

Secondary Education



Structure and Content

Secondary education runs from Forms 1 to 5 (grades 7 to 11). Students participate in all subject areas offered from Forms 1 -3 and can opt for any four or more of the subjects offered at this level. A mixture of general and technical subjects make up the secondary curriculum.

Assessment and Qualifications

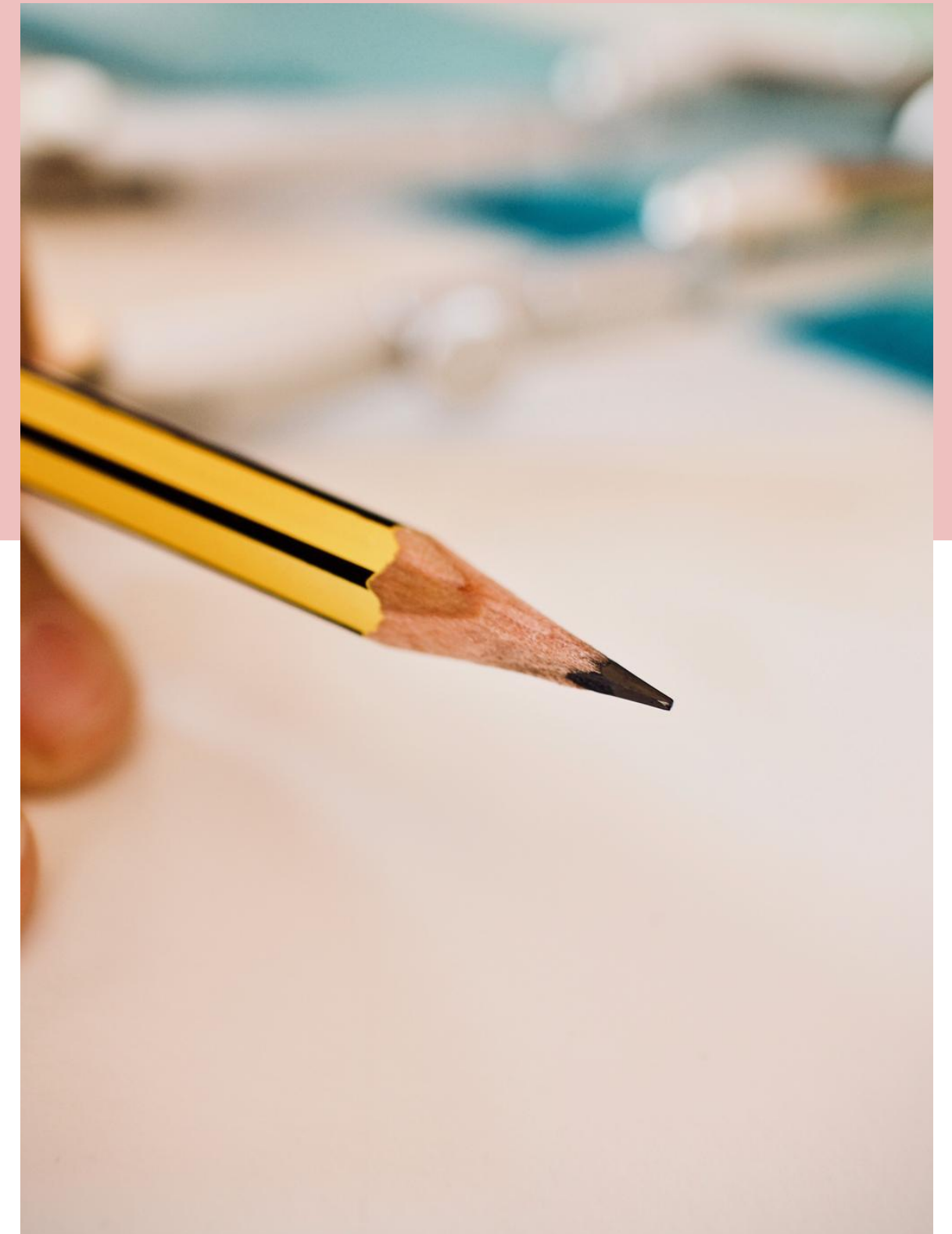
The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) offers 2 examinations at the secondary level:

A

The CCSLC Examination (Caribbean Certificate of Secondary level Competences)

B

The CSEC Examination (Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate)





CCSLC



The CCSLC is awarded at the end of lower secondary (Form 3).

The certificate is conferred jointly by the CXC and the Ministry of Education.

Students can enter as candidate to write this exam any time after Form 3.

Subjects offered are Modern Language, English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Integrated Science.

Students can write any of these or all of these subjects at any time.

Presently only seven schools offer the CCSLC but, all schools must offer the exam to students.

CCSLC Grading Scheme

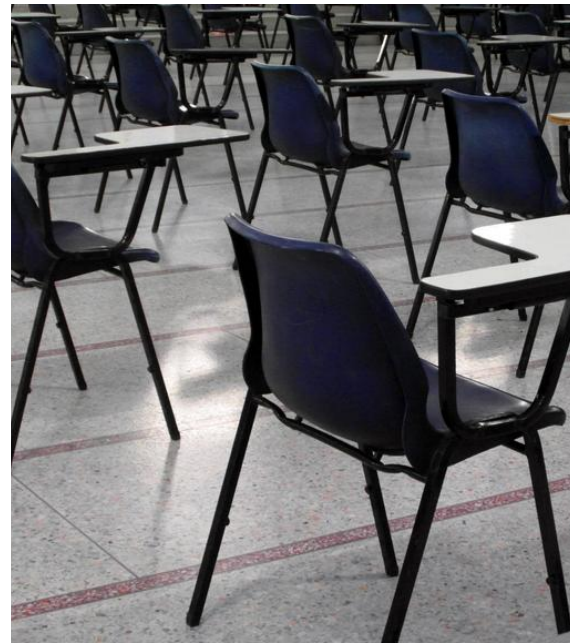
GRADE DESCRIPTOR

75 - 100: Master

50 - 74: Competent

0 - 49: Developing Competence

CSEC



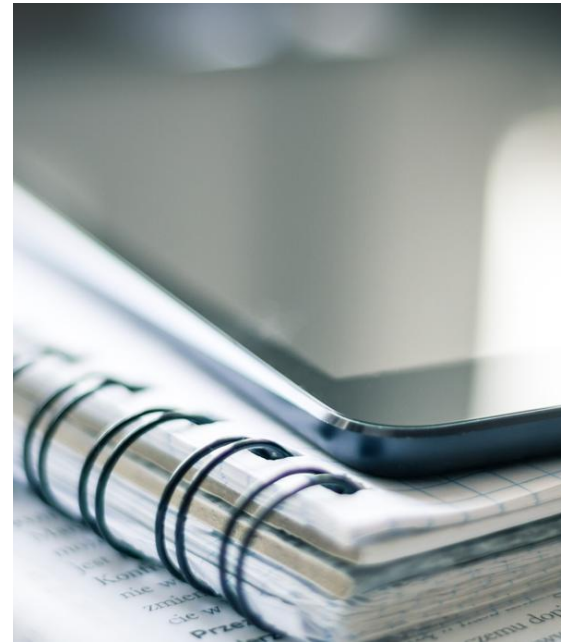
At the end of Form 5 students sit the CSEC examinations. Students can pursue as many as 14 CSEC subjects. All students are required to sit external examination in English and schools must submit at least 75% of their students to sit mathematics.

The CSEC examinations are offered in over thirty subjects within the following subject fields:

Arts and humanities, Business and Human Development Studies, Mathematics and Science, Technical studies & Creative arts.

Subjects are studied at either General or Technical Proficiency.

Grading Scheme



Internal Assessment

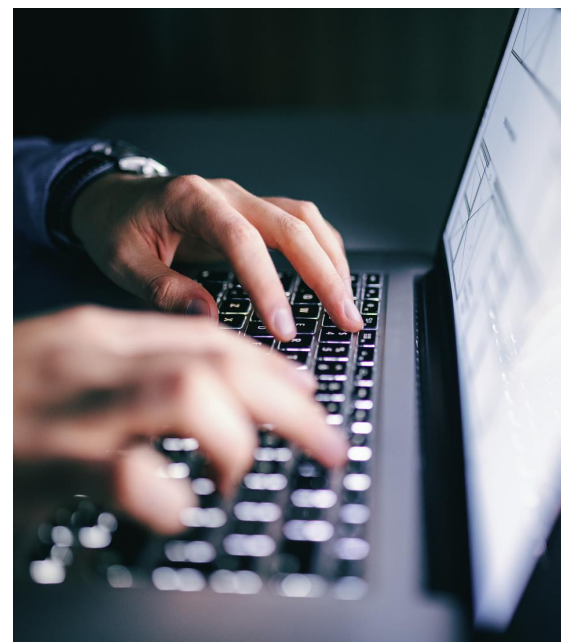
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Grading Scheme contd



External Assessment

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CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

*Certificate of Secondary
Education (CSEC)*

As of 1998 candidates receive both an overall grade (graded I to VI) for General & Technical subjects, and a profile grade (graded A to F). The profile grade provides information on the candidate's specific strengths & weaknesses within a certain aptitude or skill within each subject.

CXC Grading Scheme

Overall grades and descriptors

Grade One (I):

Candidate shows a comprehensive grasp of the key concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies required by the syllabus

Grade Two (II): Candidate shows a good grasp of the key concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies required by the syllabus

Grade Three (III): Candidate shows a fairly good grasp of the key concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies required by the syllabus

CXC Grading Scheme cont'd

Overall grades and descriptors

Grade Four (IV): Candidate shows a moderate grasp of the key concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies required by the syllabus

Grade Five (V): Candidate shows a limited grasp of the key concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies required by the syllabus

Grade Six (VI): Candidate shows a very limited grasp of the key concepts, knowledge, skills and competencies required by the syllabus

CCSLC Grading Scheme

Profile grades and descriptors

A	Outstanding
B	Good
C	Fairly Good
D	Moderate
E	Weak
F	Poor

The overall grade is normally displayed on the certificate in written format, followed by the Roman numeral in brackets. The profile grade is shown in brackets after the profile on the right-hand side of the certificate.



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