

Resources and Supports for English Language Learners

In addition to the permitted resources for all students and built-in accessibility tools, EQAO has resources and supports available for English language learners (ELLs)¹ completing our assessments.

For All Assessments



- Extended periodic supervised breaks
- As stated in the *English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12 (2007)* document, ELL students should take the assessments when they have acquired the level of proficiency in English required for success.
- ELL students who have special education needs and an Individual Education Plan (IEP) are entitled to permitted accommodations as listed in their IEP and used for regular classroom activities, specifically for all forms of assessment.

For the Primary and Junior Divisions

Students in the early stages or steps of English-language acquisition can have access to additional accommodations without an IEP if they regularly use those accommodations during classroom assessments.

Writing only: dual-language dictionaries

Mathematics only: digital or paper dual-language resources (e.g., translating tool or glossary)



For the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics



- Digital or paper language resources (e.g., dual-language glossary, translating tool, personal glossary) that are non-instructional (e.g., no definitions)

¹ English language learners are students whose first language is a language other than English, or is a variety of English that is significantly different from the variety used for instruction in Ontario's schools, and who may require focused educational supports to assist them in attaining proficiency in English. (Source: *English Language Learners: ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12* [2007])

Additional Resources

Resources for All Students

Resources and Supports for Students with an IEP or Special Considerations

Resources and Supports for Students in the ALF and PANA Programs

User Guides

Primary and Junior Divisions

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

