

**RELEASE OF PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR THE
2017 WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
(WASSCE) FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES**

The West African Examinations Council wishes to inform its numerous publics that it has released **provisional results** of candidates who took the 2017 West African Senior School Certificate Examination for School Candidates (WASSCE). The Council will despatch the results to the schools and candidates are advised to contact their heads of school for their results.

Meanwhile, the Council has hosted the results online and candidates, who so desire, may access their results at the Council's website.

The Council is alerting members of the public especially candidates to be wary of impostors who promise to change examination results for a fee. Candidates are to note that all WAEC results are well secured and can be authenticated. Persons with forged results will be exposed.

STATISTICS

A total of **289,210** candidates entered for the examination. This figure is 5.45% higher than the 2016 candidature of 274,262. The 2017 entry figure was made up of **147,591** (51%) males and **141,619** (49%) females. The examination was conducted for **916** participating schools. A total of 1,732 (0.60%) of the candidates who registered were absent from the examination.

The performance of the candidates in regard to the four core subjects are as follows:

- English Language: **155,077** (54.06%) obtained **A1-C6**; **73,409** (25.59%) obtained **D7-E8** while **58,351** (20.35%) had **F9**;
- Mathematics (Core): **122,450** (42.73%) obtained **A1-C6**; **106,024** (37%) obtained **D7-E8** while **58,070** (20.27%) had **F9**;
- Integrated Science: **125,204** (43.66%) obtained **A1-C6**; **84,851** (29.59%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst 76,693 (26.75%) had **F9**;
- Social Studies: **149,806** (52.25%) obtained **A1-C6**; **69,795** (24.35%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **67,078** (23.40%) had **F9**.

Based on the provisional results, the performance at A1-C6 in Mathematics showed a marked improvement over that of 2016 (32.83% to 42.73%), while English Language recorded a slight improvement (53.19% to 54.06%). On the contrary, Integrated Science showed slight drop from the 2016 performance (48.48% to 43.66%). Similarly, there was a drop in the performance in Social Studies (54.93% to 52.25%).

MALPRACTICE

The entire results of candidates from 185 schools have been withheld pending the conclusion of investigations into various cases of examination malpractice detected during and after the conduct of the examination. This includes results of candidates from 31 schools who were detected by the Item Differentia Profile (IDP) software to have cheated in objective tests.

The withheld results of candidates will be cancelled if found culpable or released if otherwise.

CONCLUSION

The Council wishes to express its deepest appreciation to all stakeholders especially the Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service, Supervisors, Invigilators, the Ghana Police Service, Examiners and all who in various ways helped in the successful conduct of the examination and the timeous release of results.