

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Information Update 2024-2025

Administration Dates

- Fall Session - November 5 - December 3, 2024
- Spring Session - March 18- April 15, 2025
- **Grade 10 students will write in the semester they have been assigned English.**

Test Materials

- Two online test booklets. The OSSLT is completed fully online at school on the specified date.

Duration

- 185 mins. of testing time in total.
- Pre-test instructions (15 mins.) Session A (65 mins.) Break (15 mins.) Session B (75 mins.) Exit survey (15 mins.)
- All students are allotted double time if required.

Results

- An Individual Student Report indicating whether you are successful or unsuccessful will be received either in the end of January or the end of June depending on when a student attempts the test.

Session A - 25 Questions

News Report (Reading)

- Multiple choice
- Drag and drop
- Fill in the blanks
- 100 word short response

Information Paragraph (Reading)

- Multiple choice
- Drag and drop
- Fill in the blanks
- Checklist

Real Life Narrative (Reading)

- Multiple choice
- Drag and drop
- Checklist

Writing Conventions (Writing)

- Multiple choice
- Drag and drop
- Fill in the blank

Session B - 12 Questions

Essay (Writing)

- 500 word personal opinion essay

Dialogue (Reading)

- Multiple choice
- Fill in the blanks
- Drag and drop
- Checklist

Writing Conventions (Writing)

- Multiple choice
- Fill in the blank
- Drag and drop

Information Paragraph (Reading)

- Multiple choice
- Drag and drop
- Fill in the blanks
- Checklist

FAQS:

- All Grade 10 students must write the OSSLT at least one time. If unsuccessful, students must successfully complete the equivalent Ontario Literacy Course (OLC). It is a graduate requirement.
- Grade 10 students will write with their English classes either in semester 1 or 2, depending on when they are scheduled to take English.
- All students will be completing the test in the d'Youville Library on their scheduled date beginning right after the morning announcements. Please be prompt and in full uniform!
- Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will not write with their classes. These students will write on an alternative date because they are offered different accommodations in accordance with their IEP. Mrs. Andreacola (Teacher-Librarian) will inform them of the date they will be writing.
- The passing grade for the OSSLT is 300 out of 400.
- Students are required to complete all four activities in each session for a total of eight activities between Sessions A and B. Do not leave any blanks! If you are unsure, make an educated guess. You have a 1 in 4 chance of getting the non-written response questions correct!

Students should familiarize themselves with the general instructions, online tools and types of questions on the practice test. The practice test can be accessed online by visiting:

<https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/>

- While students are honing their skills in class, there is no such thing as being over-prepared! Students are encouraged to join the Google Classroom created by Mr. Dietrich, *Head of English*. This Google Classroom contains literacy skills building PowerPoints and practice activities. The code to join is: **fvuihfh**
- If you have any questions, feel free to call Mrs. Andreacola at (905) 789-5560 ext. 79144.