



Dundas Valley Secondary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

On **Thursday, May 5th 2022**, Dundas Valley Secondary School will invigilate the ***Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test*** (OSSLT) to all grade 10 students and those senior students who have yet to meet this literacy requirement.

The OSSLT, administered by Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), is used to determine whether a student has the literacy (reading and writing) skills required to meet the standard for understanding reading selections and communicating in a variety of writing forms expected by *The Ontario Curriculum* across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. The successful completion of this test or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course is a requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Ensuring optimal conditions, students will write in their Period 2 classrooms with a minimal number of students and their teacher. Grade 10 students, as well as those senior students who have yet to meet this literacy requirement, will be writing on the upper level of the west wing of the school. As a proactive measure, all Grade 9 students will write a practice literacy test at this time. Writing this practice test will allow our grade 9 students the opportunity to better understand the format of the test and the nature of its questions. Specific room designation lists are posted outside of Student Services and Learning Resource. Please encourage your child to check this list in advance of the test day.

A practice test will be administered to all writers during period 2 the morning of Wednesday April 20th; remote students who are writing will receive a link to the practice test via email. We are also offering a 2 session OSSLT bootcamp during lunch Thursday April 21st and Thursday April 28th in the Learning Commons for any students interested in additional preparation.

Students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will conference with their learning resource teacher beginning the week of April 11th to discuss their needs and accommodations for the test. A parent letter documenting your child's accommodations for the OSSLT will be sent home with your child.

Senior students who have successfully met their OSSLT requirement or have their literacy requirement waived will be offered tutorial time during the morning in the west wing (circle) with teacher supervisors. There will be a 50 minute lunch break followed by a typical afternoon schedule running periods 3 and 4.

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May 5th is a full instructional day for staff and students, though modified to minimize disruptions to test writers:

8:05 am - 9:20 am	OSSLT testing for Gr. 9/10 (Booklet A); tutorial time for Grade 11/12
9:20 am – 9:35 am	Movement and nutrition break
9:35 am - 10:50 am	OSSLT testing for Gr. 9/10 (Booklet B); tutorial time for Grade 11/12
10:50 am – 11:40 am	Lunch
11:40 am - 12:55 pm	Regular period 3 classes
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Regular period 4 classes

For additional resources and information about the OSSLT, please visit the EQAO website: www.eqao.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me through the school office at 905.628.2203.
Sincerely,

Gail Cipriani



Principal
Dundas Valley Secondary School