

# Online OSSLT: Important Information for Schools

## The Online OSSLT offers use of the following digital tools:

- Magnifying tool
- Highlighter
- Notepad for rough notes
- Strikeout tool for multiple choice questions
- Flag feature to mark questions
- Masking tool to block out parts of the text (IEP only)
- Ruler tool to highlight specific parts of the text (IEP only)
- Text to speech features (IEP only)

([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com))

## Online OSSLT October 20th, 2016:

- \*New\* opportunity for students to write the OSSLT online on October 20th, 2016
- Results will be shared with schools in January 2017
- Students need 75% to pass (score of 300)
- Students who are **successful** on the online test in October will have met the graduation requirement and **do not** have to take the test again on March 30th, 2017
- For students who are unsuccessful, schools will offer targeted support to prepare students for the next opportunity to write on March 30th, 2017, or students may be able to take the Ontario Literacy Course to meet their graduation requirement

## 3 Opportunities to write the OSSLT in 2016-2017:

- **October 20th, 2016**  
Online Sessions  
(morning or afternoon)
  - **March 30th, 2017**  
Online Sessions  
(morning or afternoon)
- OR**
- **March 30th, 2017**  
Paper & Pen Session  
(morning only)

Go to [EQAO.com](http://EQAO.com) to try an Online Sample Test

## Students should partake in the following offered by schools:

- Online OSSLT Prep Sessions—learn how to use the digital tools and the software
- Online EQAO resources
- Cross-curricular initiatives that support literacy
- After Hours Literacy Sessions
- Grade 9 Practice test

Online OSSLT Date:  
October 20th, 2016

