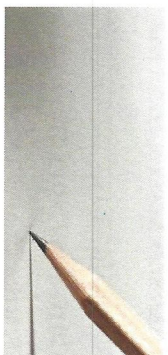


## THE TEST

- The test consists of four booklets; two Question Booklets and two corresponding Answer Booklets. Students will have 75 minutes to complete each booklet.
- A 15 minute break and a snack will be given between booklets.
- Each booklet is worth 200 marks. In order for students to pass the OSSLT, they need to achieve a level 3 provincial standard; this equals 75%, a score of 300 out of 400.
- In one booklet, students are required to write a news report that is worth 100 marks. In the other booklet, students have to write a series of paragraphs, that is worth 100 marks.
- Students will be asked to read information paragraphs, dialogues, real-life narratives and graphic texts. They will answer multiple choice and open paragraph response questions based on the text.
- Students will have to answer short-writing tasks in which they will develop the main idea and support it with details.



## PRACTICE TEST

Students will write a practice test on Thursday, November 14, 2019, during their homeroom class. It will consist of **one** booklet and the students will be given 75 minutes to complete the test.

The practice test will be evaluated by the Literacy Committee, based on current EQAO standards. Students will receive their evaluated tests in January. Based on their individual results, students may then be encouraged to participate in one of the following interventions:

- Literacy Bootcamp
- “Literacy at Lunch”
- Direct support from a Student Success Teacher

## HOW CAN MY STUDENT PREPARE FOR THE TEST?

- Students will receive five in-class lessons during February and March to prepare them for the test. These lessons will be completed using *The Grade 10 Literacy Test Preparation* Google Classroom.

Please have your student join the classroom using code: **p4qmqj6**

- Go to the EQAO website to review examples of the assessment and access practice tests.  
<http://www.eqao.com>
- “Literacy at Lunch” — Lunchtime literacy test preparation lessons held twice a week during February and March.

## FAQS

**1. Are all students required to write the OSSLT?**

Yes, all students working towards an OSSD must take the test.

**2. How are students with an IEP supported on the OSSLT?**

Students with an IEP are permitted accommodations consistent with their regular practice for classroom assessments. Connect with Academic Resource regarding any questions about accommodations.

**3. How are English language learners supported on the OSSLT?**

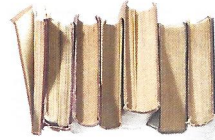
They are permitted some provisions on the OSSLT that are consistent with their regular classroom assessment, such as double time.

**4. When will I receive my child's test results?**

Your child will receive their results with their Final Semester 2 Report Card.

**5. What happens if my child is unsuccessful on the OSSLT?**

They can rewrite the test the following year or take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course in summer school or the following school year (dependent upon availability).



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, November 14th**

Practice Literacy Test Period 1

**December 2019**

Return of Practice Literacy Test

**January, February and March 2020**

“Literacy at Lunch”

Classroom Literacy Lessons using Google Classroom

**Wednesday, February 19th, 2020**

OSSLT Information Presentation for parents

**Tuesday, March 31st, 2020**

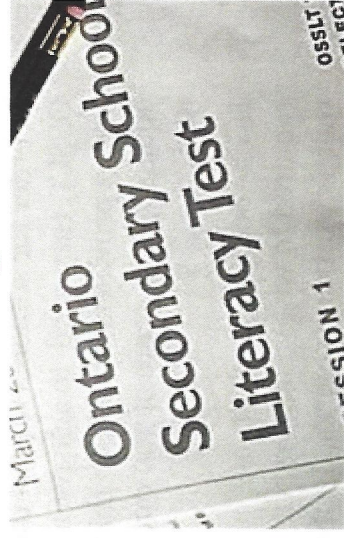
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## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Call Mrs. Dearn in Guidance  
905-683-4760 ext. 2314262



# ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST



**Tuesday, MARCH 31, 2020**

## **What is the OSSLT?**

It is a provincial test of literacy skills that students have acquired by the end of grade 9.

Successful completion of the OSSLT is one of the mandatory requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

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