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EQAO Grade 10 Literacy Test Results

The Lambton Kent District School Board today released system-wide results for the 2008 – 2009 Grade 10 EQAO Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). All Grade 10 students in Ontario who are working toward an Ontario Secondary School Diploma are required to successfully complete the assessment or complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). The assessment was administered on the morning of April 2, 2009.

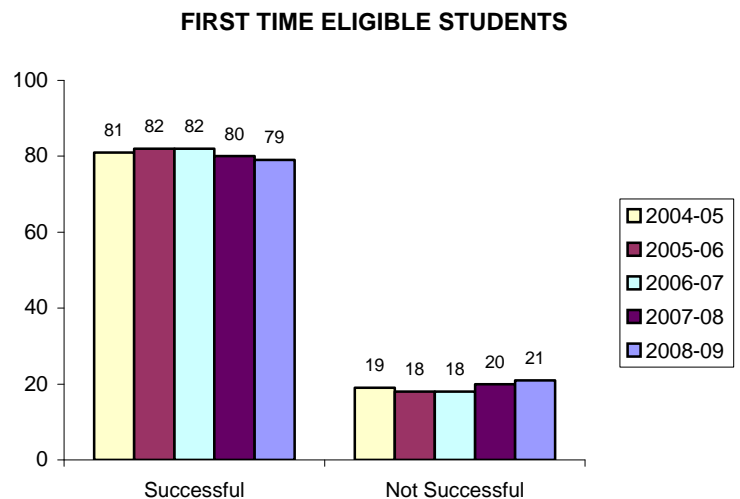
In the Lambton Kent District School Board, 79% of Fully Participating First Time Eligible students successfully completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. For the second successive year, the Grade 10 students in the Lambton Kent District School Board declined slightly in their success rate from the previous year. 97% of students studying English at the Academic level were successful on the OSSLT.

Director of Education Gayle Stucke stated, "We will continue the district and school level focus on strategies that make literacy a cross-curricular and cross-panel priority. The value of the provincial data will be in detailed analysis of school by school and student by student results to identify areas for improvement and recognize best practices and specific strategies that have proven most successful. The efforts of our staff, students and parents are to be applauded."

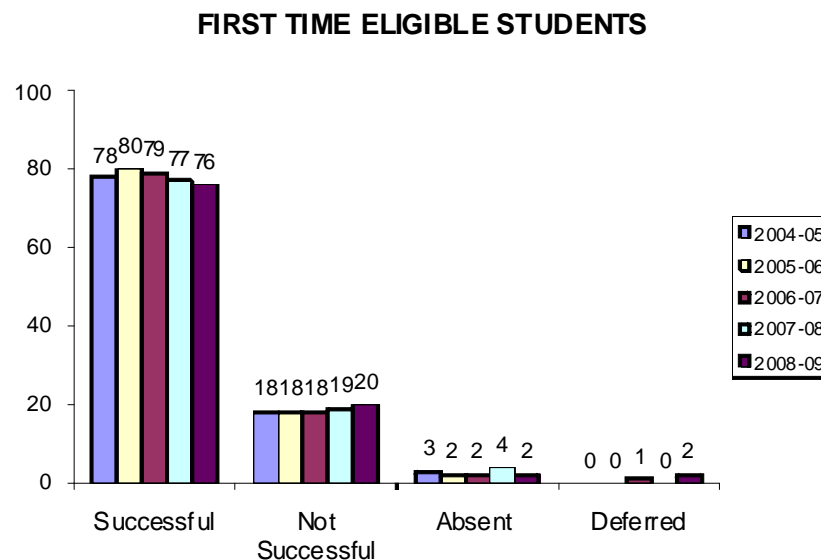
The Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) provides a "snapshot in time" of students' literacy skills. The data from the OSSLT is analyzed in concert with school based and district achievement data in order to set school and district priorities. "Improved student literacy is a district goal that spans all grade levels. The EQAO data, coupled with school based and district achievement data, provides valuable information that when examined over time will assist in determining instructional priorities." said Bert Phillips, Superintendent of Education – Secondary Achievement.

All parents will receive an Individual Student Report about their child's results from this year's test. The provincial results and further information are available on the EQAO Website at www.eqao.com.

Percentage of Successful Fully Participating Students*



Percentage of All Students in Each Category**



* Fully Participating Students are students who produced scorable work and were assigned an achievement result (successful, unsuccessful).

** All Students are students who are working toward an OSSD. Students exempted from the assessment are not working toward an OSSD and are not included in the cohort.