



School Board Report

First-Time Eligible Students



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, 2016–2017

Board: Hastings and Prince Edward DSB (66222)

On behalf of EQAO, I am pleased to provide you with the results of the 2016–2017 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This report includes the 2016–2017 school and board results, as well as results from previous years, so you can track progress over time. You will also find demographic and attitudinal information, which provides context for interpreting achievement results.

By developing assessments that gauge student achievement against the learning expectations outlined in *The Ontario Curriculum*, EQAO ensures that every student in Ontario’s school system is assessed using the same yardstick at key stages in his or her schooling. In doing so, EQAO is able to provide reliable and objective data at the individual student, school and board levels that support educators in their professional practice.

OSSLT results are a powerful tool that helps educators, parents and students identify achievements, challenges and strategies for improvement. In an increasingly knowledge-based economy, literacy is a critical foundation for success in school and life outside school. For this reason, the OSSLT is particularly valuable as an indicator of whether Ontario students have acquired the fundamental reading and writing skills across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

Of course, the information that EQAO provides is not limited to student achievement results and also includes contextual, attitudinal and behavioral data. This wide range of data enables school and board communities to gain richer insights into students’ learning. By using EQAO data in conjunction with classroom and school-board information, educators across the province have been able to make evidence-based decisions in their planning and to monitor the progress of their initiatives. Because of this, EQAO data have served as a catalyst for improving student achievement since the inception of the agency, in 1996.

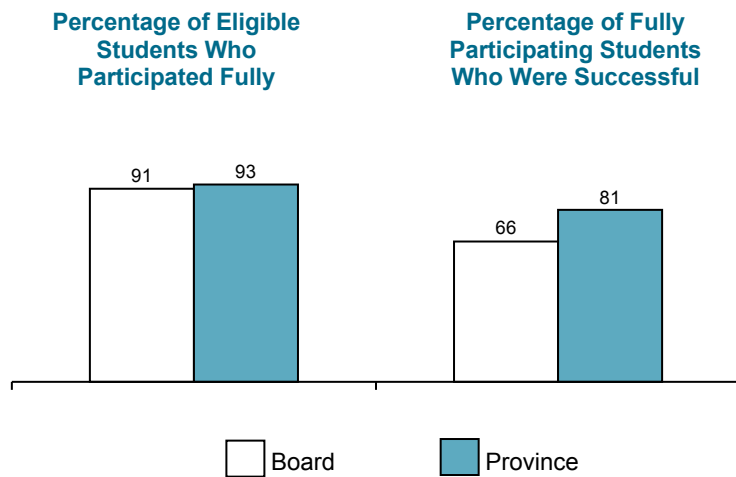
We hope you will find this report useful. It has been designed to assist you in your conversations about improving student learning. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we all work toward helping students meet, at the minimum, the provincial standard.

Sincerely,

Norah Marsh
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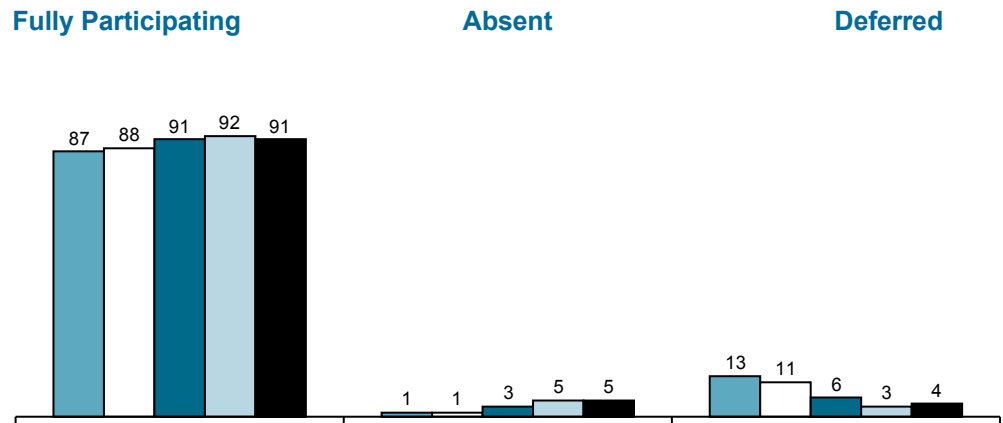
FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, 2016–2017: PARTICIPATION RATE AND ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS



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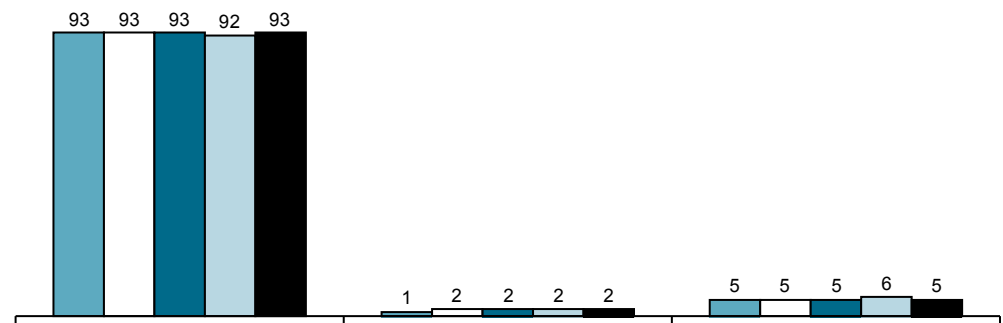
PARTICIPATION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*



BOARD

PROVINCE



2012–2013

2013–2014

2014–2015

2015–2016

2016–2017

Number of First-Time Eligible Students

	<u>2012–2013</u>	<u>2013–2014</u>	<u>2014–2015</u>	<u>2015–2016</u>	<u>2016–2017</u>
Board	1 225	1 153	1 101	1 074	1 072
Province	143 358	141 815	137 620	135 111	136 492

* Percentages in graphs may not add up to 100, due to rounding.

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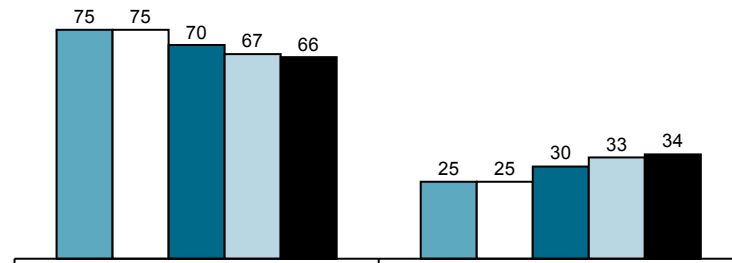
ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING FIRST-TIME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OVER TIME

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS*

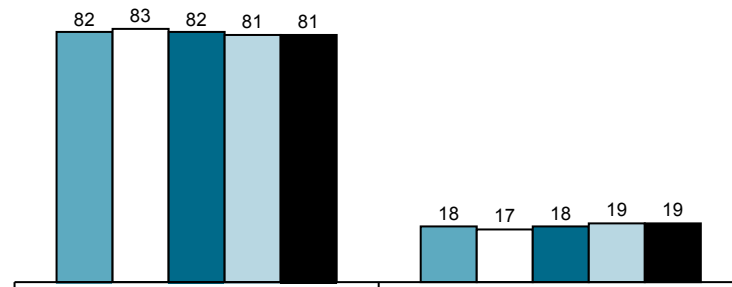
Successful

Not Successful

BOARD



PROVINCE



Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students

	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Board	1 060	1 009	1 000	989	976
Province	134 033	131 712	127 867	124 977	127 142

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TIPS

Each board is unique. To appreciate the distinctive character of a board, 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 boards. Results may vary considerably from year to year, and differences may look exaggerated. For example, in a board of 100 students, a difference of 10% represents only ten students.



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



EQAO values students' privacy. Results are not reported publicly for boards where fewer than 10 students participated because it might be possible to identify individual students.

WHAT IS IN THIS REPORT?

This report shows how well students in this board 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 board compared to the province;
- ◆ a comparison of results of the current and previous 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 between the board and the province. Consider the challenges that any differences might present.
- ◆ Examine the board 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 board chair about the goals for improving student performance.

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Contextual Information

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

	Board		Province	
Enrolment				
Number of first-time eligible students	1 072		136 492	
Number of schools with first-time eligible students	9		785	
Number of students who were exempted	25		1 252	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Participation in the Test				
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	976	91%	127 142	93%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	50	5%	2 297	2%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	46	4%	7 053	5%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students				
Female	549	51%	66 832	49%
Male	523	49%	69 659	51%
Gender not specified	0	0%	1	<1%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students				
English language learners*	6	1%	9 580	7%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	4	<1%	5 713	4%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	310	29%	26 311	19%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	218	22%	20 462	16%
Course Type in English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students				
Academic	557	52%	100 950	74%
Applied	384	36%	27 006	20%
Locally developed	103	10%	3 958	3%
ESL/ELD	4	<1%	3 048	2%
Other	24	2%	1 527	1%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data				
	Number of Respondents:		867	119 666
First language learned at home was other than English	30	3%	27 108	23%
Speak only or mostly English at home	802	93%	86 143	72%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	40	5%	23 415	20%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	9	1%	8 298	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.

** Counts and percentages are based on students who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted special provisions and accommodations. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.

†† 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.

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Contextual Information (continued)

	Board		Province	
Year Student Entered Current School†				
Year of the assessment	105	10%	13 215	10%
Year prior to the assessment	967	90%	120 080	88%
2 years prior to the assessment	0	0%	573	<1%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	0	0%	2 325	2%
Data not available	0	0%	299	<1%
Year Student Entered Current Board†				
Year of the assessment	39	4%	7 242	5%
Year prior to the assessment	105	10%	19 225	14%
2 years prior to the assessment	19	2%	4 327	3%
3 or more years prior to the assessment	460	43%	98 358	72%
Data not available	449	42%	7 340	5%

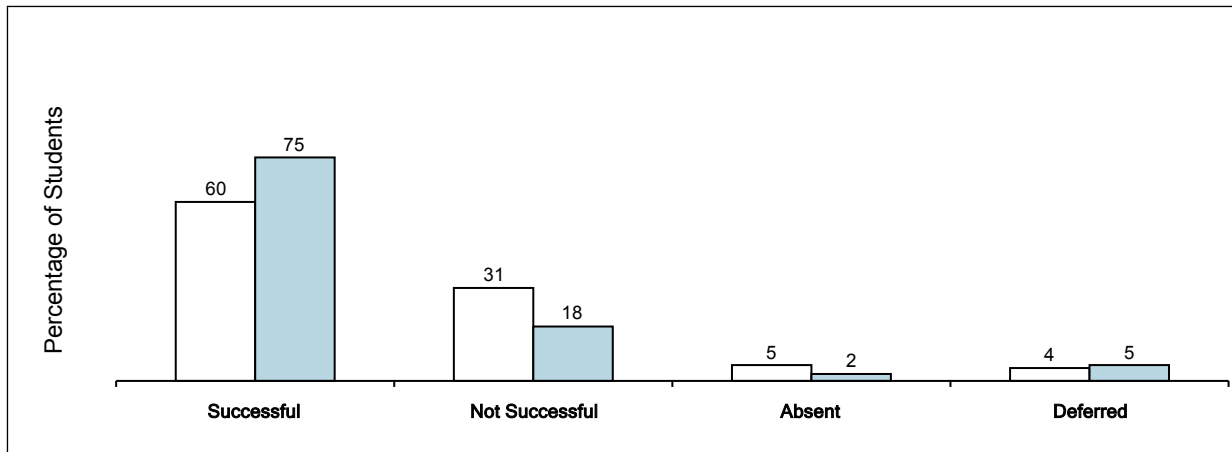
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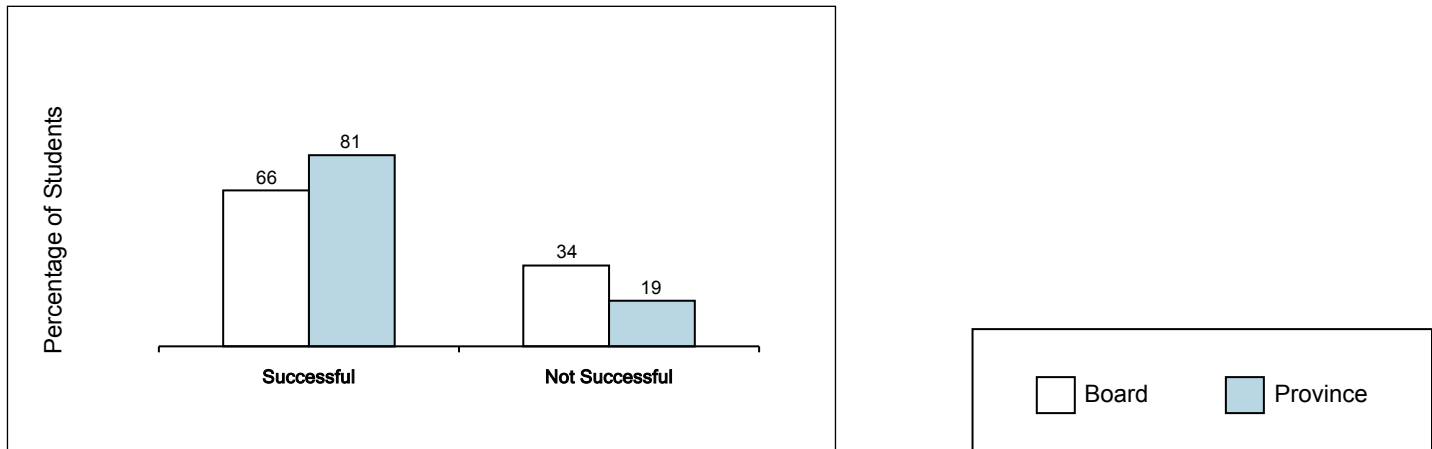
Results for All Students*

	Results for All Students First-Time Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = 1 072	Province # = 136 492	Board # = 976	Province # = 127 142
Successful	647	60%	75%	66%
Not Successful	329	31%	18%	34%
Fully Participating	976	91%	93%	
Absent	50	5%	2%	
Deferred	46	4%	5%	

Results for All First-Time Eligible Students*



Results for Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students*



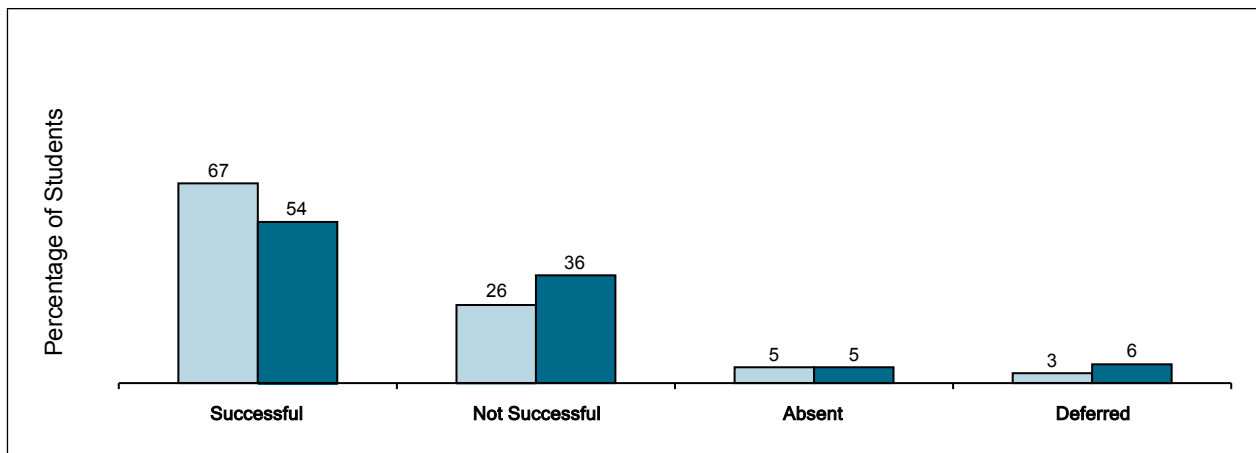
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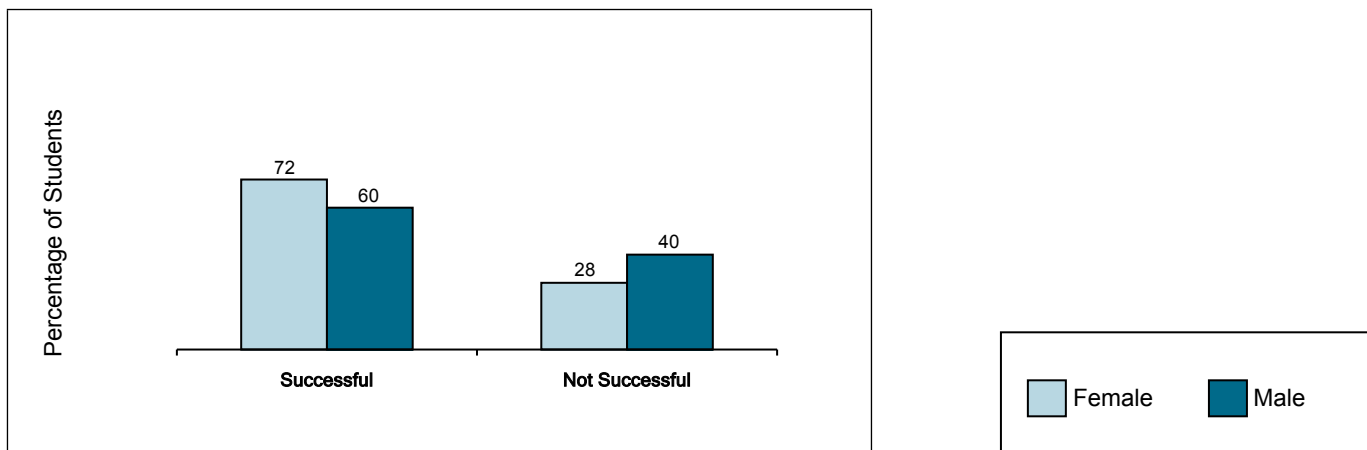
Board Results by Gender*†

Board Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 549		Male # = 523		Female # = 509	Male # = 467
Successful	366	67%	281	54%	72%	60%
Not Successful	143	26%	186	36%	28%	40%
Fully Participating	509	93%	467	89%		
Absent	25	5%	25	5%		
Deferred	15	3%	31	6%		

Board Results for All First-Time Eligible Students by Gender*†



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



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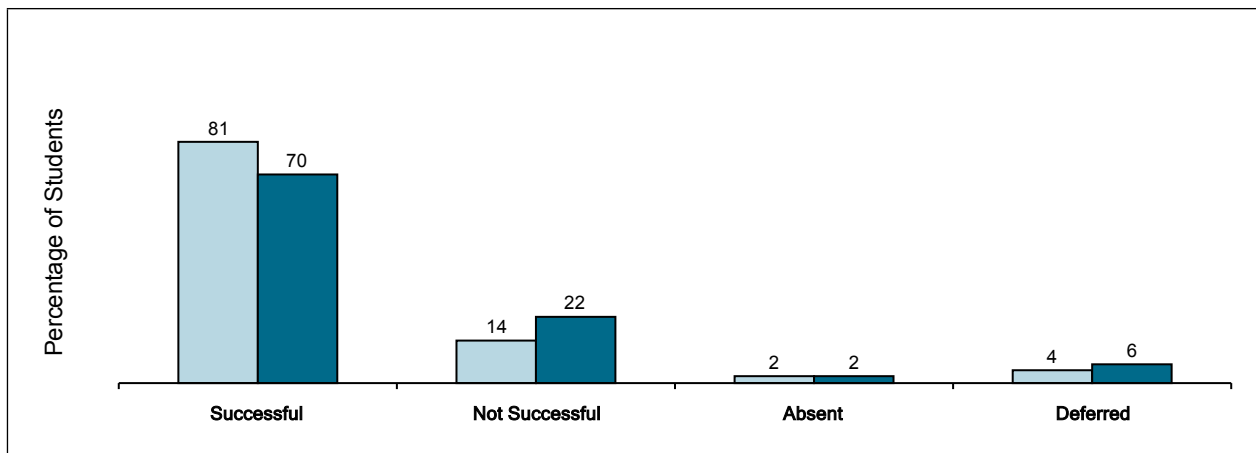
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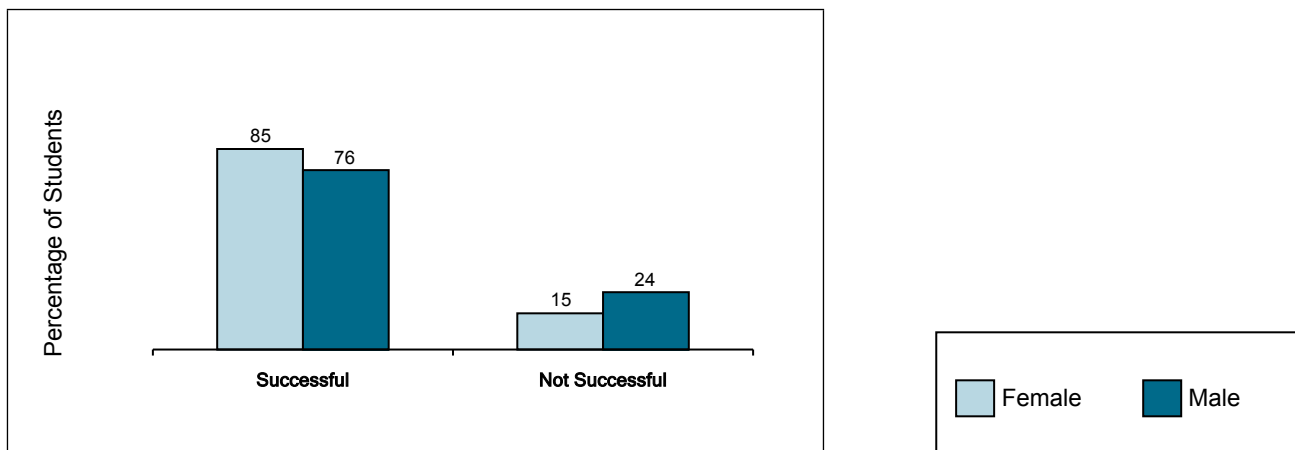
Provincial Results by Gender*†

Provincial Results by Gender First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	Female # = 66 832		Male # = 69 659		Female # = 62 991	Male # = 64 150
Successful	53 811	81%	48 718	70%	85%	76%
Not Successful	9 180	14%	15 432	22%	15%	24%
Fully Participating	62 991	94%	64 150	92%		
Absent	1 109	2%	1 188	2%		
Deferred	2 732	4%	4 321	6%		

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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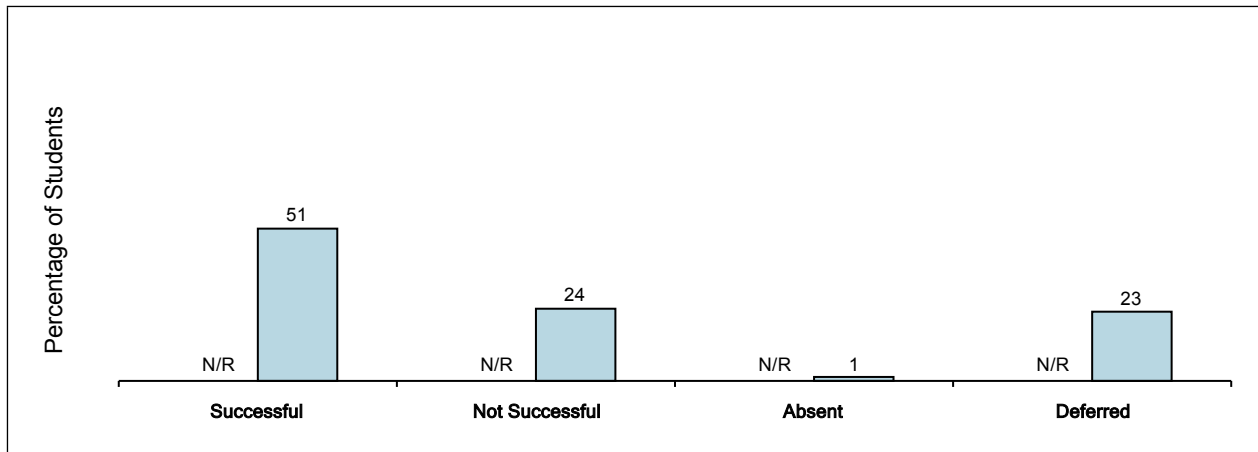
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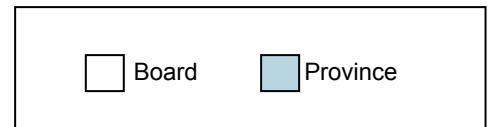
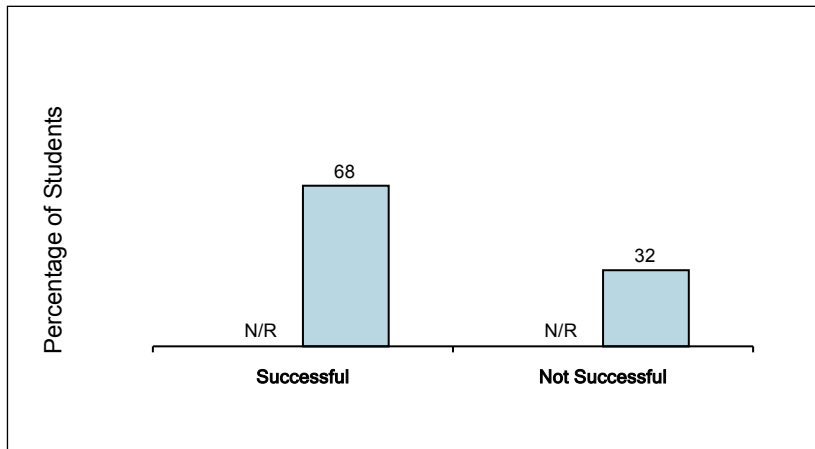
Results for English Language Learners*

Results for English Language Learners First-Time Eligible Students					
	All			Fully Participating	
	Board # = N/R	Province # = 9 580		Board # = N/R	Province # = 7 222
Successful	N/R	N/R	51%	N/R	68%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	24%	N/R	32%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	75%		
Absent	N/R	N/R	1%		
Deferred	N/R	N/R	23%		

Results for All First-Time Eligible English Language Learners*



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



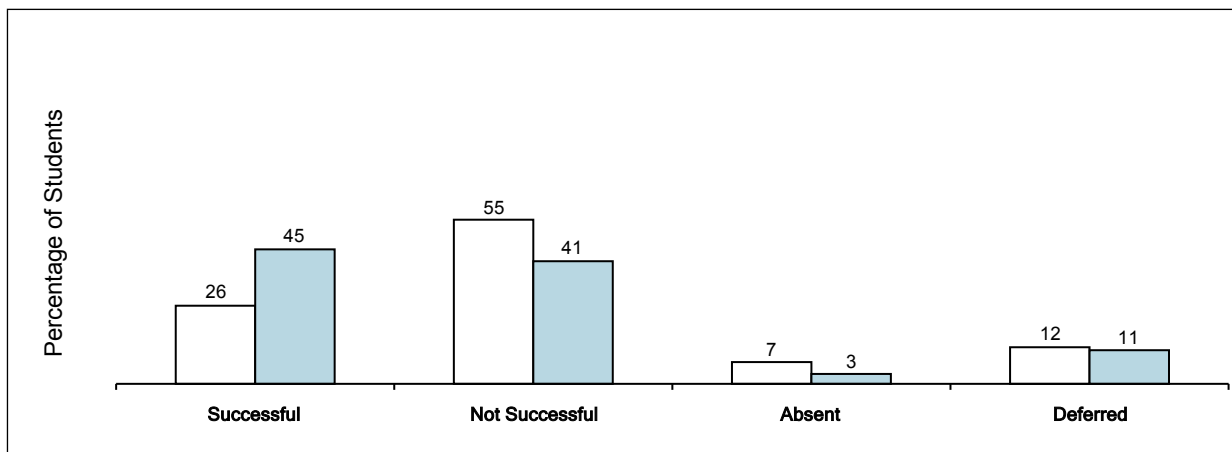
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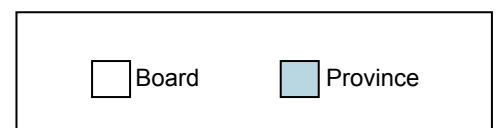
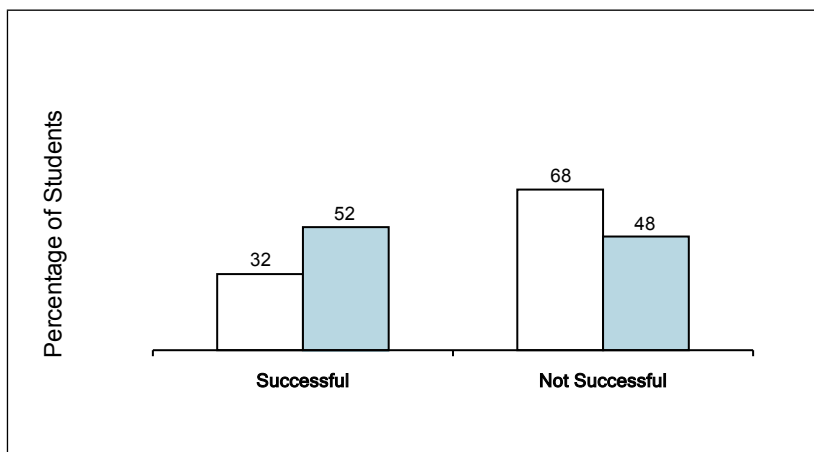
Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted)*

	Results for Students with Special Education Needs (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = 310	Province # = 26 311	Board # = 251	Province # = 22 566
Successful	81	26%	45%	32%
Not Successful	170	55%	41%	68%
Fully Participating	251	81%	86%	
Absent	23	7%	3%	
Deferred	36	12%	11%	

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



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



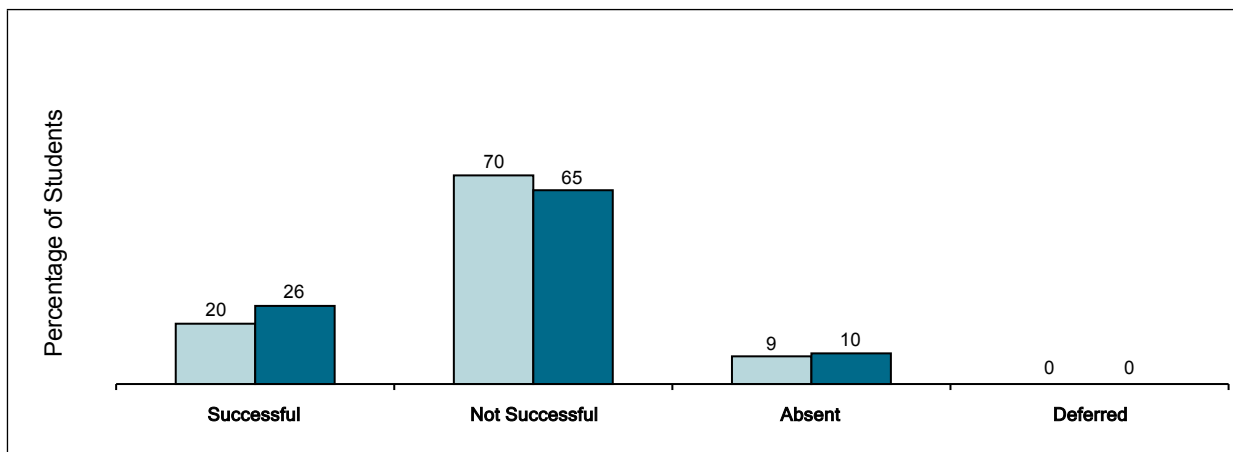
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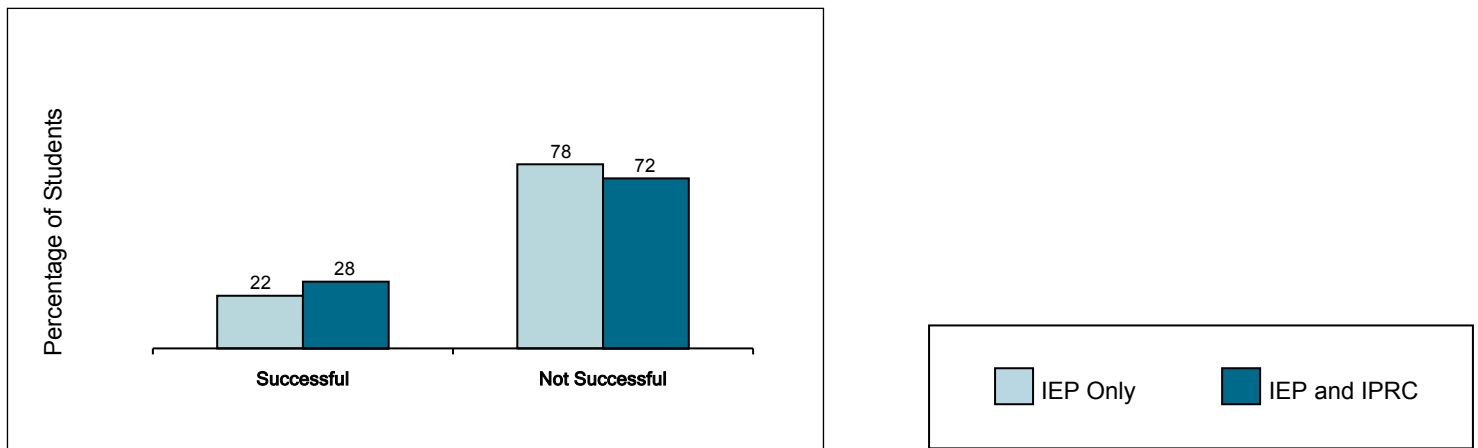
Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

Board Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 159		IEP and IPRC # = 82		IEP Only # = 144	IEP and IPRC # = 74
Successful	32	20%	21	26%	22%	28%
Not Successful	112	70%	53	65%	78%	72%
Fully Participating	144	91%	74	90%		
Absent	15	9%	8	10%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		

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



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



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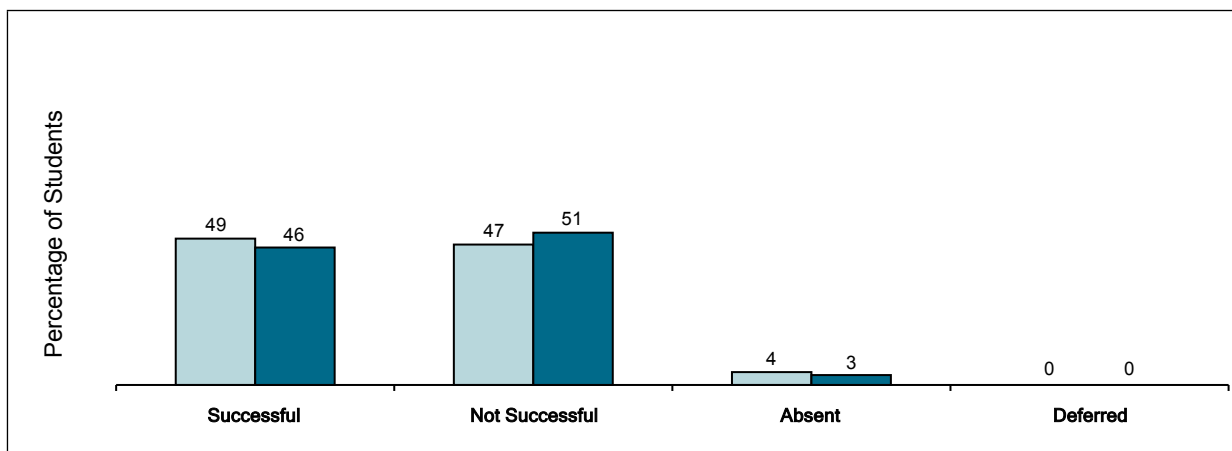
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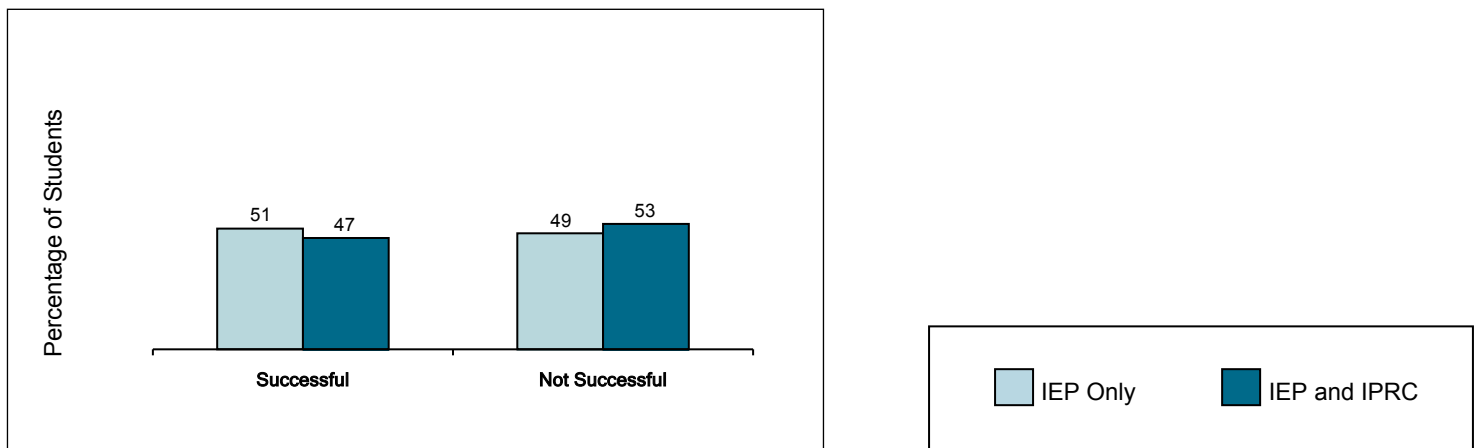
Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)*†

Provincial Results for Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted) First-Time Eligible Students						
	All				Fully Participating	
	IEP Only # = 10 012		IEP and IPRC # = 11 181		IEP Only # = 9 613	IEP and IPRC # = 10 849
Successful	4 930	49%	5 132	46%	51%	47%
Not Successful	4 683	47%	5 717	51%	49%	53%
Fully Participating	9 613	96%	10 849	97%		
Absent	399	4%	332	3%		
Deferred	0	0%	0	0%		

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



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



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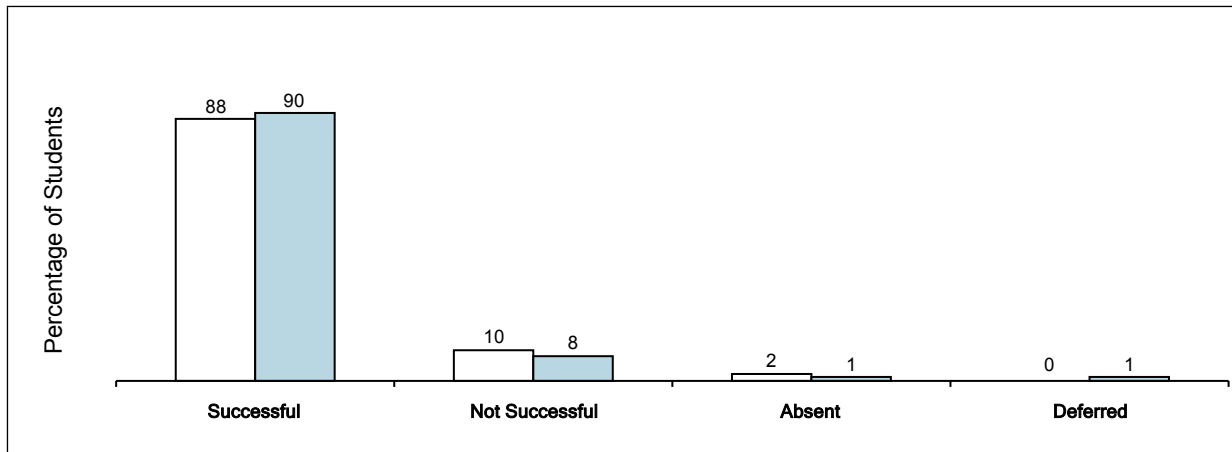
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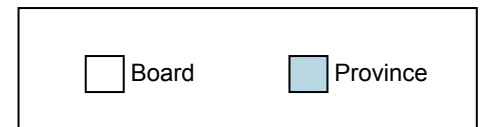
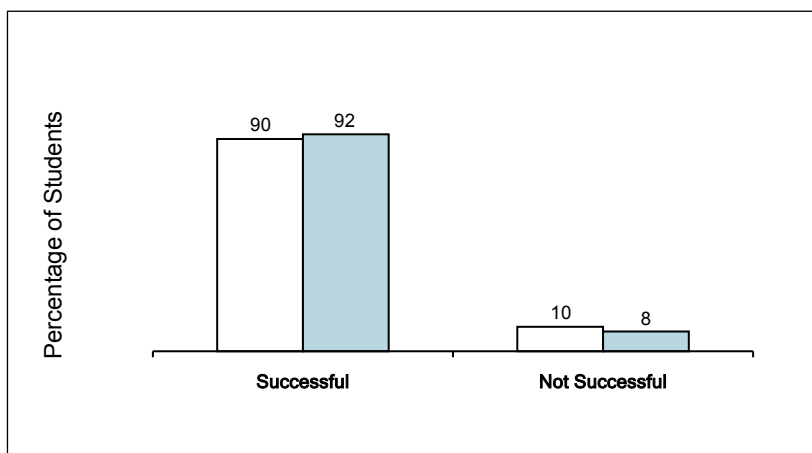
Results for Students Taking Academic English Course*

	Results for Students Taking Academic English Course First-Time Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = 557	Province # = 100 950	Board # = 544	Province # = 99 051
Successful	490	88%	90%	92%
Not Successful	54	10%	10%	8%
Fully Participating	544	98%	98%	
Absent	13	2%	1%	
Deferred	0	0%	1%	

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



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



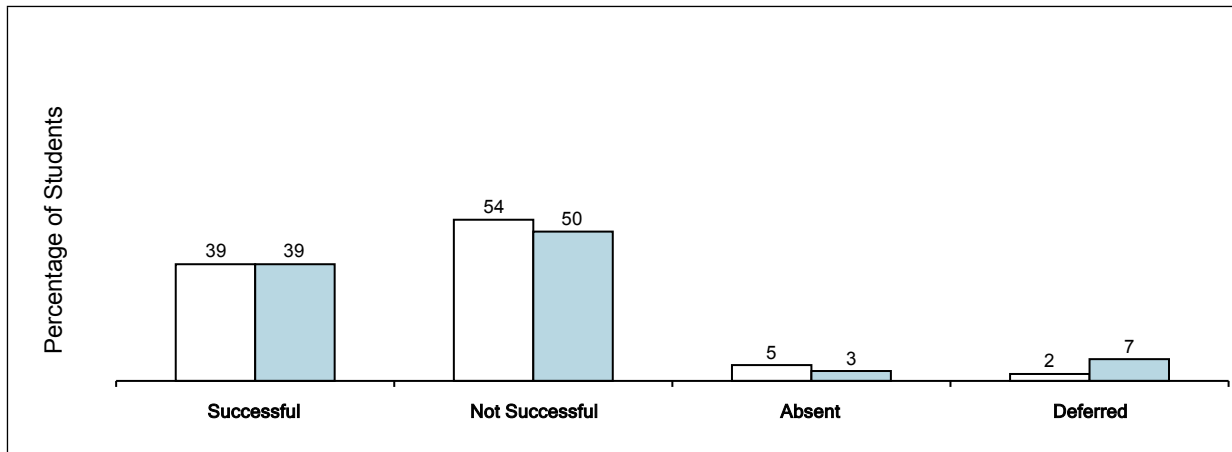
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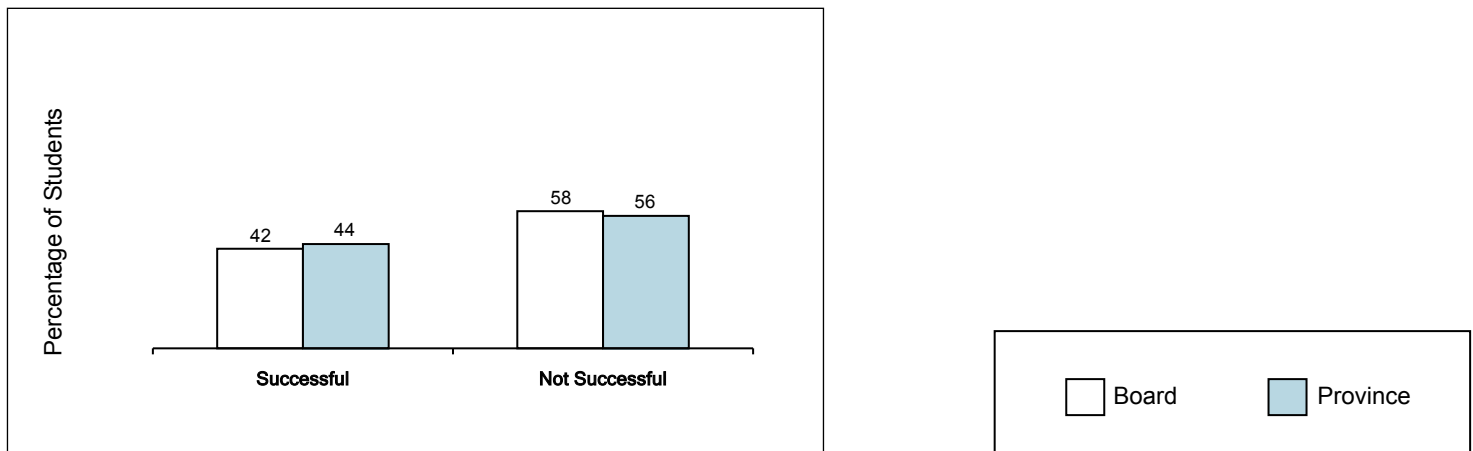
Results for Students Taking Applied English Course*

	Results for Students Taking Applied English Course First-Time Eligible Students				
	All		Fully Participating		
	Board # = 384	Province # = 27 006	Board # = 358	Province # = 24 233	
Successful	151	39%	39%	42%	44%
Not Successful	207	54%	50%	58%	56%
Fully Participating	358	93%	90%		
Absent	19	5%	3%		
Deferred	7	2%	7%		

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



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



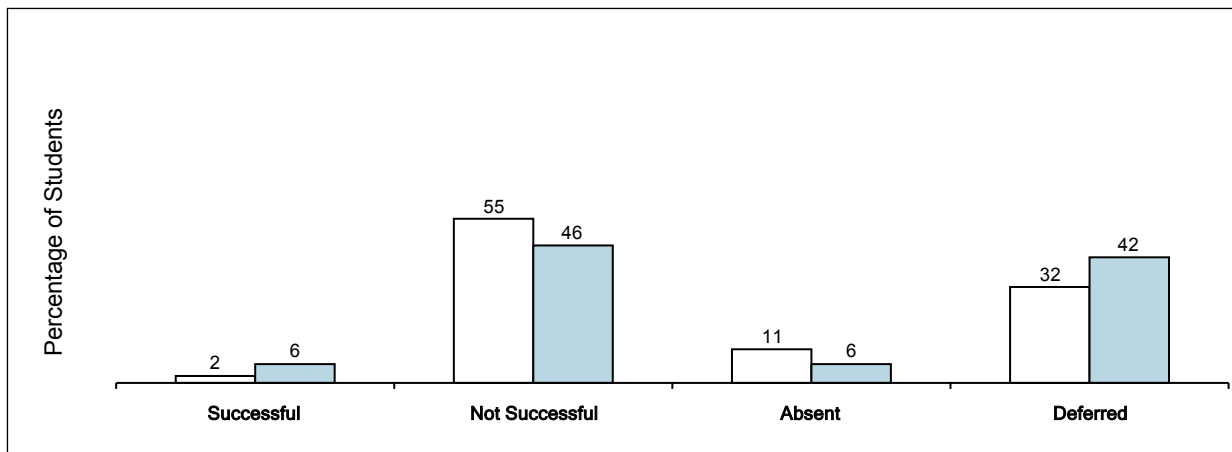
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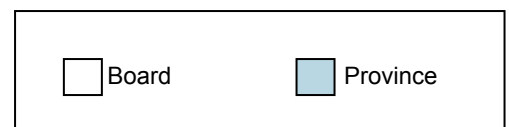
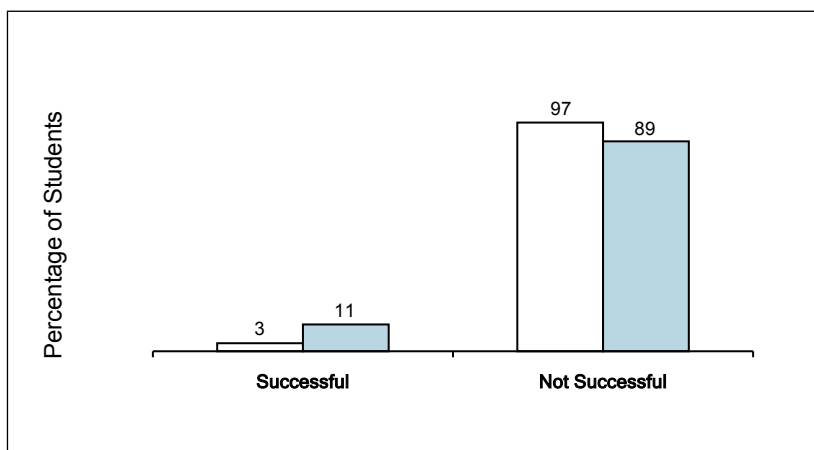
Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course*

	Results for Students Taking Locally Developed English Course First-Time Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = 103	Province # = 3 958	Board # = 59	Province # = 2 060
Successful	2	2%	3%	11%
Not Successful	57	55%	97%	89%
Fully Participating	59	57%	52%	
Absent	11	11%		
Deferred	33	32%		

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*



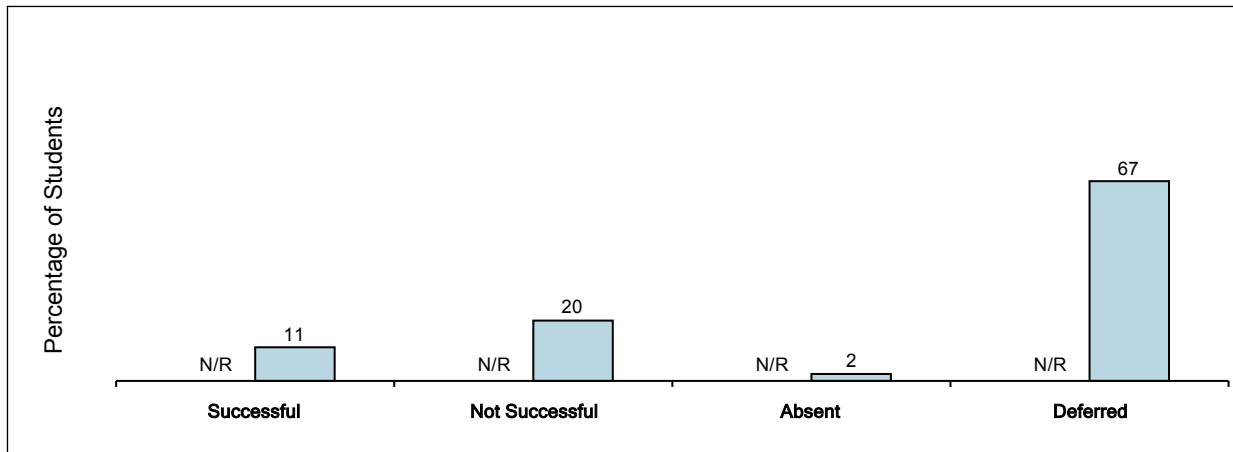
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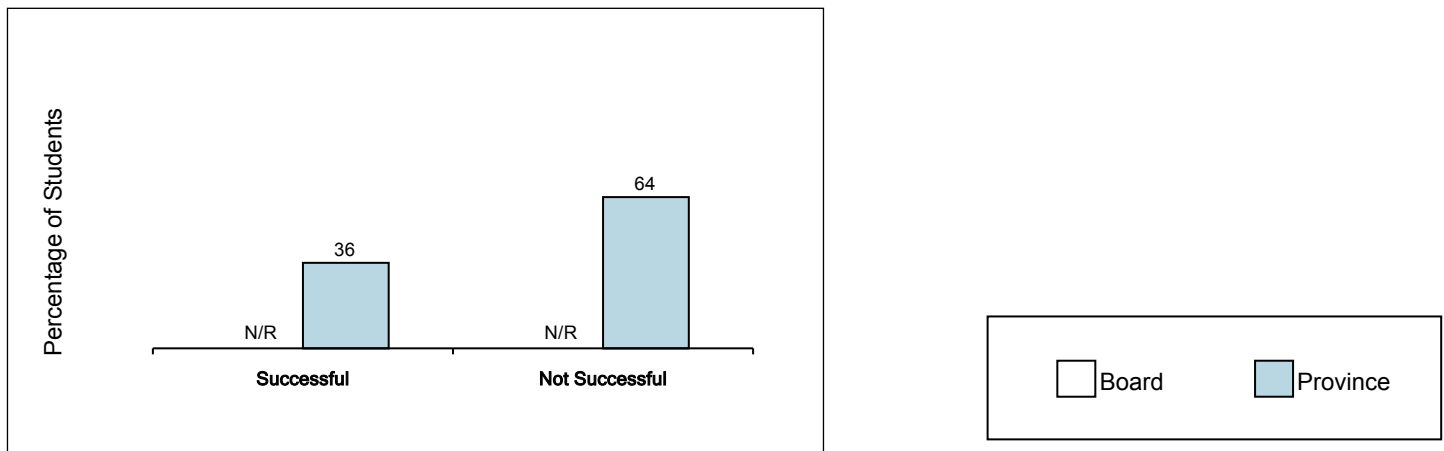
Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course*

	Results for Students Taking ESL/ELD Course First-Time Eligible Students			
	All		Fully Participating	
	Board # = N/R	Province # = 3 048	Board # = N/R	Province # = 955
Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	36%
Not Successful	N/R	N/R	N/R	64%
Fully Participating	N/R	N/R	N/R	31%
Absent	N/R	N/R	N/R	2%
Deferred	N/R	N/R	N/R	67%

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 board's results of the current and previous administrations.

	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016	2016–2017
Enrolment					
Number of first-time eligible students	1 225	1 153	1 101	1 074	1 072
Number of schools with first-time eligible students	9	9	9	9	9
Number of students who were exempted	35	24	24	38	25
Participation in the Test					
Of all first-time eligible students, those who participated fully in the assessment	87%	88%	91%	92%	91%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were absent	1%	1%	3%	5%	5%
Of all first-time eligible students, those who were deferred	13%	11%	6%	3%	4%
Gender[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Female	49%	47%	50%	49%	51%
Male	51%	53%	50%	51%	49%
Gender not specified	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Student Status[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
English language learners*	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%
English language learners receiving special provisions**	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)*	24%	27%	28%	26%	29%
Students with special education needs receiving accommodations (excluding gifted)**	16%	20%	24%	23%	22%
Course Type in English[†] Based on number of first-time eligible students					
Academic	47%	46%	49%	51%	52%
Applied	39%	39%	39%	37%	36%
Locally developed	12%	12%	10%	9%	10%
ESL/ELD	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Other	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Language^{††} Based on Student Questionnaire data					
Number of Respondents:	1 043	1 003	959	940	867
First language learned at home was other than English	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Speak only or mostly English at home	93%	93%	93%	94%	93%
Speak another language (or other languages) as often as English at home	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%
Speak only or mostly another language (or other languages) at home	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%

† 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. In 2016–2017, percentages are based on students who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted special provisions and accommodations. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.

†† 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.

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Contextual Information over Time (continued)

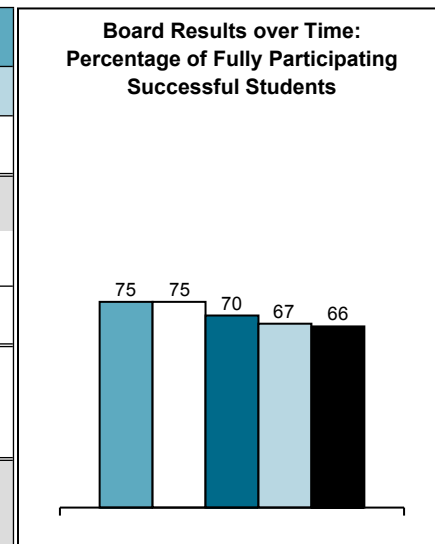
	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016	2016–2017
Year Student Entered Current School†					
Year of the assessment				9%	10%
Year prior to the assessment				90%	90%
2 years prior to the assessment		These items were added in 2015–2016.		0%	0%
3 or more years prior to the assessment				0%	0%
Data not available				<1%	0%
Year Student Entered Current Board†					
Year of the assessment				3%	4%
Year prior to the assessment				7%	10%
2 years prior to the assessment		These items were added in 2015–2016.		2%	2%
3 or more years prior to the assessment				40%	43%
Data not available				49%	42%

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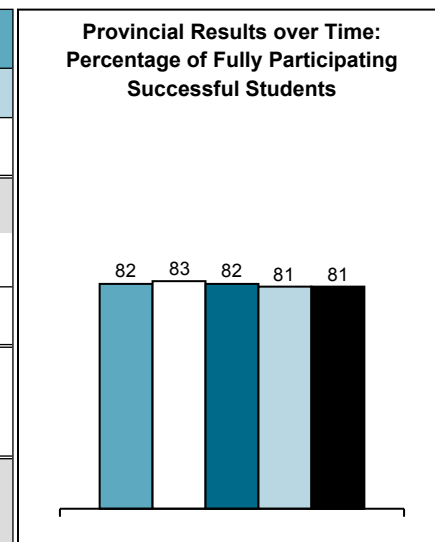
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Results over Time, 2012–2013 to 2016–2017

Board Results over Time*										
	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
<i>All Students</i>	1 225		1 153		1 101		1 074		1 072	
Successful (all)	790	64%	752	65%	704	64%	665	62%	647	60%
Not Successful	270	22%	257	22%	296	27%	324	30%	329	31%
Fully Participating	1 060	87%	1 009	88%	1 000	91%	989	92%	976	91%
Absent	11	1%	13	1%	31	3%	53	5%	50	5%
Deferred	154	13%	131	11%	70	6%	32	3%	46	4%
Fully Participating Successful	790	75%	752	75%	704	70%	665	67%	647	66%



Provincial Results over Time*										
	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
<i>All Students</i>	143 358		141 815		137 620		135 111		136 492	
Successful (all)	110 162	77%	108 914	77%	105 309	77%	101 232	75%	102 530	75%
Not Successful	23 871	17%	22 798	16%	22 558	16%	23 745	18%	24 612	18%
Fully Participating	134 033	93%	131 712	93%	127 867	93%	124 977	92%	127 142	93%
Absent	2 059	1%	2 521	2%	2 603	2%	2 599	2%	2 297	2%
Deferred	7 266	5%	7 582	5%	7 150	5%	7 535	6%	7 053	5%
Fully Participating Successful	110 162	82%	108 914	83%	105 309	82%	101 232	81%	102 530	81%



* Percentages in tables may not add up to 100, due to rounding.

■ '13 ■ '14 ■ '15 ■ '16 ■ '17

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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†

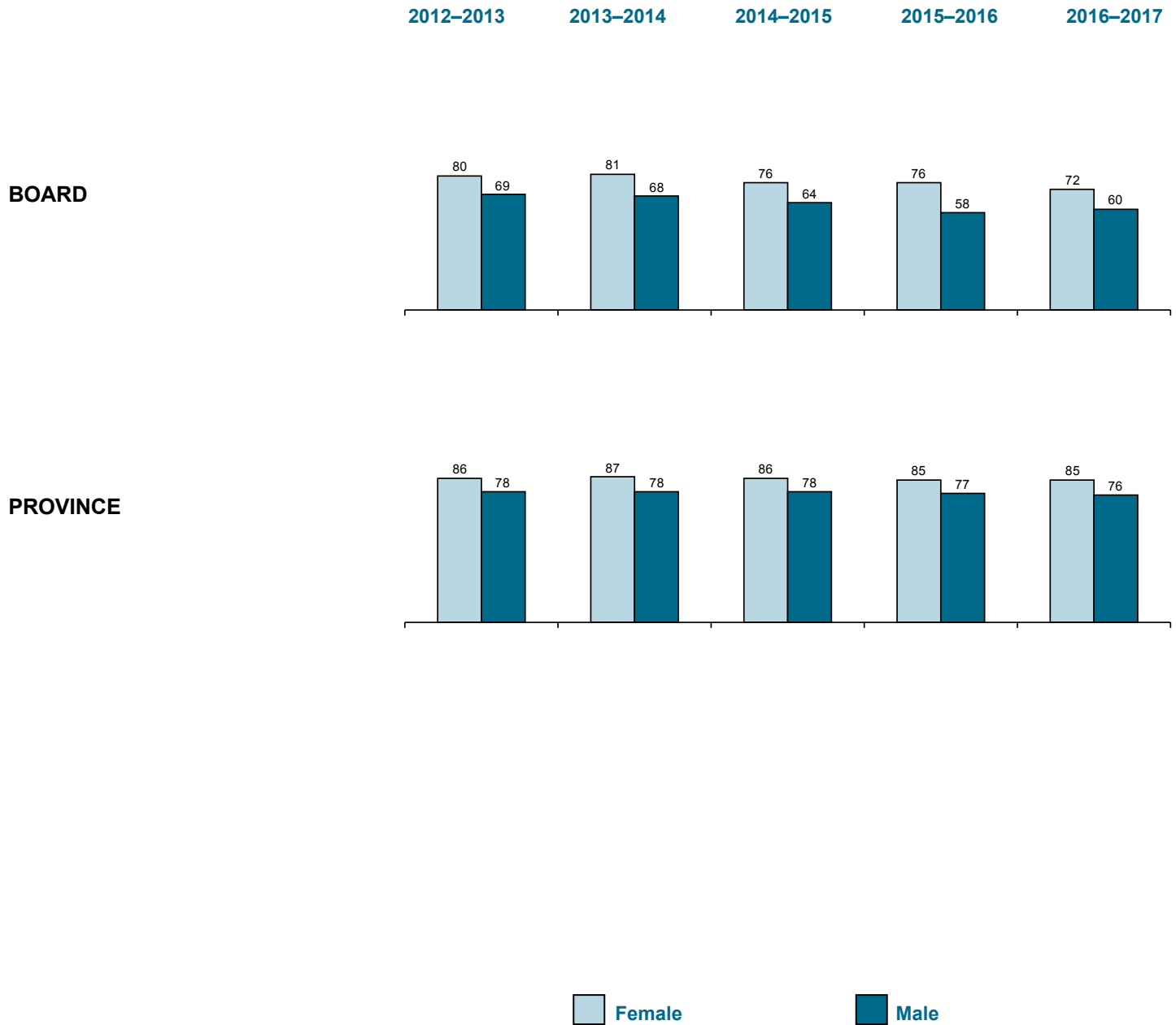
	2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	596	629	547	606	547	554	529	545	549	523
Province	70 092	73 260	69 290	72 521	67 023	70 597	65 907	69 204	66 832	69 659

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS OVER TIME BY GENDER†

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



Female Male

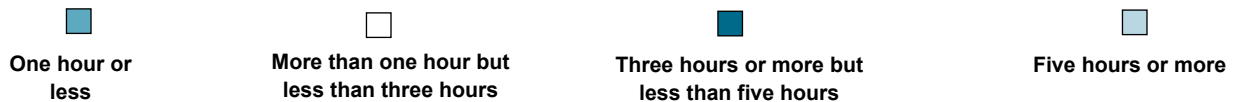
Number of Fully Participating First-Time Eligible Students†

	2012–2013		2013–2014		2014–2015		2015–2016		2016–2017	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Board	529	531	490	519	514	486	490	499	509	467
Province	66 262	67 765	65 018	66 692	62 936	64 931	61 694	63 283	62 991	64 150

† Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 867)

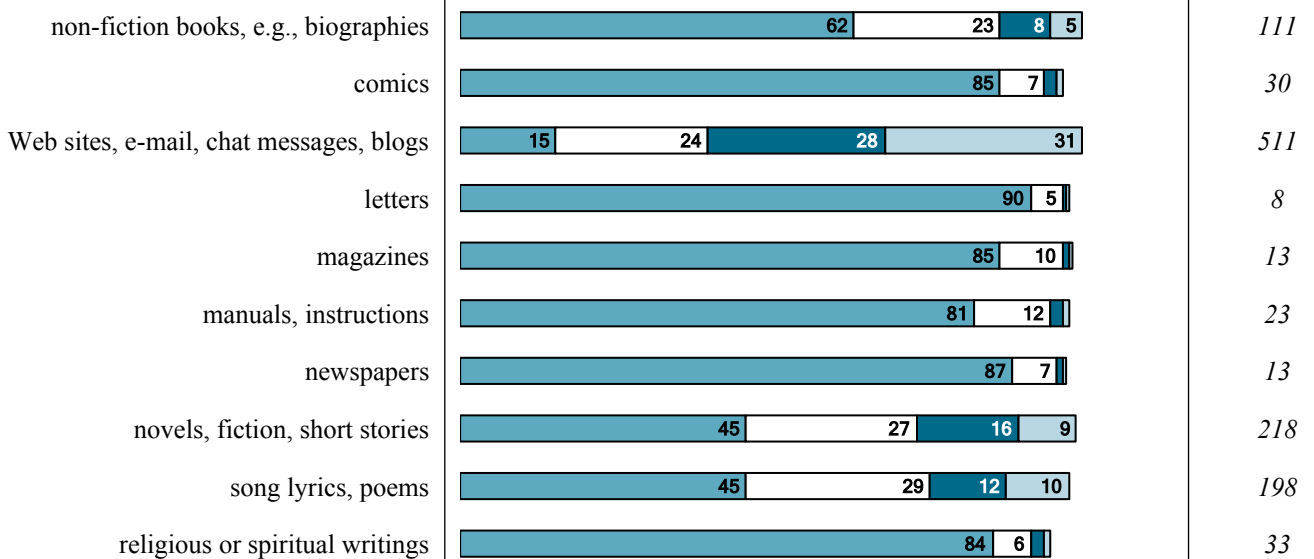


TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS READ IN ENGLISH

1. Indicate how much time you spend reading in English outside school most weeks (print or electronic).

Percentage of Students*

Number of students who answered "Three hours or more but less than five hours" or "Five hours or more"



TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS WRITE IN ENGLISH

2. Indicate how much time you spend outside school most weeks writing in English (print or electronic), not counting homework.



* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous or blank responses. Where there is no number in a bar, the percentage of responses is smaller than four.






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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR THIS BOARD (# = 867)

HOME COMPUTER USE

3. Indicate how often you use a computer at home for homework (choose one only).

Number of students




I don't have a computer at home		73
I never or hardly ever use the computer for homework		111
I use the computer once or twice a month for homework		180
I use the computer once or twice a week for homework		312
I use the computer almost every day for homework		182

LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

4. Is English the first language you learned at home?

yes		827
no		30

5. What languages do you speak at home (choose one only)?

only or mostly English		802
another language (or other languages) as often as English		40
only or mostly another language (or other languages)		9



Yes



No

TYPES OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MATERIALS STUDENTS HAVE AT HOME

6. Indicate what English-language materials you have at home (print or electronic).

Percentage of Students*

Number of students who answered "Yes"

dictionaries, encyclopedias		599
books		804
newspapers		687
magazines		587

* Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous or blank responses. Where there is no number in a bar, the percentage of responses is smaller than four.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All (# = 867)	Female* (# = 455)	Male* (# = 412)	All (# = 119 666)	Female* (# = 59 706)	Male* (# = 59 959)
HOME COMPUTER USE Percentage of students indicating that they						
have a computer at home.	91%	91%	90%	95%	96%	95%
use the computer almost every day for homework.	21%	23%	19%	35%	36%	33%
TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS READ IN ENGLISH Indicate how much time you spend reading in English outside school most weeks (print or electronic).						
	Percentage of students who answered "Three hours or more but less than five hours" or "Five hours or more"†					
non-fiction books, e.g., biographies	13%	14%	11%	12%	13%	11%
comics	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%	6%
Web sites, e-mail, chat messages, blogs	59%	66%	51%	55%	62%	49%
letters	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
magazines	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
manuals, instructions	3%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%
newspapers	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%
novels, fiction, short stories	25%	36%	13%	26%	35%	16%
song lyrics, poems	23%	29%	17%	22%	27%	17%
religious or spiritual writings	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%
TYPES OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MATERIALS STUDENTS HAVE AT HOME Indicate what English-language materials you have at home (print or electronic).						
	Percentage of students					
dictionaries, encyclopedias	69%	72%	66%	81%	83%	79%
books	93%	95%	90%	95%	96%	94%
newspapers	79%	80%	79%	75%	76%	75%
magazines	68%	65%	70%	68%	70%	67%
TYPES OF MATERIALS STUDENTS WRITE IN ENGLISH Indicate how much time you spend outside school most weeks writing in English (print or electronic), not counting homework.						
	Percentage of students who answered "Three hours or more but less than five hours" or "Five hours or more"†					
on social media (Twitter, Facebook, blogs) or texting	56%	63%	49%	53%	59%	46%
letters, journals, diaries	4%	7%	1%	4%	7%	2%
notes, directions, instructions	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	5%
song lyrics, poems	13%	16%	9%	11%	12%	9%
stories, fiction	10%	14%	5%	9%	12%	5%
work-related writing	13%	15%	11%	22%	25%	19%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

† Other response options were "one hour or less" and "more than one hour but less than three hours".

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS FOR BOARD AND PROVINCE (all students, female, male)	Board			Province		
	All (# = 867)	Female* (# = 455)	Male* (# = 412)	All (# = 119 666)	Female* (# = 59 706)	Male* (# = 59 959)
LANGUAGE BACKGROUND						
Percentage of students indicating that the first language they learned at home was						
other than English.	3%	3%	4%	23%	23%	23%
Percentage of students indicating that they speak the following language(s) at home:**						
only or mostly English	93%	92%	93%	72%	72%	72%
another language (or other languages) as often as English	5%	4%	5%	20%	21%	19%
only or mostly another language (or other languages)	1%	1%	1%	7%	6%	8%

* Includes only students for whom gender data were available.

** Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding or to ambiguous or blank responses.

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS	
First-Time Eligible Students	First-time eligible students are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). These students are expected to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for the first time in the spring of their second year of secondary school; this also applies to students who entered Grade 10 from out of province.
Previously Eligible Students	Previously eligible includes all students who were absent or deferred, or were unsuccessful during one or more previous administrations; were previously exempted but are now working toward an OSSD; entered Grade 11 or 12 from out of province or enrolled in an adult education program and began Grade 9 in or after the 2000–2001 school year.
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 who did not submit work for one or both sessions due to absence or for other reasons.
Deferred	Students' participation in the OSSLT can be deferred under several circumstances, as outlined in EQAO's <i>How to Administer the OSSLT</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.
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).
English Language Learners Receiving Special Provisions	These are English language learners identified by the school as receiving special provisions. Detailed information about special provisions is available in EQAO's <i>How to Administer the OSSLT</i> . Students reported in this category are those who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted special provisions. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.
Students with Special Education 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 solely as gifted are not included.
Students with Special Education Needs Receiving Accommodations (excluding gifted)	These are students with special education needs identified by the school as receiving accommodations. Students identified solely as gifted are not included. Detailed information about accommodations are available in the Ministry of Education's <i>Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements</i> (2016) and EQAO's <i>How to Administer the OSSLT</i> . Students reported in this category are those who participated in the March administration, which offered all permitted accommodations. These data were collected through EQAO's Student Data Collection system.
N/R	"Not reported" indicates that the number of students participating (fewer than 10 in a group) or responding to the Student Questionnaire (fewer than six in a group) is so small that identification of individual student results might be possible; therefore results are not reported.
N/D	"No data available" is used to indicate that there were no students in the group or year specified.
W	Results are being withheld by EQAO. For further information, please contact personnel at the board.