



Glendale Secondary School

Spring OSSLT Information and Communication to Families

On **Tuesday, April 16** and **Thursday, April 18**, all eligible grade 10 students will participate in writing the OSSLT to fulfill their OSSD literacy requirement for graduation.

The Test Framework:

Session A – Part 1 focuses on reading and open-response questions

Session B – Part 2 focuses on reading comprehension and writing skills including a series of opinion paragraphs

Where will the test be written?

- Students will write the test in the **cafeteria** or **Library Learning Commons** under the supervision of Glendale educators

How will the test be administered?

The test is entirely **online**. Students **MUST** use their **HWDSB-provided devices** to write the OSSLT.

Students are responsible for bringing their devices fully charged as well as bringing their chargers.

Please ensure the latest update has been installed on their HWDSB iPad.

Please note that online test has many **assistive features** to support all students including:

- An easy-to-access help menu
- A text-speech function that reads the text on the screen aloud
- A line reader that helps students focus on one line of text at a time
- A magnifying feature that allows zoom in and zoom out
- A high-contrast view
- Annotation tools
- A tool for rough notes and planning

How can I help my student prepare for the OSSLT?

Before the Test

- Encourage your child/student to participate in all of Glendale's OSSLT preparatory lessons in their classes leading up to the test days:

Mastering Multiple Choice - March 20 (p.1)

Reading Strategies - March 26 (p.3)

Essay Writing - March 22 (p. 2)

Exploring Test Tools - March 28 (p.4)

- There are **Drop-in Literacy Sessions** during lunch and after school sessions in the Library Learning Commons on **April 10 & April 11** that all students are welcome to attend
- Encourage your student to review the format and tools available by previewing the [PRACTICE LITERACY TEST](#), available through EQAO

On the Day of the Test

- Ensure your student brings their HWDSB device fully charged & updated
- Ensure your student brings their charger
- Remind your student to be on time
- Remind your student to eat before the test
- Encourage your student to be positive and try their best

For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, please visit EQAO's website www.eqao.com. Students are also encouraged to check out the bulletin boards on the 2nd floor at Glendale for more tips about the OSSLT.

Best of luck to all students writing the OSSLT! 😊

