

School Curriculum and Standards Authority

Table 1.6 'Typical' school students* achieving a Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) in 2021

Category of students	Male	Female	Other	Persons	Percentage of eligible cohort
Eligible for a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)	11185	11475	17	22677	100%
Achieving a WACE	10366	10632	16	21014	92.67%
Not achieving a WACE only on literacy or numeracy standard or both standards**(a)	1	2	0	3	0.01%
Not achieving a WACE only on the achievement standard*** (b,c)	193	151	0	344	1.52%
Not achieving a WACE only on the achievement standard*** (b)	45	40	0	85	0.37%
Not achieving a WACE only on the ATAR/General/Cert II achievement standard*** (c)	1	7	0	8	0.04%
Not achieving a WACE only on the breadth and depth standard**** (d)	4	9	0	13	0.06%
Not achieving a WACE on literacy or numeracy standard or both standards** (a) and achievement standard*** (b,c)	540	611	0	1151	5.08%
Not achieving a WACE on literacy or numeracy standard or both standards** (a) and breadth and depth standard**** (d)	1	0	0	1	0%
Not achieving a WACE on achievement standard*** (b,c) and on the breadth and depth standard**** (d)	46	44	1	91	0.4%
Not achieving a WACE on literacy and/or numeracy standard** (a), on achievement standard*** (b,c) and on breadth and depth standard**** (d)	34	26	0	60	0.26%

* A 'typical' school student is defined as a student who is less than 19 years old, has completed 20 or more course units or equivalent with at least 10 of the course units or equivalent completed in Year 12. This does not include repeating or overseas students.

** Literacy and numeracy standard

(a) Demonstration of the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

*** Achievement standard

(b) Achievement of at least 14 C grades or higher (or the equivalent) in Year 11 and 12 units, with a minimum of six C grades or the equivalent in Year 12 units.

(c) Completion of:

- at least four Year 12 ATAR courses, or
- at least five Year 12 General Courses (or a combination of General and up to three Year 12 ATAR courses) (or the equivalent), or
- a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification.

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**** Breadth and depth requirement

(d) Completion of a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent, including at least:

- 10 Year 12 units or the equivalent.
- Four units from an English learning area course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area course.
- One pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology).