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Re: Upcoming OSSLT Assessment Fall 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Guardians:

This fall, the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) will be again offering the computer based online Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) to Ontario students. The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects based on the Grade 9 curriculum content. Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the compulsory requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Grade 10 Students, currently enrolled in a Grade 10 English (ENG2DI) this semester, will complete Session A of the OSSLT on Wednesday, November 13th and Session B on Thursday, November 14th. Each session is designed to be completed in approximately 60-75 minutes with extra time allowed for any student test-taker. Senior students, who have not yet fulfilled the requirement, will be writing the OSSLT on Thursday, November 27th in the library. Students taking Grade 10 English in Semester 2 will write Spring 2025.

After completing both sessions, students will have a chance to complete a questionnaire that asks them about their experiences, attitudes and perceptions with respect to literacy.

An Individual Student Report will be generated for each student after the scoring of the OSSLT. These reports will be available in late January. For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website at www.eqao.com.

Before the day of the test, Grade 10 students will have an opportunity to participate in a **Practice Test** exercise on **Thursday, November 7**th, where they have an opportunity to become familiar with the online test environment.

Students can access OSSLT Prep content by joining our Google HHSS OSSLT RESOURCES Student Classroom with the join code huu666z and by accessing the WRDSB Brightspace course, preloaded with all kinds of content to help students get ready for the OSSLT. Students can connect to the HRH OSSLT Preparation 2425 by going to wrdsb.elearningontario.ca and logging in to this course with their SchoolConnect username and password here.

Sincerely,

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The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) at HHSS



This information is intended for HHSS students who will be completing the OSSLT assessment in the Fall of 2024. Meeting the literacy requirement is a graduation requirement for all Ontario students.

The OSSLT has two Sessions (A and B), with each session taking approximately 60-75 minutes to complete.

WHO?	WHAT?	WHEN? WHERE?
BLOCK 1 ENG2DI Students BLOCK 2 ENG2DI Students BLOCK 3 ENG2DI Students BLOCK 4 ENG2DI Students	Session A of the OSSLT	Wednesday, November 13th during scheduled ENG2DI classes in the library
BLOCK 1 ENG2DI Students BLOCK 2 ENG2DI Students BLOCK 3 ENG2DI Students BLOCK 4 ENG2DI Students	Session B of the OSSLT	Thursday, November 14th during scheduled ENG2DI classes in the library
BLOCK <u>5</u> ENG2DI Students	Session A of the OSSLT	Wednesday, November 13th 8:00AM in 1400
	Session B of the OSSLT	Thursday, November 14th 8:00AM in 1400
Mixed group of students (Co-op students and makeup day for Grade 10s who missed one or both parts of the OSSLT)	Sessions A and B of the OSSLT	Wednesday November 27th at 8:00am in the Library

OSSLT Prep Resources:

Students can access resources to help them prepare for the OSSLT by joining this Google Classroom (huu666z) and by accessing the <u>WRDSB Brightspace course</u>, preloaded with all kinds of content to help students get ready for the OSSLT.

Tips and Reminders for Test Day(s)
 □ Be on time! If you are later than 15 minutes, you will have to write the test on a different day/time. □ Eat a good breakfast on the test days. □ Get a good sleep the night before the test days. □ Access the OSSLT Practice Test here
What to Bring on Test Day(s)
☐ Your FULLY CHARGED Chromebook & power cord ☐ Pen/pencil for rough work ☐ Reusable water bottle
 □ Optional: Your own headphones □ Optional: Your own mouse that works with your Chromebook

Questions?

Please contact Matt Schroeder (matthew_schroeder@wrdsb.ca) in Guidance or Trevor Gerard (trevor_gerard@wrdsb.ca) in the Main Office