

Pass requirements for Grade 9

You need to meet the following requirements to pass Grade 9:

The table (figure 1) shows the minimum requirements to pass Grade 9.

Subject	Minimum requirement	
	Level	%
Home Language	4	50
First Additional Language	3	40
Mathematics	3	40
Any other three subjects	3	40
Any other two subjects	2	30

Table (figure 2) gives the possible levels of achievement.

Achievement level	Achievement descriptor	%
7	Outstanding achievement	80 - 100
6	Meritorious achievement	70 - 79
5	Substantial achievement	60 - 69
4	Adequate achievement	50 - 59
3	Moderate achievement	40 - 49
2	Elementary achievement	30 - 39
1	Not achieved	0 - 29

Set goals for passing Grade 9:

Choose your Grade 10 subjects based on the strength of your marks. You may also want to consider attending an FET college after Grade 9.

1. Set goals higher than the minimum requirements. For example, in Home Language the minimum is 50% to pass, but you could set it at 60% or higher to ensure you have a safety margin.
2. If you are struggling with Mathematics and want to take it in Grade 10, consider a goal of at least 50%, otherwise Mathematical Literacy may become compulsory for you. To be successful in Mathematics you have to work hard.
3. Complete all the required Formal Assessment Tasks or School Based Assessment in all of your subjects. Remember at the end of the year, the examination will count 60% of the total mark for each subject. The other 40% will come from the marks you obtained through your school-based assessment during the year.

Good luck, Grade 9 learners!
Enjoy your studies.

