

Level of knowledge indicators	
7 = Outstanding achievement	80 - 100%
6 = Meritorious achievement	70 - 79%
5 = Substantial achievement	60 - 69%
4 = Moderate achievement	50 - 59%
3 = Fair achievement	40 - 49%
2 = Elementary achievement	30 - 39%
1 = Not achieved	0 - 29%

Minimum Promotion Requirements for Grade 10 – 12

Pass Requirements for the NSC

A learner must pass:

- One official language at Home Language level at 40%.
- 2 additional subjects at 40%.
- 3 other subjects at 30%.

To pass the NSC with entry to Higher Certificate study

A learner must:

- Pass the NSC (see Achievement of the NSC above).
- Meet the language requirement for further study at a South African institution.

*Language requirement for entry to further study

- The official language of English must be offered by the pupil.
- To meet the language criterion to qualify for entry to study at a tertiary education institution, the learner must pass either Afrikaans or Setswana at the First Additional level, i.e. at 30% or more.

To pass the NSC with entry to Diploma study

A learner must:

- Pass English at 40%.
- Pass 3 additional subjects at 40% (excluding Life Orientation).
- Pass 2 other subjects at 30%.
- Meet the language requirement for further study at a South African institution. (See * above)

Note:

The key difference between qualifying for entry to diploma study rather than higher certificate study is that the learner must achieve 40% or more in 4 subjects (including the official language at Home Language level, but excluding Life Orientation) rather than just 3 subjects.

To pass the NSC with entry to Degree studies

A learner must:

- Pass English at 40% or more.
- Pass 4 subjects at 50% or more (excluding Life Orientation).
- Pass 2 other subjects at a minimum of 30%.
- Meet the language requirement for entry to further study. (See * above)