



Understanding the Literacy Test



Quick Facts and Information Guide

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- **Dates**

The OSSLT will be written on **Wednesday, March 27th 2019** beginning at 8:15am. Attendance and punctuality is *crucial* as there is no make-up day for those who do not attend.

- **Test Writers**

All current grade 10 students who are actively pursuing their OSSD are considered eligible to write the OSSLT this year. Grade 11 and 12 students who have not yet successfully completed their literacy requirements will also be eligible to write the test.

- **Test Day Format**

On the morning of the test a free breakfast is provided in the cafeteria for all students writing the OSSLT. Students will then report to their period 1 class to begin the OSSLT. The test is written in two 75-minute sections. Students will receive a 15 minute break between those two sections.

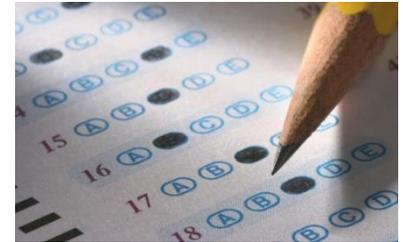
For more information on the OSSLT you can visit the Educational Quality and Accountability Office website at www.EQAO.com

What does the OSSLT assess?

The OSSLT is designed to assess competency, understanding, and skills learned across all subjects up to including the 9th grade, as outlined in the *Ontario Curriculum Documents*.

Who marks the OSSLT?

The Educational Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) designs, collects, and assesses the OSSLT. Results are mailed home, typically in June, informing students of their results.



What happens if a student has special needs?

Accommodations for the test, including extra time, large-print versions, or the use of a scribe or a computer, will be offered to students who access these resources regularly for in-class assessments through their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

What happens if a student is not successful on the test?

Successful completion of the OSSLT is a mandatory requirement for earning an OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma). Students who are unsuccessful will have the option of attempting the test again the following year. There is no limit to how many times a student can attempt the OSSLT.

With principal approval, students can also be referred into the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) - a full-semester course that will earn students their Literacy requirement for an OSSD. A minimum of 1 attempt at the OSSLT must be made before entry into the OSSLC.

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