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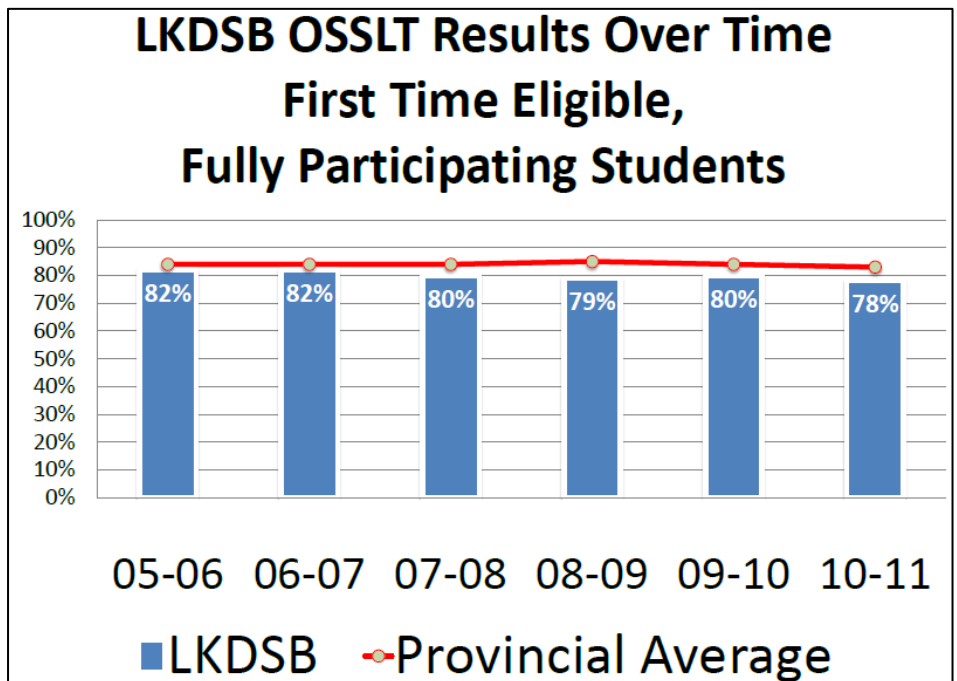
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EQAO Grade 10 Literacy Test Results

The Lambton Kent District School Board released system-wide results for the 2011 Grade 10 EQAO Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). First-time eligible students decreased 2% from the past success rate. The Lambton Kent District School Board continues to out-perform the province within each level of course. Locally 96% of students studying English at the Academic level are successful on the OSSLT as compared to 95% for Ontario. Lambton Kent District School Board students enrolled in Applied level courses have a 57% success rate while the provincial average is 55%.

Director of Education Jim Costello stated, “We will continue to strive to improve test scores for all our students while maintaining a clear focus on helping more students taking Applied courses to be successful. A number of our schools have successfully implemented targeted strategies which have improved literacy scores. We will look to learn from these schools and implement the activities that are showing the most promise in schools across our district.”

In the Lambton Kent District School Board, 78% of Fully Participating First Time Eligible students successfully completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. Grade 10 students in the Lambton Kent District School Board declined 2%, while across Ontario students declined 1% in their success rate from the previous year.



The Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) provides a “snapshot in time” of students’ literacy skills. “The OSSLT is a graduation requirement for students, so this information as well as attendance, course completion, and reading assessments are used to identify students who require additional support,” said Bert Phills, Superintendent of Education – Secondary Achievement. “The importance of these assessments is to identify and support specific students as they complete their secondary school education.”

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 March 31, 2011.

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.

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