



**Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education  
Government of Sierra Leone**

**National Primary School Examination (NPSE) 2022 Report**

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Today, the Government of Sierra Leone will release to the public the 2022 National Primary School Examination (NPSE) results. This is the earliest release date in the last decade. This matters because it gives parents and families enough time to help their children and wards prepare for the new school year. When families and children prepare, they perform better.

Hard copies of result packages are being prepared now for distribution to all schools that entered candidates. Simultaneously, soft copy versions will be soon made available on the Government Service Delivery platform developed by the Directorate of Science Technology and Innovation. The free SMS Result Checker mean that in addition to families not paying for school and exams fees; they shouldn't have to pay to also know the result of their wards, thanks to His Excellency President Julius Maada Bio's commitment to Free Quality School Education.

Now for some summary analyses of the NPSE 2022 result.

162,068 candidates entered the exam. That is 79,617 (49.1%) boys and 82,451 (50.9%) girls. 421 of these students are Sierra Leoneans in Guinea. For a third year running, this is the highest number of students ever registered for this exam. Candidates sitting the exam numbered 161,797 – that is 79,477 (49.1%) boys and 82,320 (50.9%) girls

We have so far received results for 4,635 primary schools, 23 of which were in Guinea. 59 results are currently being with-held due to some form of irregularity that have been detected and reported by West African Examination Council (WAEC). These irregularities range from impersonation to carrying foreign material into an examination room to collusion to entering the exam under false pretences. WAEC expects that the committee which takes final decision on this matter will meet in September. Our government will continue to crack down heavily on examination malpractice until we can fully sanitize our system.

I should use this moment to state that it is not right that students from classes 4 and 5 continue to attempt these exams. Quality education is much broader than one's performance in an examination and that is why we have developed new curriculum to strengthen the foundational skills of our students during pre-school and 6 years of primary education.

This year, from the 162,068, 131,433 candidates, comprising 65,152 boys and 66,281 girls, passed the NPSE in 2022. These are candidates whose aggregate scores were on or above the cut-off score of 230 stipulated by the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education.

The total number of passes corresponds to an overall pass rate of 81.2%. This is a 4.2% improvement from the overall pass rate in 2021 which was 77.0%.

Regionally, the best performances were North, followed by South and Eastern Region and the top five best performing Districts are Falaba, Bonthe, Koinadugu, Kenema and Bombali respectively. The top 2 districts had over 90% pass rates.

It is also worth noting that 10 districts, that is: Bonthe, Koinadugu, Kambia, Bo, Kono, Moyamba, Tonkolili, Western Rural, Port Loko and Karene had higher pass rates this year than last year. These districts are moving in the right direction and are worth commending.

At the school level, 1,071 out of 4,635 schools (23%) had 100% pass rates; that is, all their candidates who attempted the examinations passed. This is an increase from the 20% of schools that had 100% pass rates in 2021. Apart from the Western Area, all other regions and Guinea had more schools getting pass rates of 100% this year than last year.

Disappointingly, 114 schools across the country had zero percent pass rates. The Teaching Service Commission is already working with such under-performing schools and additional support is planned but as it usually happens, heads of schools with zero percent pass rates, accompanied by their proprietors, School Management Committee Chairpersons and District Deputy Directors of Education will be invited to explain the cause of the poor performance and to help map out actions to improve learning and performance in the affected schools. As a government, we have also started the implementation of Performance Based Financing across primary schools and will roll out an USD 18 million Education Outcomes Fund in September to continue improving quality of learning and teaching.

The top performing schools nationwide based on the average aggregate scores of all their candidates are:

1. Tutorial Centre For Academic Excellence Primary, Talent Town, Makeni

2. Hillside School Of Excellence, Freetown
3. Edna Primary, Circular Road, Freetown
4. Mereweather Preparatory School, Freetown, and
5. Rising Academy Primary. Calaba Town

Now for the best three individual performances nationwide.

Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with an aggregate T-score of 334 are

- **Nesralla, Tyra**, School Leone Preparatory Primary School and
- **Sesay, Angella J. M.**, from The International School Ltd.

And with a score of 337, our best candidate from The International School Ltd. is

- **Pabs-Garnon, Lorraine M.**

Congratulations to all.

The 2022 NPSE was the first national school examination conducted during the post-CoVID recovery period. Public concern about the integrity of national school examinations meant that the stricter measures adopted since 2020 continued. This initial analysis of performance suggests that the impact of exams irregularity on results was negligible.

Performance in the 2022 NPSE suggests that candidates are being better prepared by our schools. I would like to thank the excellent work of our committed teachers. We are grateful that just last month, together with the Sierra Leone Teachers Union, we negotiated a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with much improved conditions of service for teachers.

As a country, we must continue with our progress. The performances of districts from economically poor and rural regions are encouraging. More girls attempted and passed the exam and the national pass rate of 81.2% is the highest ever. Congratulations to the people of Sierra Leone.

The national office of WAEC deserves a big congratulation for getting scripts processed, marked and released to the MBSSE the earliest in over a decade. WAEC continues to be a good partner to us. Thanks also go to the examiners who worked really hard to complete the marking of scripts in a timely manner.

I cannot end without congratulating the students and families who worked tremendously hard during the 2021/2022 academic year ignoring all the distraction that were taking place around the world. It is our hope that the improvements that we have noted over the last few years will continue and that performance in 2023 will be even better than this year's. Let's keep transforming education!

Text the word “Result” to the number 468 to now know your result from anywhere.

## APPENDIX

Candidates entered by region and gender were as follows:

Region	Total	Total (%)	Sex	
			Female	Male
East	31,741	19.6%	16,349	15,392
Guinea	421	0.3%	231	190
North	25,859	16.0%	12,810	13,049
North-West	27,759	17.1%	13,045	14,714
South	28,491	17.6%	14,659	13,832
West	47,797	29.5%	25,357	22,440
All	162,068	100.0%	82,451	79,617

## Regional Performance in Terms of Pass Rate

Region	Total		Pass Rate	Rank
	Sat	(Passed / Agg 230 and Above)		
North	25,843	21,639	83.73%	1 <sup>st</sup>
South	28,453	23,683	83.24%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
East	31,680	26,289	82.98%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
West	47,650	37,967	79.68%	4 <sup>th</sup>
North-West	27,750	21,658	78.05%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Guinea	421	197	46.79%	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>National</b>	<b>161,797</b>	<b>131,433</b>	<b>81.23%</b>	

## District Performance in Terms of Pass Rate

Region	District	Sat	Pass / Agg. 230 and above	Pass Rate
North	Falaba	1,361	1,262	92.7%
South	Bonthe	3,567	3,276	91.8%
North	Koinadugu	3,821	3,347	87.6%
East	Kenema	13,212	11,149	84.4%
North	Bombali	9,441	7,892	83.6%
North-West	Kambia	7,958	6,645	83.5%
South	Bo	15,971	13,259	83.0%
East	Kono	11,240	9,233	82.1%
South	Moyamba	5,435	4,445	81.8%
East	Kailahun	7,228	5,907	81.7%
North	Tonkolili	11,220	9,138	81.4%
West	West Rural	18,096	14,595	80.7%
West	West Urban	29,554	23,372	79.1%

South	Pujehun	3,480	2,703	77.7%
North-West	Port Loko	12,098	9,318	77.0%
North-West	Karene	7,694	5,695	74.0%
Guinea	Guinea	421	197	46.8%

## Performance of Candidates

### Top Candidates Nation-wide

Region	Primary School	Cand. Num	Candidate Name	Sex	AGG	Rank
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001060	Pabs-Garnon Lorraine M.	F	337	1 <sup>st</sup>
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001070	Sesay Angella J. M.	F	334	2 <sup>nd</sup>
West	Leone Preparatory Pri. School	203003011	Nesralla Tyra	F	334	2 <sup>nd</sup>
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001071	Sesay Aruna T.	M	330	4 <sup>th</sup>
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001064	Roy-Macauley Cherise O. F.	F	329	5 <sup>th</sup>
West	Comforti Prim.Sch., Calaba Town	226016018	Gbebay Gabriel H.	M	329	6 <sup>th</sup>
West	Sham Sierra Islamic Primary, Rokel Village	272004041	Kabay Abubakarr Paul	M	329	6 <sup>th</sup>
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001030	Kaifala Francedess K. T.	F	328	8 <sup>th</sup>
West	Murray-Deen Preparatory School	217005034	Williams Jedidiah Rolyn	M	328	8 <sup>th</sup>
West	Basharia Isl. Pri. Sch., 1 Brass St., Fourah Bay	215013006	Barrie Hadiatu R.	F	327	9 <sup>th</sup>
West	Dolbert Prep. & Pri. Sch. Well/Ton	254004001	Bangura James Amadu	M	327	9 <sup>th</sup>
East	Unique Int. Acad Old Yengema Rd. Kono	420028020	Sheriff Juana	M	327	9 <sup>th</sup>

### Top 3 Candidates by Region

#### Eastern Region

Region	Primary School	Cand. No.	Candidate Name	Sex	AGG	Rank
East	Unique International Academy Old Yengema Rd. Kono	420028020	Sheriff Juana	M	327	1 <sup>st</sup>
East	K.D.E.C. Primary School, Mbaoma Iitankoro	449003030	Kamanda Komba Noah	M	319	2 <sup>nd</sup>
East	K.D.E.C. Primary School, Mbaoma Iitankoro	449003029	Kamanda Alfred	M	318	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Northern Region

Region	Primary School	Cand. No.	Candidate Name	Sex	AGG	Rank
North	U.M.C Primary School, Makeni	10403005 4	Daboh Mariama B	F	326	1 <sup>st</sup>
North	WCSL/AWM Pri.Sch.Gbawuria	11201306 1	Mansaray Sallay Mary	F	326	1 <sup>st</sup>
North	S.O.S. Hermann Gmeiner Pri. Sch.,Makeni N/A Active	19800702 4	Nallo Sahid Yusif	M	326	1 <sup>st</sup>

## North-Western Region

Region	Primary School	Cand. No.	Candidate Name	Sex	AGG	Rank
North-West	The Word Of Life Bilingual Pri. Sch., Lungi	131016044	Taye Ibrahim	M	320	1 <sup>st</sup>
North-West	Troy Tilkaran Pri.Sch.Kamsondo	121035009	Kamara Erica Sarah	F	318	2 <sup>nd</sup>
North-West	Int. Isl. Pri. Sch., Bamoi Luma	126036007	Bangura Alhajie O.	M	316	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Southern Region

Region	Primary School	Cand. No.	Candidate Name	Sex	AGG	Rank
South	Ahmadiyya Pri.Sch.Gbangbatoke	54300303 1	Kamara Moinya	F	317	1 <sup>st</sup>
South	P.D.E.C.Pri.Sch.Zimmi	53000301 9	Koroma Francis	M	315	2 <sup>nd</sup>
South	Mallory Jansen Mem. Pri.,Ngolala	51903105 2	Ngawojia Augustine	M	314	3 <sup>rd</sup>
South	Ahmadiyya Pri.Sch.Gbangbatoke	54300302 6	Kamara Alhaji S.	M	314	3 <sup>rd</sup>
South	Ahmadiyya Pri.Sch.Gbangbatoke	54300302 8	Kamara Mariatu	F	314	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Western Area

Region	Primary School	Cand. No.	Candidate Name	Sex	AGG	Rank
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001060	Pabs-Garnon Lorraine M.	F	337	1 <sup>st</sup>
West	The International School Ltd., (Primary)	203001070	Sesay Angella J. M.	F	334	2 <sup>nd</sup>
West	Leone Preparatory Pri. School	203003011	Nesralla Tyra	F	334	2 <sup>nd</sup>

The regional distribution of schools with 100% pass rates is as follows:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Schools With 100% Pass Rate</b>
East	219
North	204
North-West	184
South	204
West	258
Guinea	2
National	1,071

## Top 10 Schools Nation-wide

Region	School No	Primary School	Sat	Avg. AGG	Passes	Pass Rate
North	708003	Tutorial Centre For Acad Excel Pri., Talent Town, Makeni	27	312.26	27	100.00%
West	283001	Hillside School Of Excellence	11	308.36	11	100.00%
West	259012	Edna Pri., Circular Road	3	306.67	3	100.00%
West	203006	Mereweather Prep. Sch	29	304.86	29	100.00%
West	287005	Rising Acad. Prim. Calaba Town	57	303.51	57	100.00%
West	252016	Modern Acad. Sch., Of Excel, Rokel	16	303.50	16	100.00%
West	274034	Hannas Prim., Samuel Town W/loo	23	301.91	23	100.00%
North	139041	Modern Foundation Acad., Kabala	41	301.71	41	100.00%
West	232016	Browndel Prep., Philip St. W/Iton	2	301.50	2	100.00%
West	217013	Reliance Prep.,	50	301.30	50	100.00%

## Top 3 Schools by Region

### Eastern Region

Region	Sch No	Primary School	Sat	Passes	Avg. AGG	Pass Rate
East	420029	Assurance Primary School, Show Avenue, Kenema	9	9	301.91	100.00%
East	402028	Seydi International Bilingual School, Kenema	28	28	298.58	100.00%
East	401037	Sierra International Academy Primary School, IDA, Kenema	36	36	295.75	100.00%

### Northern Region

Region	Sch No	Primary School	Sat	Passes	Avg. AGG	Pass Rate
North	708003	Tutorial Centre For Academic Excellence Pri., Talent Town, Makeni	27	27	312.26	100.00%
North	139041	Modern Foundation Acad. Pri. Sch.,Yogomaia Rd., Kabala	41	41	301.71	100.00%
North	198007	S.O.S. Hermann Gmeiner Pri. Sch.,Makeni N/A Active	27	27	301.19	100.00%

### North-Western Region

Region	Sch No	Primary School	Sat	Passes	Avg. AGG	Pass Rate
North-West	179005	Movement Of Faith Pri., Bamoi Munu	18	18	298.44	100.00%
North-West	127006	Haja M'balu International Islamic School, Rotifunk, Lungi	16	16	294.19	100.00%
North-West	127042	Bethel Pri. Sch., Rotifunk	19	19	293.84	100.00%



## Southern Region

Region	Sch No	Primary School	Sat	Passes	Avg. AGG	Pass Rate
South	502031	Southern Model Pri Sch, New Gerihun Road, Bo	20	20	294.30	100.00%
South	534013	FAWE Prep. & Pri. Sch. Mogbwemo	66	66	294.23	100.00%
South	519014	Ahmadiyya Pri.Sch., Mogbema	64	64	292.98	100.00%

## Western Area

Region	Sch No	Primary School	Sat	Passes	Avg. AGG	Pass Rate
West	283001	Hillside School Of Excellence	11	11	308.36	100.00%
West	259012	Edna Primary School, Circular Road	3	3	306.67	100.00%
West	203006	Mereweather Prep. Pri. School	29	29	304.86	100.00%

## School Performance Categories

The Ministry has introduced examination performance categories for schools and districts in a bid to improve performance and stimulate healthy and friendly competition. The national picture in terms of performance categories this year in comparison with last year is as follows:

Year	STARS			Boundary (50.0 – 54.9%)	WARNINGS			All
	Gold (90.0 – 100%)	Silver (70.0 – 89.9%)	Bronze (55.0 – 69.9%)		Turquoise (35.0 – 49.9%)	Purple (20.0 – 34.9%)	Brown (0 – 19.9%)	
2022	2337 (50%)	1236 (27%)	378 (8%)	121 (3%)	165 (4%)	159 (3%)	239 (5%)	4,635
2021	2028 (47%)	1028 (24%)	334 (8%)	114 (3%)	186 (4%)	211 (5%)	395 (9%)	4,296
2020	1674 (42%)	908 (23%)	402 (10%)	137 (3%)	237 (6%)	207 (5%)	431 (11%)	3,996
2019	1570 (44%)	874 (24%)	306 (9%)	99 (3%)	176 (5%)	190 (5%)	382 (11%)	3,597
2018	1658 (47%)	951 (27%)	305 (9%)	91 (3%)	172 (5%)	136 (4%)	215 (6%)	3,528
2017	1,611 (46%)	917 (26%)	334 (10%)	91 (3%)	198 (6%)	142 (4%)	200 (6%)	3,493
2016	1,501 (44%)	771 (23%)	323 (9%)	102 (3%)	187 (5%)	192 (6%)	350 (10%)	3,426

## Relative Performance of Public and Private Schools

Proprietor	Sat	Passes	AvgQA	AvgVA	AvgMA	AvgEN	AvgGS	AvgAGG	Pass Rate
Community	7,902	6,518	50.26	49.42	49.80	50.04	49.45	248.58	82.49%
Government	22,412	17,366	48.73	49.04	49.27	48.03	49.19	244.05	77.49%
Mission/religious group	72,748	59,072	49.38	49.18	49.79	48.84	49.67	246.67	81.20%
Other	27	10	41.07	39.27	44.21	43.11	42.62	210.29	37.04%
Private	5,322	4,694	53.14	52.38	51.14	57.17	50.76	264.06	88.20%

## Performance in Papers

As expected, the average mark for the different papers was approximately 50. It is noticeable that the average score for boys is higher than girls for every paper.

**NPSE 2021 – Average T-Scores by Sex**

Sex	Avg. QA	Avg. VA	Avg. MAT	Avg. ENG	Avg. GS	Avg. AGG
F	49.70	49.41	49.88	50.11	49.75	248.65
M	50.15	49.65	50.03	50.20	49.77	249.61
<b>Both</b>	<b>49.92</b>	<b>49.53</b>	<b>49.96</b>	<b>50.15</b>	<b>49.76</b>	<b>249.12</b>

There are regional differences in performance in the different subject areas examined.

Region	Avg. QA	Avg. VA	Avg. MAT	Avg. ENG	Avg. GS	Avg. AGG
North	50.16	49.30	50.72	51.09	50.90	252.01
South	49.92	50.36	50.55	49.22	50.58	250.32
East	50.32	49.35	50.83	49.40	50.12	249.81
West	50.22	49.84	49.05	52.09	48.82	249.80
North-West	48.77	48.60	49.36	47.81	49.18	243.62
Guinea	45.94	48.32	39.55	47.37	43.02	224.20

Region	District	AvgQA	AvgVA	AvgMAT	AvgENG	AvgGS	AvgAGG
South	Bonthe	52.66	51.82	53.57	51.90	53.56	263.51
North	Falaba	52.14	51.19	52.02	54.06	52.69	261.37
North	Koinadugu	50.16	50.00	51.54	52.12	51.64	255.20
North	Bombali	50.46	49.09	51.08	51.35	51.21	253.04
East	Kenema	51.38	49.67	51.13	49.59	50.58	252.34
West	West Urban	50.47	50.24	48.96	52.75	48.43	250.67
North-West	Kambia	50.27	50.23	50.57	48.97	49.86	249.82
South	Bo	49.98	50.21	50.30	48.92	50.18	249.14
East	Kono	50.24	49.18	50.11	50.20	49.82	248.99
North	Tonkolili	49.66	49.00	49.97	50.16	50.17	248.92
West	West Rural	49.81	49.18	49.17	51.02	49.41	248.40
South	Pujehun	49.39	50.85	50.35	48.61	49.65	248.39
East	Kailahun	48.51	49.02	51.41	47.82	49.73	246.45
South	Moyamba	48.27	49.53	49.44	48.75	50.42	246.35
North-West	Port Loko	48.41	48.56	48.96	47.75	49.56	243.16
North-West	Karene	47.79	46.97	48.74	46.71	47.88	237.93
Guinea	Guinea	45.94	48.32	39.55	47.37	43.02	224.20