

EQAO Information Sheet

THE TESTS:

Grade 3 and 6 Reading

Grade 3 and 6 Writing

Grade 3 and 6 Math

Grade 9 Math

OSSLT (administered during the student's first year in grade 10)

Who writes the tests?

- All students in grades 3,6,9 and 10 write.
- Students with IEPs (Individual Education Plans) and special needs students are encouraged to write.
- Parents may choose to withdraw their children from the tests. This can be done by writing to the school principal.

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What is EQAO?

EQAO is the Education Quality and Accountability Office. EQAO is an arm's-length agency of the Ontario government meant to provide accurate and reliable information about student achievement in publicly funded schools and make recommendations to improve learning and teaching.

About Results

ISR's (Individual Student Records) for each student who writes the Grade 3, 6 or 9 assessment or the OSSLT are sent to the school at which the testing took place. EQAO also releases provincial, school board and school results.

OFHSA Policy on Large Scale Mandated Assessments

The primary purposes of assessments are the improvement of student learning and teaching effectiveness.

The secondary purposes are to help schools, boards and policy makers make improvements in curriculum design.

The OSSLT

All students in public or private schools must write the OSSLT in grade 10. If they are unsuccessful they may complete the OSSLC (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course). Successful completion of the OSSLT or OSSLC is necessary to achieve an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Do they count?

The results of a student's grade 3 or 6 assessments are not included in their course marks. Results of a student's grade 9 math assessment may be used for up to 30% of the student's grade at the discretion of the teacher, school or board.

FI Students

Grade 3 FI students may write the French version of the math test only or the English reading and writing tests and the French math test. Grade 6 FI students write all tests in English but may use a bilingual glossary for mathematical terms.

What they Mean

Level 1: Much below the provincial standard

Level 2: approaching the provincial standard.

Level 3: meets the provincial standard.

Level 4: exceeds the provincial standard.

School-by-school results are not to be used in any ranking activity.

Students are expected to participate but the final decision rests solely with the parent/guardian.

