



Literacy success rates are high in Ontario elementary and secondary schools.

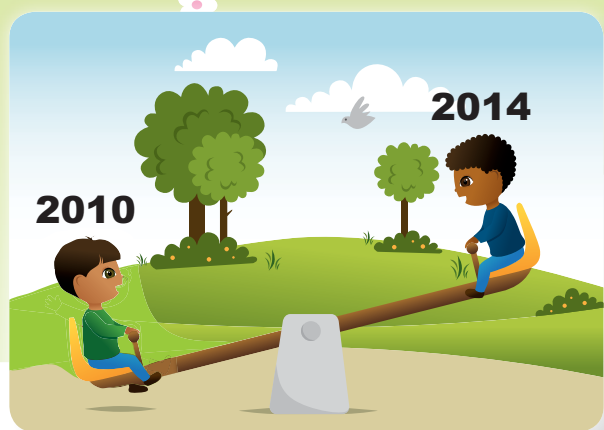
Math achievement continues to drop in Grade 6.

Grade 9 math achievement shows steady improvement—success rate in applied course still low.

## Elementary Schools

In elementary schools, with each passing year higher percentages of students are achieving the reading and writing standards, and lower percentages are meeting the math standard.

### READING and WRITING



Over the past five years, the percentage of students who have met or exceeded the provincial standard in



**Grade 3**  
has increased from  
**62% to 70%**

**Grade 6**  
has increased from  
**72% to 79%**



**Grade 3**  
has decreased from  
**71% to 67%**

**Grade 6**  
has decreased from  
**61% to 54%**



**Grade 3**  
has increased from  
**70% to 78%**

**Grade 6**  
has increased from  
**70% to 78%**

## Secondary Schools



### OSSLT

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Over the past five years, the success rate on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test has

**Decreased** from **84%** to **83%**, among all first-time eligible students in the province. The success rate on the OSSLT has remained in the mid to low 80s for the past 10 years.

**Decreased** from **60%** to **50%** among first-time eligible students enrolled in the applied English course.

In secondary schools, the math success rate has steadily been improving for students in both the academic and the applied courses, while literacy achievement has remained stable overall and has steadily declined for students in the applied English course.

### GRADE 9 MATHEMATICS



Over the past five years, the percentage of students who have met or exceeded the provincial standard in the



**Academic Course**  
has increased from  
**82% to 85%**

**Applied Course**  
has increased from  
**40% to 47%**

Student success rates in secondary school applied courses remain low.

A review of these courses is warranted.



Although the success rate of students in the applied math course has been steadily on the rise, increasing from **40%** five years ago to **47%** in 2014, it has remained persistently low, and more than half the students enrolled in this course are still not meeting the provincial standard.

The OSSLT success rate of students in applied English courses has been decreasing each year for the past five years, from **60%** in 2010 to **50%** in 2014.

Significant majorities of students who did not meet provincial standards in secondary school had also not met the standard in elementary school.

Of the students in the Grade 9 applied math course who did not meet the standard, **90%** had also not met the standard in Grade 6.

Of the fully participating students in the applied English course who were unsuccessful on the OSSLT, **75%** had not met the Grade 6 reading standard.