

PRESS RELEASE

RELEASE OF PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR THE WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE) FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES, 2018

The West African Examinations Council wishes to inform its numerous publics that it has released **provisional results** of candidates who took the West African Senior School Certificate Examination for School Candidates, 2018. 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 316,999 candidates entered for the examination. This figure is 9.6% higher than the 2017 candidature of 289,207. The 2018 entry figure was made up of 158, 550 (50.02%) males and 158,449 (49.98%) females. The examination was conducted for 946 participating schools. A total of 1,378 (0.43%) 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: **147,232** (46.79%) obtained **A1-C6**; **99,402** (31.60%) obtained **D7-E8** while **68,002** (21.61%) had **F9**;
- Mathematics (Core): **120,519** (38.33%) obtained **A1-C6**; **94,607** (30.09%) obtained **D7-E8** while **99,275** (31.58%) had **F9**;
- Integrated Science: **158,691** (50.52%) obtained **A1-C6**; **109,069** (34.72%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **46,367** (14.76%) had **F9**;
- Social Studies: **230,141** (73.27%) obtained **A1-C6**; **46,464** (14.79%) obtained **D7-E8** whilst **37,494** (11.94%) had **F9**.

Based on the provisional results, the performance at A1- C6 in Social Studies showed a marked improvement over that of 2017 (52.25% to 73.27%), while Integrated Science recorded a slight improvement (43.66% to 50.52%). On the contrary, Mathematics (Core) showed a drop in performance from 2017 (42.73% to 38.33%). Similarly, there was a drop in the performance in English Language (54.06% to 46.79%).

MALPRACTICE

The entire results of 26,434 candidates have been withheld pending the conclusion of investigations into various cases of examination malpractice detected during and after the conduct of the examination.

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.