

PROGRESS 8 AND ATTAINMENT 8

A parent's guide to the new secondary school accountability measures

THE BASIC POINT SCORE

Progress 8 and Attainment 8 measure school performance, rather than pupil performance, although pupils' GCSE results are used to calculate the measure. From Summer 2017, a new GCSE 9-1 grading system will be phased in – the new system awards scores equivalent to the numerical grade.



Where the old system still applies, grades are worth the following points:

A* - 8.5	A - 7	B - 5.5	C - 4
D - 3	E - 2	F - 1.5	G - 1

In 2019, all GCSEs will be awarded using the 9-1 grade scale.

THE ATTAINMENT 8 SCORE

Attainment 8 is based on pupils' scores across eight qualifications. Only scores from three groups of government-approved qualifications will count towards Attainment 8.



Bundle 1 English and Maths: Worth double marks, but English will only count for double marks if courses in literature and language are taken.



Bundle 2 English Baccalaureate (EBacc subjects): The top three scores from science, computer science, history, geography and languages.



Bundle 3 EBacc subjects/approved qualifications: The top three scores from remaining EBacc subjects or government-approved courses.

THE PROGRESS 8 SCORE

Progress 8 is based on two calculations using Attainment 8 scores. Pupils who had similar reading and maths results at key stage 2 are grouped and their Attainment 8 scores are nationally averaged - this is the estimated Attainment 8 score.



Pupil Progress 8 score = $\text{Attainment 8 score} - \text{estimated Attainment 8 score} \div 10$ (eight subjects, maths and English count twice)



School Progress 8 score = $\frac{\text{the combined total of pupil Progress 8 scores}}{\text{the total number of pupils in year group}}$

THE SMALL PRINT

- No qualifications outside of the EBacc subjects or approved list count towards the Attainment 8 score.
- Non-EBacc subjects from the approved list for Bundle 3 cannot count towards Bundle 2.
- If a pupil has not taken enough EBacc subjects to complete Bundle 2, then a score of zero for each 'vacant' place will be given.
- If there are not enough qualifications to fill the three places in Bundle 3, vacant places will score zero.
- Estimated grades will not be known in advance, as pupils' results are compared to others with identical prior attainment in the same year group.
- Schools are credited for grade increases, regardless of the estimated grade.

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