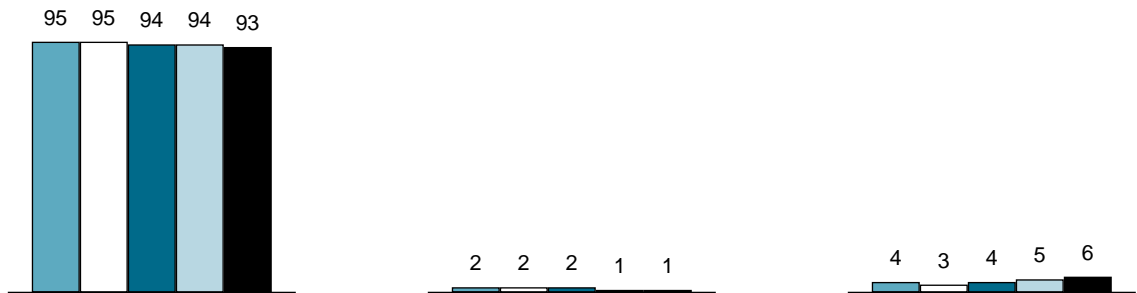
PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*

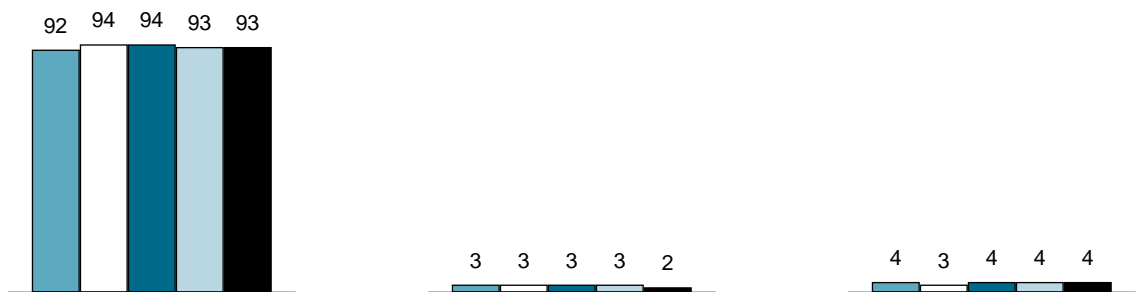
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October 2004



March 2006



March 2007



March 2008



April 2009

Number of 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	130	173	150	150	209
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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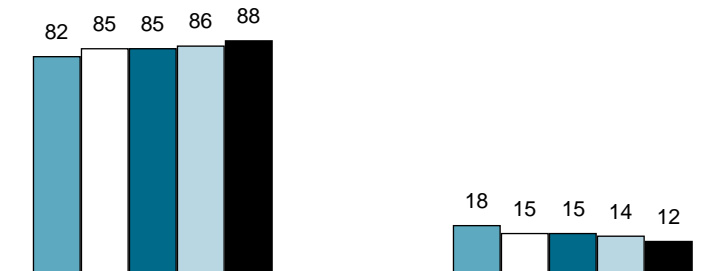
ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

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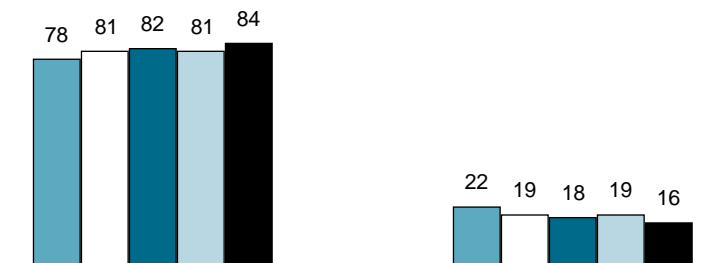
Successful

Not Successful

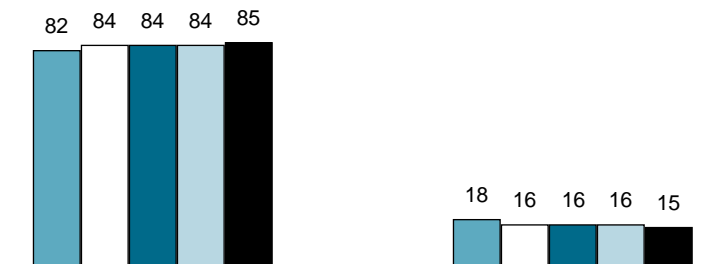
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Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

	<u>October 2004</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>April 2009</u>
School	126	164	143	144	200
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	
Enrolment						
Number of first-time eligible students	209		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	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test						
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	200	96%	6 593	93%	142 394	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	0	0%	63	1%	3 707	2%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	9	4%	415	6%	6 729	4%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Female	0	0%	3 581	51%	74 355	49%
Male	209	100%	3 490	49%	78 459	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	0	0%	16	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
English language learners*	27	13%	686	10%	6 177	4%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	21	10%	322	5%	2 739	2%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)*	47	22%	1 151	16%	24 066	16%
Students with special needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	45	22%	984	15%	18 680	13%
Level of Study for English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students						
Academic	145	69%	4 792	68%	102 880	67%
Applied	50	24%	1 758	25%	37 845	25%
Locally developed	3	1%	209	3%	5 958	4%
ESL/ELD	11	5%	251	4%	3 733	2%
Other	0	0%	61	1%	2 337	2%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data						
	Number of Respondents:		199		6 494	
					140 462	
First language learned at home was other than English	62	31%	2 338	36%	30 851	22%
Speak only or mostly English at home	129	65%	3 781	58%	106 970	76%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	50	25%	1 932	30%	23 530	17%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	20	10%	745	11%	9 294	7%

[†] 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.

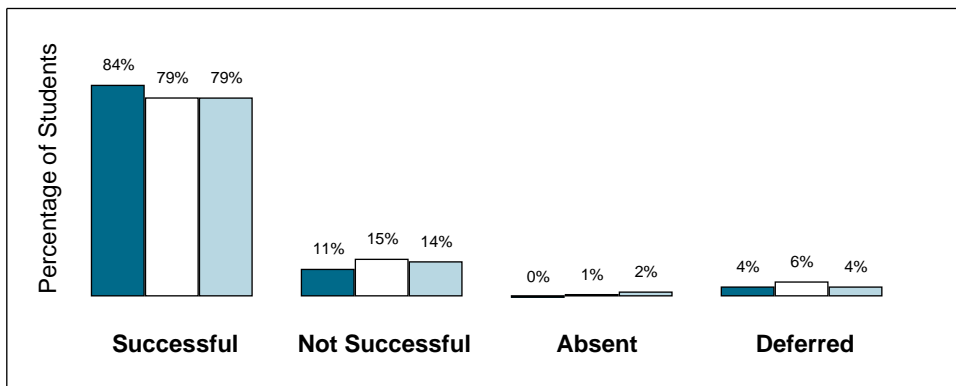
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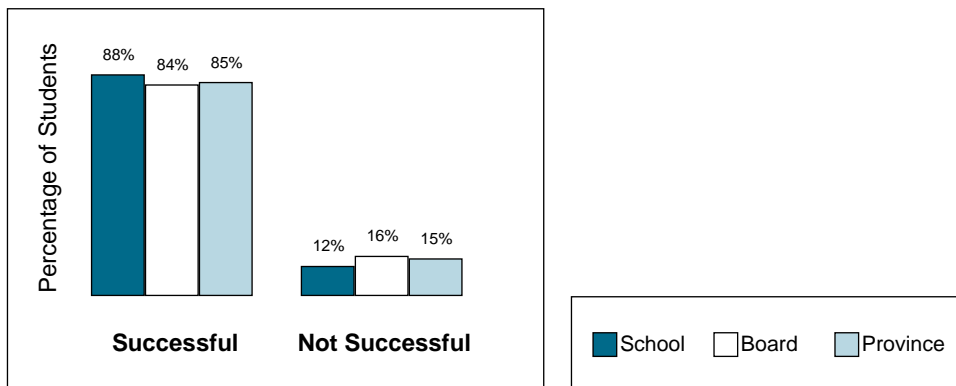
Results for All Students*

First-Time Eligible Students							
	All			Fully Participating			
	School # = 209	Board # = 7 071	Province # = 152 830	School # = 200	Board # = 6 593	Province # = 142 394	
Successful	176	84%	79%	79%	88%	84%	85%
Not Successful	24	11%	15%	14%	12%	16%	15%
Fully Participating	200	96%	93%	93%			
Absent	0	0%	1%	2%			
Deferred	9	4%	6%	4%			

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students



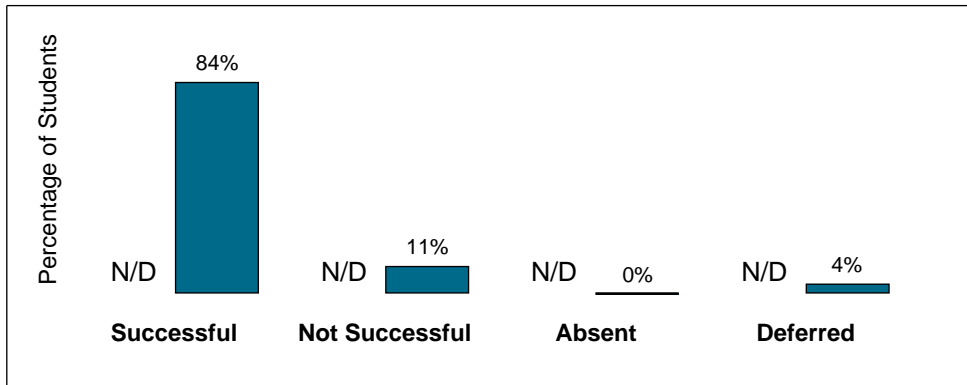
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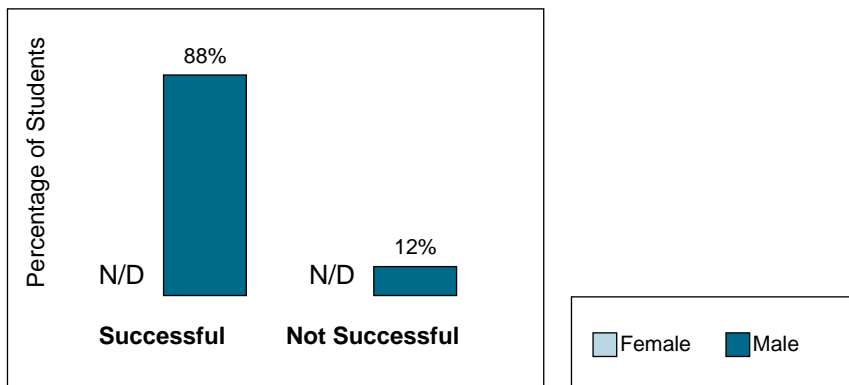
School Results by Gender*†

School Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = N/D		Male # = 209		Female # = N/D	Male # = 200
Successful	N/D	N/D	176	84%	N/D	88%
Not Successful	N/D	N/D	24	11%	N/D	12%
Fully Participating	N/D	N/D	200	96%		
Absent	N/D	N/D	0	0%		
Deferred	N/D	N/D	9	4%		

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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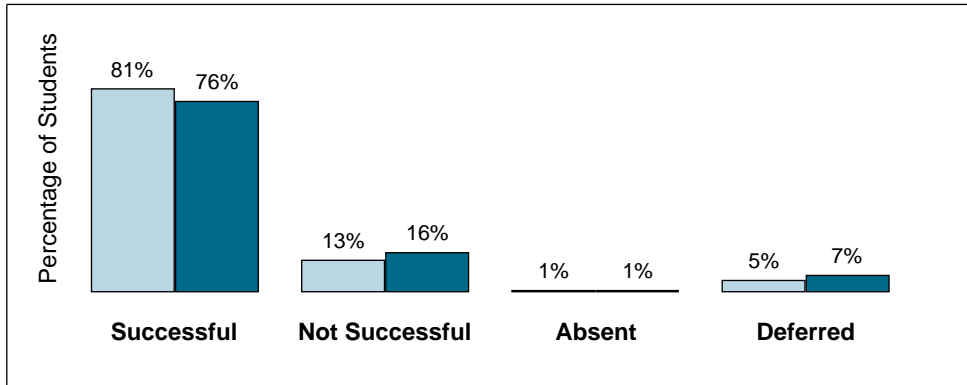
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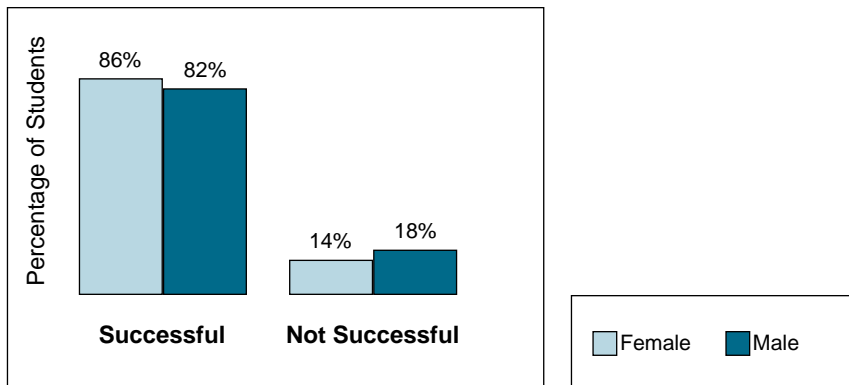
Board Results by Gender^{*†}

Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 3 581		Male # = 3 490		Female # = 3 367	Male # = 3 226
Successful	2 897	81%	2 654	76%	86%	82%
Not Successful	470	13%	572	16%	14%	18%
Fully Participating	3 367	94%	3 226	92%		
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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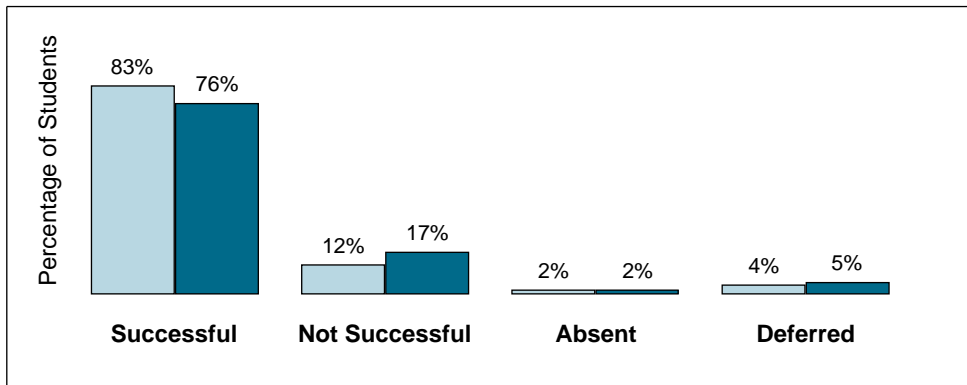
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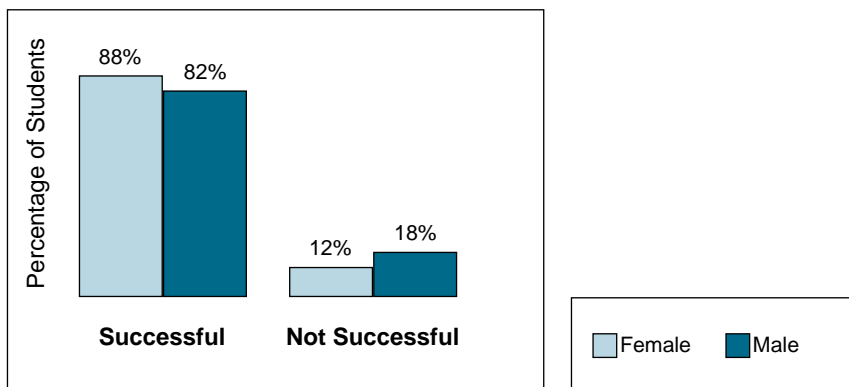
Provincial Results by Gender^{*†}

Provincial Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 74 355		Male # = 78 459		Female # = 69 954	Male # = 72 432
Successful	61 348	83%	59 423	76%	88%	82%
Not Successful	8 606	12%	13 009	17%	12%	18%
Fully Participating	69 954	94%	72 432	92%		
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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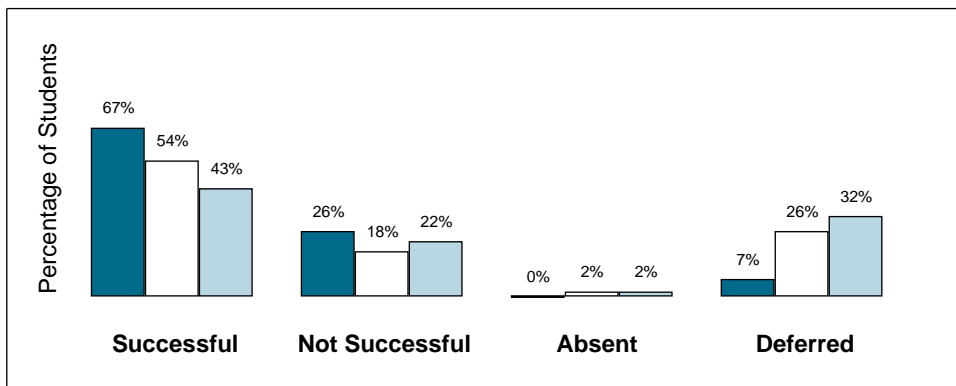
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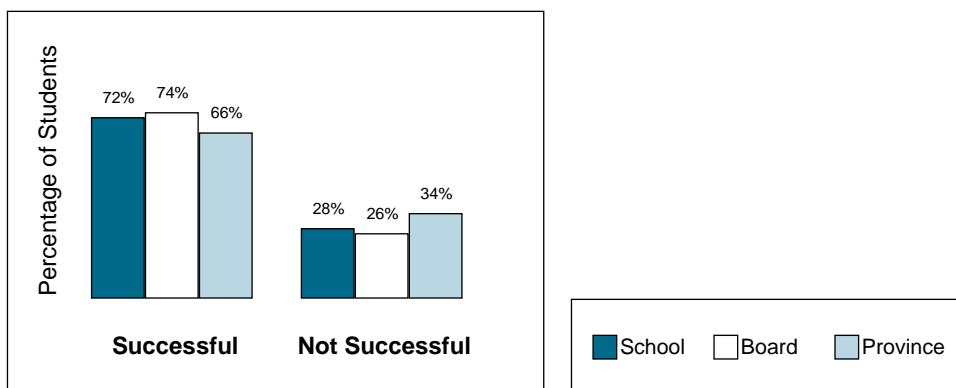
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 27	Board # = 686	Province # = 6 177	School # = 25	Board # = 494	Province # = 4 059
Successful	18	67%	54%	43%	72%	66%
Not Successful	7	26%	18%	22%	28%	34%
Fully Participating	25	93%	72%	66%		
Absent	0	0%	2%	2%		
Deferred	2	7%	26%	32%		

Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible English Language Learners



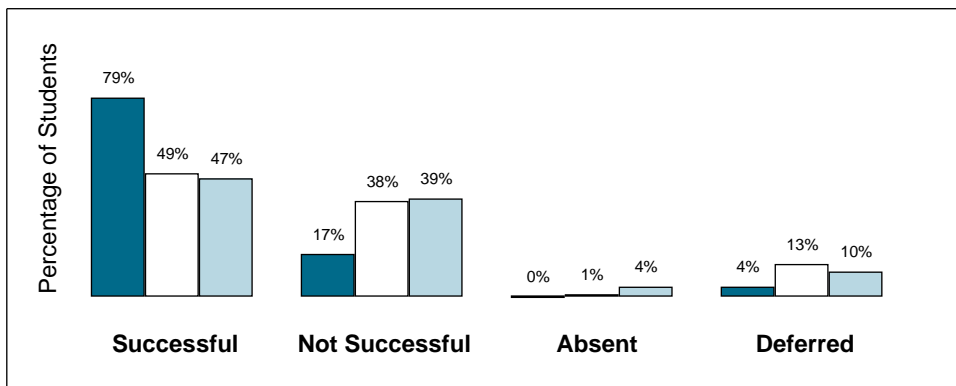
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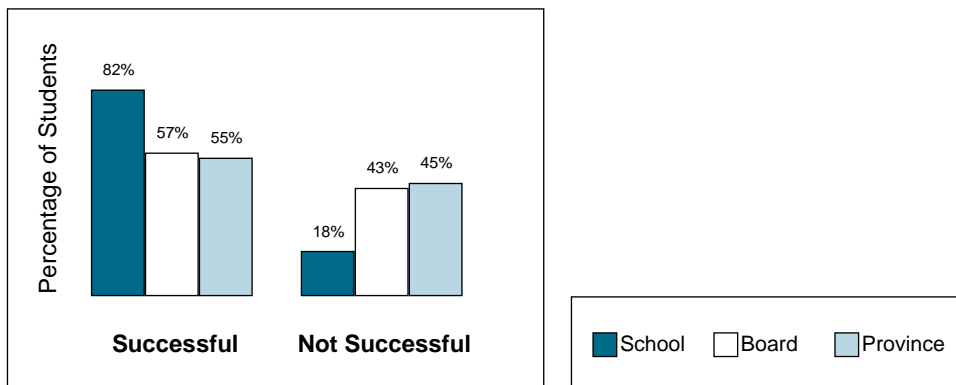
Results for Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted)*

Results for Students with Special Needs (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 47	Board # = 1 151	Province # = 24 066	School # = 45	Board # = 998	Province # = 20 716
Successful	37	79%	49%	47%	82%	57%
Not Successful	8	17%	38%	39%	18%	43%
Fully Participating	45	96%	87%	86%		
Absent	0	0%	1%	4%		
Deferred	2	4%	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)



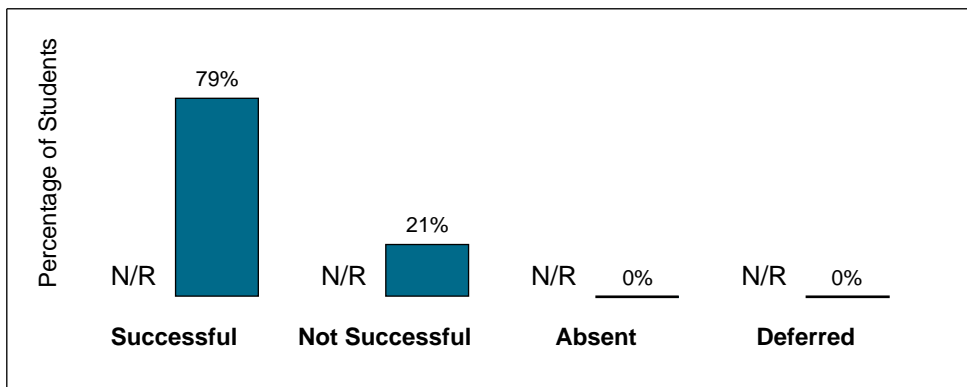
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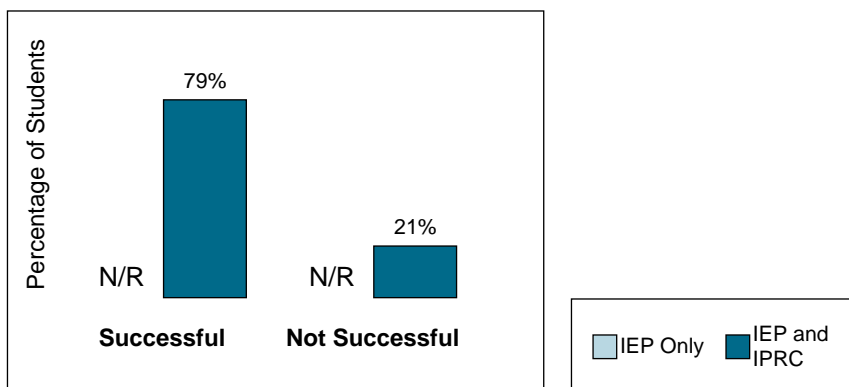
School Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

School Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = N/R		IEP and IPRC # = 39		IEP Only # = N/R	IEP and IPRC # = 39
Successful	N/R	N/R	31	79%	N/R	79%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	8	21%	N/R	21%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	39	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)



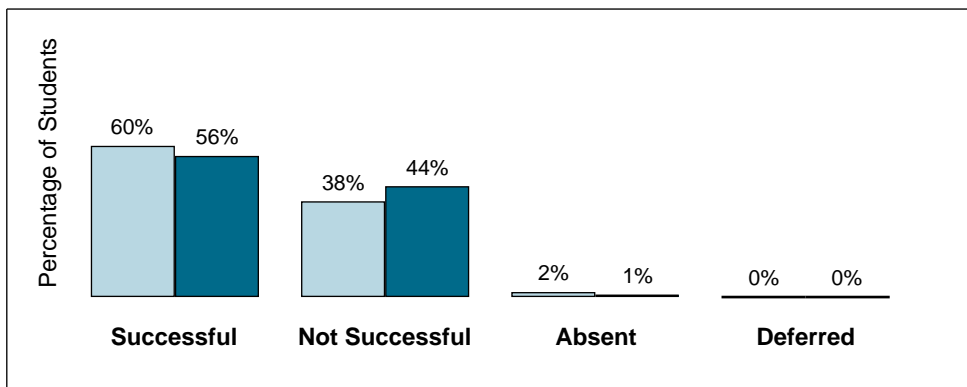
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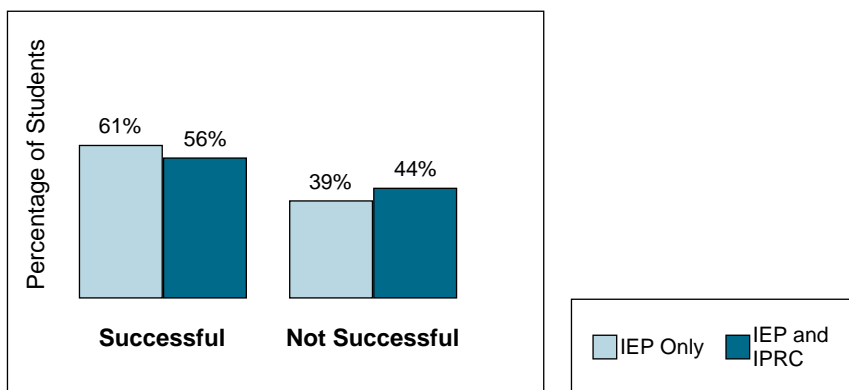
Board Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

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



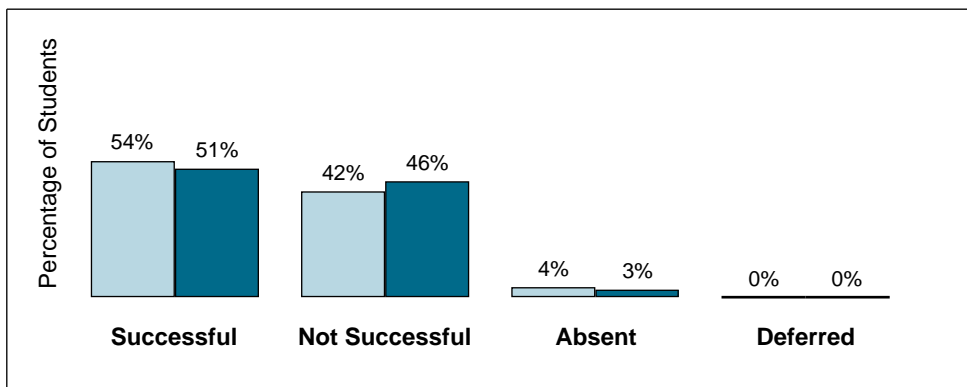
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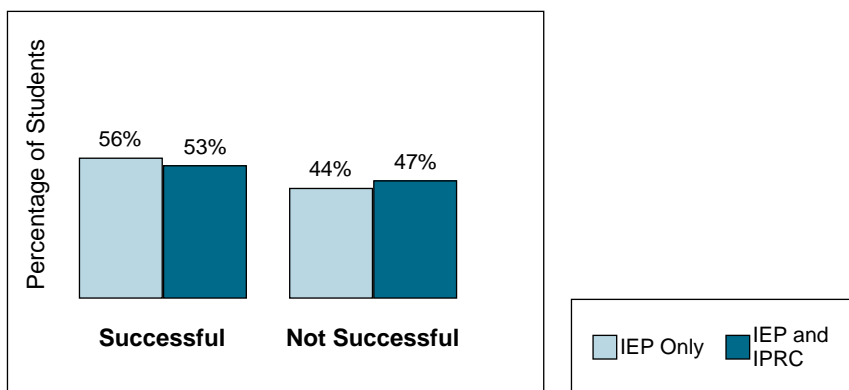
Provincial Results for Students with Special Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*

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



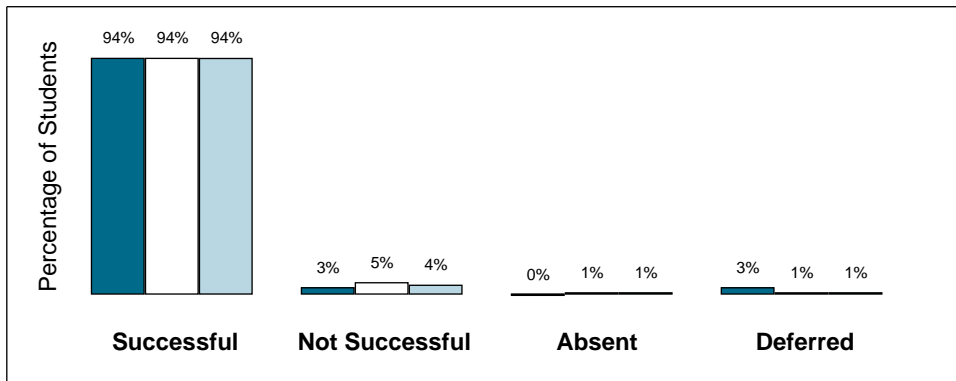
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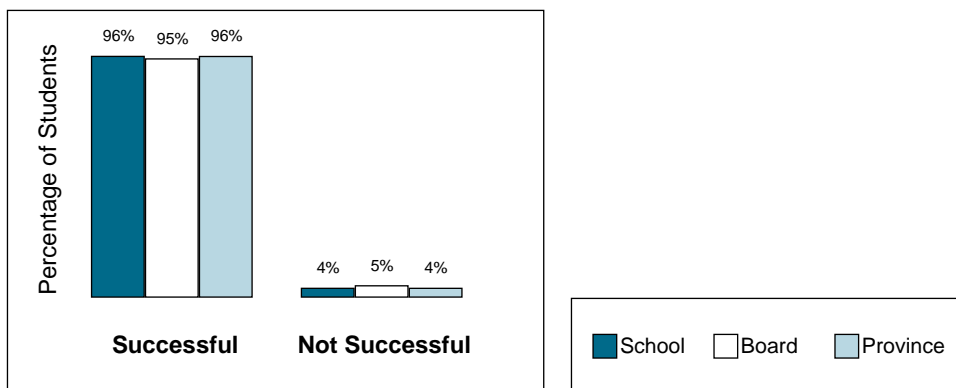
Results for Students Taking Academic English Course*

Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 145	Board # = 4 792	Province # = 102 880	School # = 141	Board # = 4 723	Province # = 100 997
Successful	136	94%	94%	96%	95%	96%
Not Successful	5	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%
Fully Participating	141	97%	99%			
Absent	0	0%	1%			
Deferred	4	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



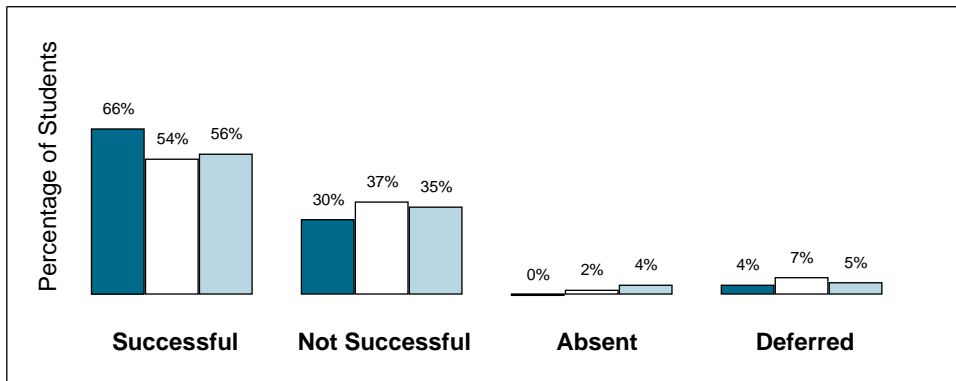
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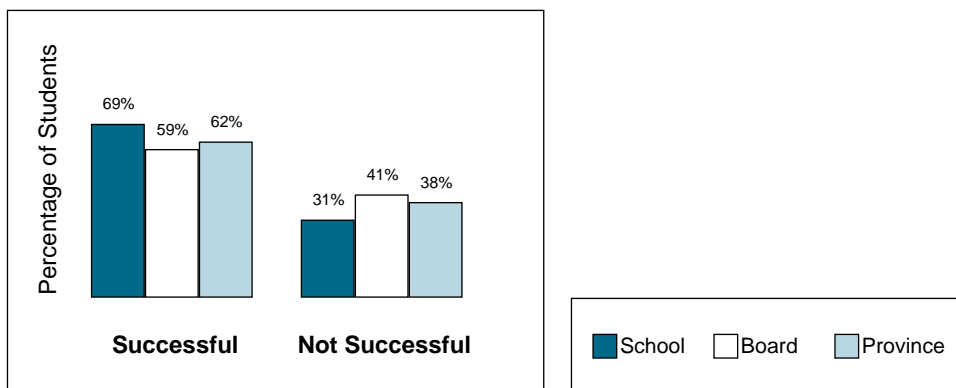
Results for Students Taking Applied English Course*

Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students						
	All			Fully Participating		
	School # = 50	Board # = 1 758	Province # = 37 845	School # = 48	Board # = 1 598	Province # = 34 401
Successful	33	66%	54%	56%	69%	59%
Not Successful	15	30%	37%	35%	31%	41%
Fully Participating	48	96%	91%	91%		
Absent	0	0%	2%	4%		
Deferred	2	4%	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



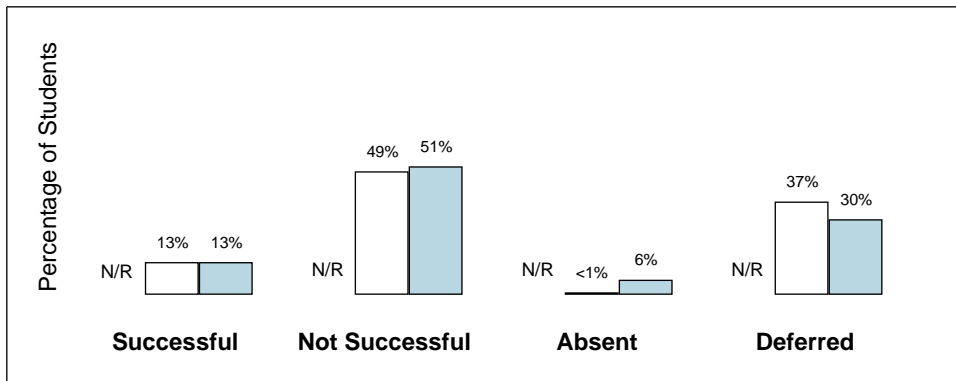
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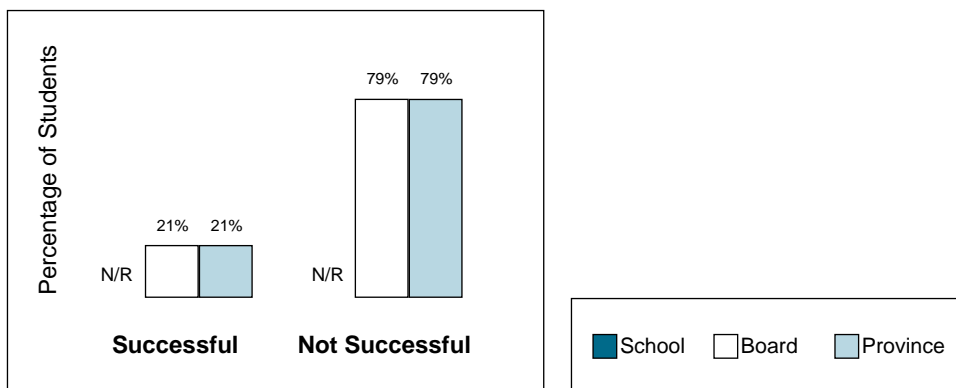
Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course*

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%
Fully Participating	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



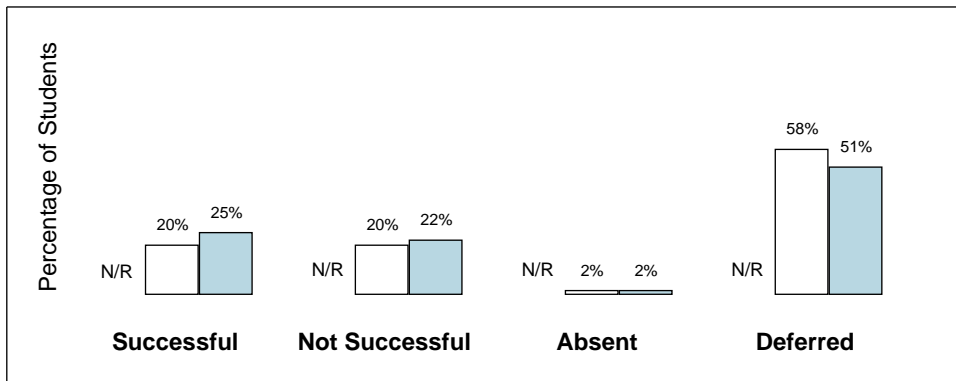
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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, April 2009, First-Time Eligible Students

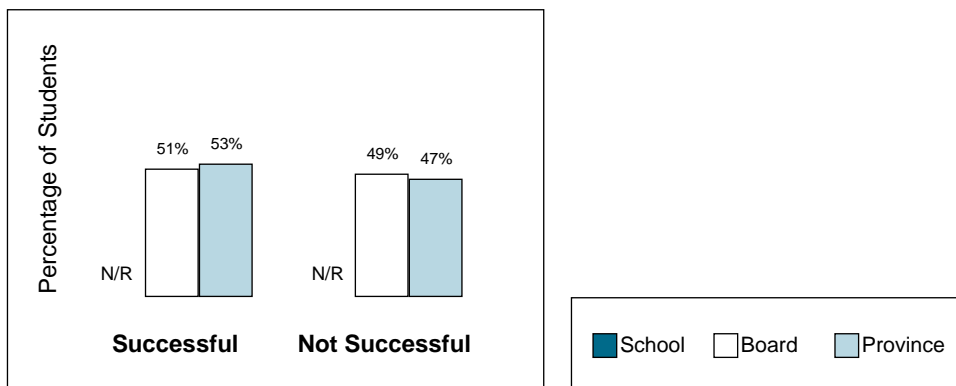
Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course*

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%
Fully Participating	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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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
Enrolment					
Number of first-time eligible students	130	173	150	150	209
Number of students who were exempted	0	0	0	0	0
Participation in the Test					
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	97%	95%	95%	96%	96%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Female	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Male	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
English language learners*	4%	2%	5%	7%	13%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	4%	0%	5%	6%	10%
Students with special needs (excluding gifted)*	22%	24%	23%	19%	22%
Students with special needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	21%	20%	20%	19%	22%
Level of Study for English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Academic	64%	69%	68%	72%	69%
Applied	32%	26%	27%	24%	24%
Locally developed	0%	3%	1%	0%	1%
ESL/ELD	5%	1%	5%	3%	5%
Other	n/a	n/a	0%	1%	0%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data					
Number of Respondents:	126	164	143	140	199
First language learned at home was other than English	42%	26%	34%	26%	31%
Speak only or mostly English at home	60%	70%	65%	69%	65%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	28%	24%	23%	26%	25%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	12%	6%	12%	4%	10%

[†] 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.

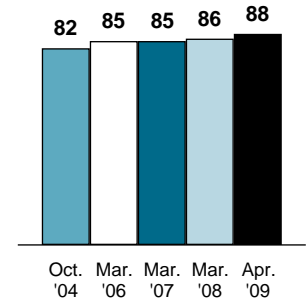
^{††} Contextual data pertaining to "language" are gathered from the Student Questionnaire completed by students. Some data may be missing because they were not provided by students.

n/a Information not available.

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

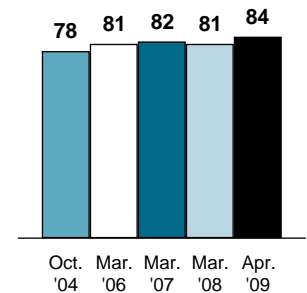
School Results: All First-Time Eligible Students*										
	October 2004		March 2006		March 2007		March 2008		April 2009	
<i>Number of Students</i>	130		173		150		150		209	
Successful	103	79%	140	81%	121	81%	124	83%	176	84%
Not Successful	23	18%	24	14%	22	15%	20	13%	24	11%
Fully Participating	126	97%	164	95%	143	95%	144	96%	200	96%
Absent	0	0%	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Deferred	4	3%	8	5%	6	4%	6	4%	9	4%
Fully Participating Successful	103	82%	140	85%	121	85%	124	86%	176	88%

School Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



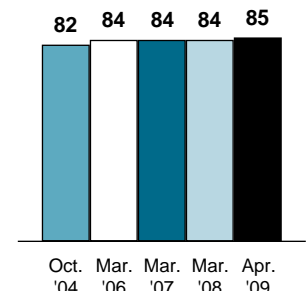
Board Results: All First-Time Eligible Students*										
	October 2004		March 2006		March 2007		March 2008		April 2009	
<i>Number of Students</i>	6 911		6 819		6 804		6 897		7 071	
Successful	5 087	74%	5 238	77%	5 250	77%	5 265	76%	5 551	79%
Not Successful	1 446	21%	1 242	18%	1 165	17%	1 207	18%	1 042	15%
Fully Participating	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%
Fully Participating Successful	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%
Fully Participating	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%
Fully Participating Successful	121 855	82%	125 830	84%	122 475	84%	122 324	84%	120 776	85%

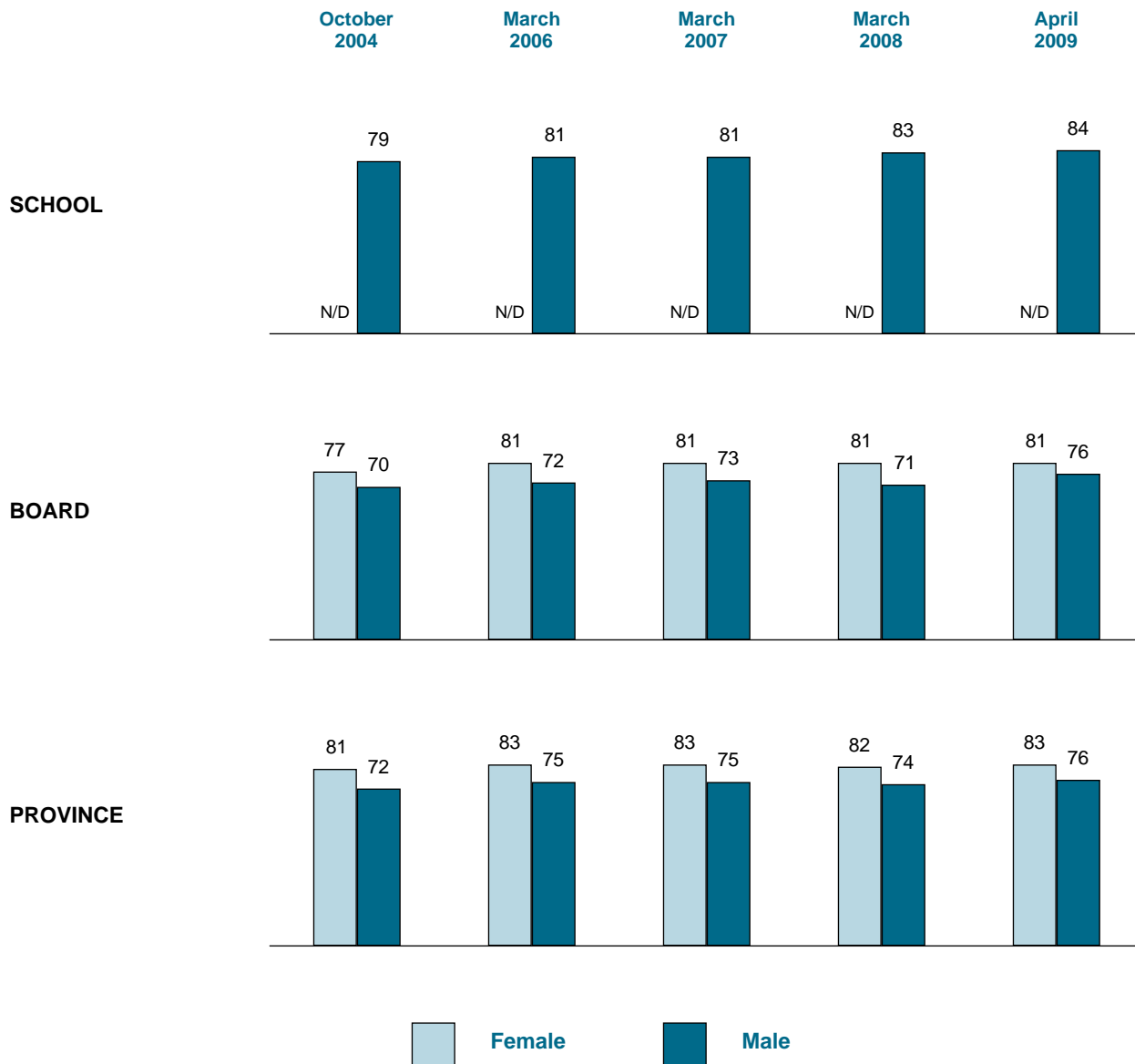
Provincial Results over Time: Percentage of Fully Participating Successful Students



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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**



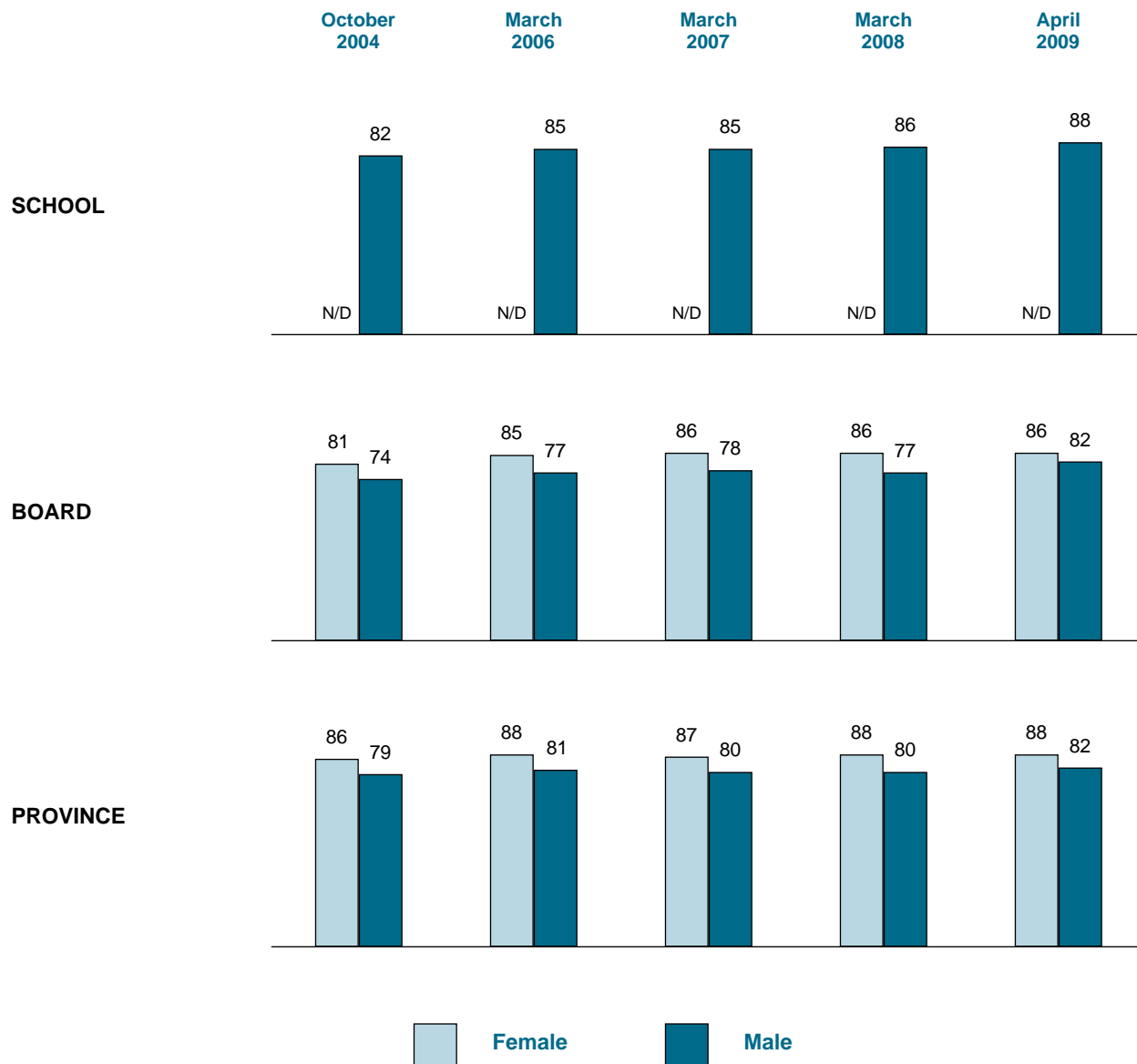
Number of First-Time Eligible Students†

	<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	N/D	130	N/D	173	N/D	150	N/D	150	N/D	209
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**

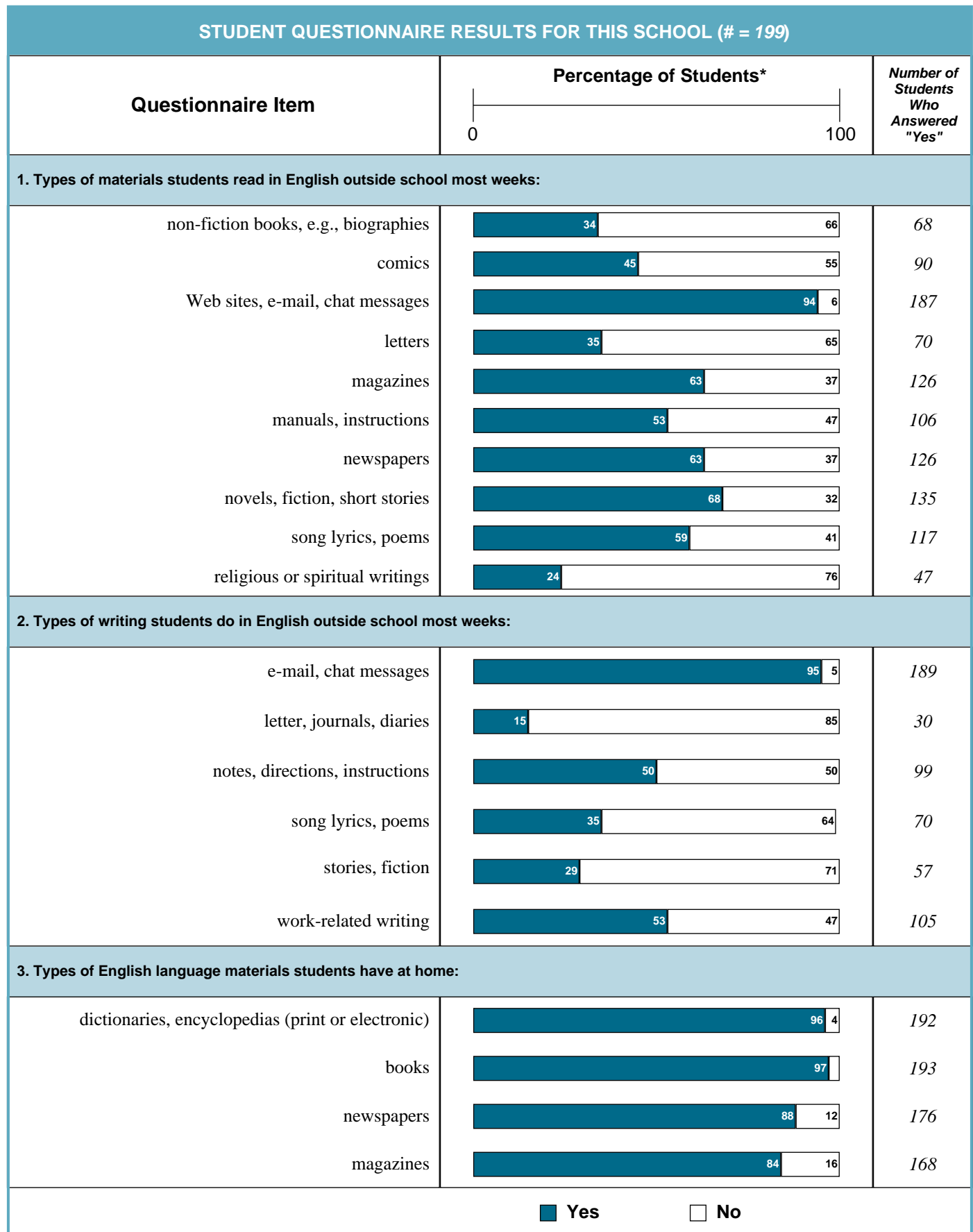


Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†

	<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	N/D	126	N/D	164	N/D	143	N/D	144	N/D	200
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



















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

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS SCHOOL (# = 199)		
Questionnaire Item	Percentage of Students*	Number of Students
4. Number of hours a week students read materials written in English outside school, not including homework:		
one hour or less	 28	55
more than one hour but less than three hours	 38	76
more than three hours but less than five hours	 21	41
five hours or more	 14	27
5. Number of hours a week students write in English outside school, not including homework:		
one hour or less	 37	73
more than one hour but less than three hours	 38	75
more than three hours but less than five hours	 16	31
five hours or more	 10	20
6. How often students use a computer at home for homework:		
don't have a computer at home	 1	2
never or hardly ever use a computer for homework	 4	8
use a computer once or twice a month for homework	 21	41
use a computer once or twice a week for homework	 42	84
use a computer almost every day for homework	 32	64
7. First language students learned at home was English:		
yes	 69	137
no	 31	62
8. Language(s) students speak at home:		
only or mostly English	 65	129
another language (or other languages) as often as English	 25	50
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	 10	20

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

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR SCHOOL, BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	School			Board			Province		
	All (#= 199)	Female* (#= N/D)	Male* (#= 199)	All (#= 6 494)	Female* (#= 3 332)	Male* (#= 3 162)	All (#= 1 40 462)	Female* (#= 69 178)	Male* (#= 71 275)
Percentage of students indicating that they									
have a computer at home.	99%	N/D	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	32%	N/D	32%	32%	34%	30%	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	34%	N/D	34%	38%	38%	38%	34%	33%	35%
comics	45%	N/D	45%	39%	31%	46%	35%	29%	41%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages	94%	N/D	94%	93%	95%	91%	92%	95%	90%
letters	35%	N/D	35%	42%	47%	37%	38%	43%	33%
magazines	63%	N/D	63%	71%	83%	58%	71%	82%	60%
manuals, instructions	53%	N/D	53%	47%	39%	55%	40%	31%	50%
newspapers	63%	N/D	63%	61%	60%	62%	52%	50%	53%
novels, fiction, short stories	68%	N/D	68%	71%	84%	57%	70%	84%	56%
song lyrics, poems	59%	N/D	59%	72%	83%	61%	64%	77%	52%
religious or spiritual writings	24%	N/D	24%	27%	29%	25%	21%	22%	19%
Percentage of students indicating that they read materials written in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	34%	N/D	34%	37%	44%	30%	40%	47%	32%
Percentage of students indicating that they have the following English language materials at home:									
dictionaries, encyclopedias (print or electronic)	96%	N/D	96%	92%	93%	92%	92%	93%	90%
books	97%	N/D	97%	94%	97%	92%	95%	97%	92%
newspapers	88%	N/D	88%	81%	81%	80%	86%	86%	85%
magazines	84%	N/D	84%	83%	87%	78%	86%	89%	82%
Percentage of students indicating that they do the following types of writing in English outside school most weeks:									
e-mail, chat messages	95%	N/D	95%	95%	96%	93%	94%	96%	92%
letters, journals, diaries	15%	N/D	15%	33%	48%	18%	28%	43%	14%
notes, directions, instructions	50%	N/D	50%	49%	52%	45%	44%	49%	40%
song lyrics, poems	35%	N/D	35%	47%	53%	40%	39%	46%	31%
stories, fiction	29%	N/D	29%	33%	39%	28%	29%	35%	24%
work-related writing	53%	N/D	53%	53%	54%	51%	46%	46%	46%
Percentage of students indicating that they write in English outside school, not including homework, for									
more than three hours a week.	26%	N/D	26%	30%	33%	27%	29%	33%	25%
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was									
other than English.	31%	N/D	31%	36%	36%	36%	22%	22%	22%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**									
only or mostly English	65%	N/D	65%	58%	59%	57%	76%	76%	76%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	25%	N/D	25%	30%	30%	30%	17%	17%	16%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	10%	N/D	10%	11%	11%	12%	7%	6%	7%

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

First-Time Eligible Students	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. 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 April 2009 (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	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.
English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions	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)	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)	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 is so small (fewer than six in a group) 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.
W	Results for some or all students are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact the school principal.