



Preparing for the OSSLT



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Test Date:

Wednesday, March 27th



Today:

- **The OSSLT:**
 - An overview of the day's schedule
 - What's on the test?
 - What to bring and what NOT to bring
 - Tips for preparing



Schedule for the Day:

- Report to your test location by **8:15 a.m. sharp**→

Attendance is mandatory!

- **Booklet 1:** 75 minutes
- 30 minute break

- **Booklet 2:** 75 minutes
- **Questionnaire:** 10 minutes
- Students wishing to continue with extra time for either session will be escorted by a teacher to a separate extra time room.



***School Buses will run at the usual morning and afternoon times**



***All students must be in full uniform**

***Upon completion of Booklet 2 you will be dismissed by the supervising teacher**



The OSSLT: What is it?

- The OSSLT is a standardized written test
- Evaluates essential **reading and writing skills** that apply to **all subject areas**
- Successful completion is a **diploma requirement!**
- Successful completion = **300 / 400**



What skills are tested?



FUNCTIONAL READING

- Reading for explicit meaning
- Reading for implicit meaning
- Making connections

FUNCTIONAL WRITING

- Developing a main idea
- Organizing information
- Using conventions
- Topic development





-Be **CONVINCING** when "developing an idea or topic."
Whether you are **Expressing an Opinion** or **Writing a News Report**,
DETAILS are important!

Let the evaluator see that you have fully developed your response and supported your point of view using **specific examples**.

-When **Writing your News Report** use the tips you've Practised in class (5Ws), and make connections to the picture and headline provided.

When **Expressing your Opinion** take **one side only** - **affirmative** or **negative**... pick one!



During the Test...

- **Students will not receive:**
 - Instruction on any concepts or items from the test
 - Explanations, definitions, translations or examples of reading vocabulary or writing terminology

**NO QUESTIONS OF ANY SORT
ARE PERMITTED DURING THE
TESTING PERIOD.**



What to Bring...

- A small, clear, plastic baggie containing the following materials:
 - 3-4 pencils or blue or black pens
 - scrap paper to be provided
 - bottle of water



What NOT to Bring...

- Pencil case
- Electronic devices (i.e. cell phone)
- Knapsacks, bags, purses
- Jackets, sweaters
- Food and drink

***SMALL SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED**

***NO CAFETERIA SERVICE**



Tips for Students:

- Attempt **ALL** questions.
- Read the questions carefully to understand your task.
- Write your answers **only in the Answer Booklet** and **FILL the space provided.**
- **Plan** your responses to the writing tasks using the space provided or in the notepad app
- Follow instructions and directions **PRECISELY.**

