

Hello Students, Parents/Guardians,

As you are likely aware, the Ontario Ministry of Education has brought back the Ontario Literacy Test (OSSLT) as a mandatory graduation requirement for all students that are not scheduled to graduate by June of 2022. This spring, all Ancaster High School students in grade 10 as well as students in grade 11 that either did not attempt the test in the fall or were unsuccessful, and any grade 12 student not on track to graduate by June 2022 will be participating this May.

Students will be writing the OSSLT online, in an assigned location over a two-day period, May 4th & May 6th or May 10th & May 12th (please check the attached schedule). The test is divided into two parts, virtual booklet 1 will be administered on the first day, and virtual booklet 2 will be administered on the second day. Each booklet will be supervised by your classroom teacher or an assigned proctor. Grade 10s will be writing the test during their morning Period 1 class (timeframe 2). Grade 10 students will also be provided with a computer set-up day that has time built-in to explore the online Practice Test. Grade 11/12s will be writing the test during Period 4 (timeframe 3) in the afternoon. There will not be a set-up day for these students, however, they are encouraged to review the online practice test if they did not participate in the Fall OSSLT session.

Below are links to Commonly Asked Questions about the OSSLT as well as a link to the Practice Test for Grade 11/12s. It is highly recommended that these students take time and attempt the practice test or at the very least review what it looks like.

Common OSSLT Q&A's - Questions and Answers Regarding the Online OSSLT - EQAO

<https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/questions-and-answers-regarding-the-online-osslt/>

Practice Test

<https://d1c1qqn86e6v14.cloudfront.net/#/en/student/osslt-assessment>

Please review the attached schedule and put a reminder into your phones, calendars, etc. Remember that the OSSLT is a mandatory graduation requirement and therefore it is important that all students attend on their assigned days because spacing is limited within the computer labs.

If you, your son/daughter has an IEP or typically receives accommodations please continue reading below. If you have any questions please contact,

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PARENTS/GUARDIANS/ STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUALIZED NEEDS (IEPS)

PLEASE CONTINUE READING BELOW

In accordance with your child's Individual Education Plan, the following accommodations will be provided, as permitted by the Ministry of Education's Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements, 2016.

ALL students will be writing the OSSLT online. All students can access features built into the test that meet most accommodation needs including:

I Text-to-Speech

I Large Font

I Additional time (60 minutes per section can be doubled to 120minutes)

Arrangements are being made for students requiring additional accommodations in accordance with their IEP. These accommodations may include:

I Extended periodic supervised breaks

I Prompts to return attention to task

I Speech-to-Text

I Verbatim Scribing of responses

If you have any questions or concerns about accommodations, that you, your son/daughter will receive, please contact our school Principal and Learning Resource Team.

Sincerely,

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