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The EBacc is a school performance measure. It shows how many pupils study the core academic subjects at key stage 4 in state-funded and independent schools.

The entry measure shows the proportion of pupils who take GCSEs in the core subjects.

For 2017, the attainment measure shows how many pupils achieved both:

- a grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSE
- a grade C or above in science, a language, and geography or history

Changes to the attainment measure in 2018

The attainment measure will change to a school's EBacc average point score for the results of exams taken in 2018 onwards.

To calculate a school's EBacc average point score we will:

- add together the EBacc average point score for all pupils at the end of key stage 4
- divide by the number of pupils in the group

To calculate a pupil's average point score we will:

- take an average of the points scored in the 5 EBacc subject areas

EBacc subjects

The EBacc is made up of:

- English
- maths
- the sciences, including computer science
- history or geography
- a language

English

To count towards the English part of the EBacc, pupils need to take both English literature and English language GCSE exams.

Science

For exams taken in 2018 onwards, pupils will need to take one of the following options:

- GCSE combined science – pupils take 2 GCSEs that cover the 3 main sciences, biology, chemistry, and physics
- 3 single sciences at GCSE – pupils choose 3 subjects from biology, chemistry, physics, and computer science

After the 2017 summer exam series, core and additional, and dual and double award science will no longer count towards the EBacc.

EBacc qualifications

To count towards the EBacc measure, qualifications must be included in the [approved list of the qualifications](#).

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