

OSSLT Preparation: Key Facts and Tips

- The literacy test is on Thursday March 26, 2015 at O’Gorman High School (Note: an alternate site has been set up at ACCESS for ACCESS students).
- Students must be at school on time (8:45) that day. The test begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- The test will be written in **two 75 minute blocks** with a 15 minute break in between.
- A light snack will be served to students writing the test after they have completed Booklet 1.
- Lunch will be from 11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. The **CAFETERIA WILL BE CLOSED**. Students are responsible for their own lunch.
- For the remainder of the day, students will be attending classes (shortened periods). The schedule for the afternoon will be as follows:

Period 1:	12:57 p.m. – 1:27 p.m.
Period 2:	1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Period 3:	2:03 p.m. – 2:33 p.m.
Period 4:	2:36 p.m. – 3:06 p.m.
- Accommodations have been set up for students with an IEP.
- Parent and student resources are available at the EQAO website. These resources include information about the new booklet format for this year; sample tests from previous years; and tips on how to prepare for the test. To access the website, go to <http://www.eqao.com> and click on “Student Resources” or “Parent Resources” at the top of the page. Then click on “Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.” The “Getting Ready Guide” and “Planning and Preparation Guide” within this website might be of interest.
- A literacy tutor is available during lunch hour, five days a week, in Room 127, to work with students who would like extra assistance preparing for the literacy test. It is recommended that students bring their laptops to these sessions.
- We have created an e-learning website as a support for all students who are writing the test. They were given a wallet-size laminated card with instructions on how to access this website. To access the “Grade Ten Literacy Test Preparation” website,
 - go to the school board’s web page at <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>
 - scroll down to eNCDSB (a green icon)
 - Username: firstname.lastname
 - Password: BIRTHDAY as follows: 2digitmonth/2digitday/4digityear (don’t forget the slashes)
 - Click on “Grade Ten Literacy Test Preparation” on the left
- An engaging, informative, and interactive rock star game website, where students can practise literacy test tasks, is available at <http://www.readwriterock.com>

