



2020–2021 EQAO Stakeholder Engagement

In 2020–2021, EQAO field tested digitalized versions of the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The success of these field tests would not have been possible without the work of students, teachers, administrators and board staff across the province.

From August to October 2020, EQAO engaged stakeholders prior to the launch of the e-assessment system. Beginning in late August, EQAO held information webinars to provide school-board leaders with an overview of the agency’s plan for modernization. This early series of six sessions was attended by 379 participants seeking information about the Grade 9 mathematics field test.

Throughout the fall and winter, EQAO consulted with its Student Engagement Committee to gather feedback on the format of the modernized assessments. EQAO also presented at regular meetings of the Ontario Math Coordinators Association (OMCA), the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) group of the Ontario Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and the Comité consultatif des technologies de l’information et des communications (CCTIC) to engage educators and board IT staff in the rollout of the online assessment.

Field-Test Training Webinars

Starting in October 2020, EQAO conducted 93 English-language and 45 French-language webinars for principals, teachers and school-board IT staff throughout the field-test administration period. These sessions informed participants about their role in administering the field tests. The sessions also provided educators and administrators with the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. When the webinars first began, many educators sought information about the general timelines and policies for the administration of the field tests. As the new e-assessment system rolled out, attendees had more specific questions about the functionality of the e-assessment platform.

Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics Webinars

October 2020 to
May 2021



A total of 1183 administrators, teachers and board staff

attended the live training webinars related to the Grade 9 field test.

89% of respondents to a participant survey indicated that they agree that the webinar answered their questions.



An additional 399 stakeholders

accessed recordings of these sessions.

75% of respondents indicated that they agree that the webinar helped them feel more comfortable with the e-assessment system.

OSSLT Webinars

March to June 2021



A total of 1851 principals, teachers and school-board IT staff

attended the live sessions.

91% of respondents to a participant survey indicated that they agree that the webinar answered their questions.



An additional 1972 stakeholders

accessed recordings of these sessions.

79% of respondents indicated that they agree that the webinar helped them feel more comfortable with the e-assessment system.

Additional Engagement

Since the launch of the e-assessment system, EQAO has also presented to the Provincial Parent Associations Advisory Committee and to the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education. EQAO was also featured at the Canadian Assessment for Learning Network's national conference, and at the Ontario Association for Mathematics Education conference, where EQAO staff presented the new assessment models to delegates. These sessions also helped EQAO to develop question-and-answer documents (Q & As) and other helpful resources.

The field-test training webinars were part of the agency's ongoing effort to engage stakeholders in order to work toward continuous improvement in the development of EQAO's digitalized assessment platforms.

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