



Sherwood Secondary School

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Hello students and families,

You are receiving this letter because you/your student is in Grade 11 or 12 at Sherwood Secondary School. The Ontario Ministry of Education requires all students to successfully pass the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) as a graduation requirement. This test is offered annually to students in grade 10 as well as those in grades 11 or 12 that were previously unsuccessful or did not have an opportunity to participate in previous years/sessions. Important dates to keep in mind:

- The OSSLT will be held for all Grade 11 and 12 students in English Semester 1 **on Monday November 25 and Tuesday November 26, 2024**
- **Students are required to attend on the day indicated at the top of the letter**
- Students will write the entire test on the day indicated
- **Students are REQUIRED to bring their HWDSB assigned laptop fully charged on BOTH days**
- **Students will write in the library or the Learning Resource room**

Key Details about the OSSLT

The assessment includes:

- TWO (2), 60-minute digital assessments, with 33 total questions (additional time is available for all students up to a maximum of two hours per section).
- All students are entitled to additional time. Please note that if additional time is needed students will be escorted from their classroom to the library by their teachers
- Students that are currently on SAL, online only, or in morning co-op should make arrangements to attend school on the days of the test. Please email Mrs. Wilson at jowilson@hwdsb.on.ca if this is your situation.
- The OSSLT has built-in features that ALL students have access to, including:
 - Text-to-Speech Reader (bring your own headphones with a jack to plug into desktop sound)
 - Text Zoom Tool
 - Digital Notepad
 - Digital Highlighter
 - Digital Line Reader
 - High Contrast
 - Drawing Tool & Eraser

Information about OSSLT Accommodations for Students with IEPs

Students with IEPs will be contacted by their Learning Resource contact in the upcoming week(s) to discuss additional accommodations beyond those outlined.



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Additional Supports for Students:

- Links to Official OSSLT Practice Tests – Available Now – EQAO, the governing body of the OSSLT, has created a practice version of the test. Students wishing to get a head start practicing or trying out the built-in tools can do so now by going to <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslt/>.

As a school, we encourage ALL writers to access the test and familiarize yourself with the tools mentioned above. This is the BEST way to prepare for the test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. McGilchrist jmcgilch@hwdsb.on.ca

Thank you for your support,

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Principal – Sherwood Secondary School