

## 2021 SACEE PUZZLE PARADE AND LANGUAGE CHALLENGE REPORT

While many schools are still struggling to operate at an optimal level within the restrictions placed on them as a result of COVID-19, it was promising to see an increase in the number of schools who were able to enter this year's SACEE National Puzzle Parade and Language Challenge. While this number is still significantly less than pre-COVID years, we are confident that these numbers will continue to increase as the school environment normalizes.

	2019	2020	2021
No. of Participants	31 563	9 913	14 041
Grade 1 – 3 Puzzle Parades	52 schools	18 schools	27 schools
Grade 4 – 7 Language Challenge	62 schools	20 schools	31 Schools
Grade 8 – 11 Language Challenge	32 schools	11 schools	9 schools

Below please find the 2021 results with a comparison to the 2020 results:

GRADE	2020 NO. OF LEARNERS	2021 NO. OF LEARNERS	2020 NATIONAL AVERAGE	2021 NATIONAL AVERAGE	2020 HIGHEST SCORE	2021 HIGHEST SCORE
1	994	1616	70.49%	67.35	19 x 100%	22 x 100%
2	978	1604	67.33%	71.39	4 x 100%	25 x 100%
3	1081	1625	68.75%	69.43	0 x 100%	11 x 100%
4	1095	1831	51.95%	53.65	96%	98%
5	1124	1800	63.95%	62.97	98%	98%
6	1163	1914	51.72%	54.45	98%	95%
7	1043	1733	57.50%	63.11	96%	96%
8	697	549	65.37%	66.60	96%	100%
9	671	374	70.06%	68.87	98%	96%
10	545	570	71.19%	65.36	100%	97%
11	522	425	72.35%	67.40	100%	97%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 913</b>	<b>14 041</b>				

The full report and list of prizewinners can be found [here](#).

*Special mention* should be made of the following schools and learners:

- Transkei Primary had 7 learners achieve 100% in Grade 1
- Transkei Primary and Montrose Primary each had 6 learners achieve 100% in Grade 2
- De La Salle Holy Cross had 6 learners achieve 100% in Grade 3
- Danika Holtmann from Rhenish Girls High achieved 100% in Grade 8

These learners and schools should all be commended and recognized for their excellent results.

We would like to thank all principals and teachers for their continued support - without you the event would not be a success. We trust that you will find the results informative and useful in benchmarking your school's English Language proficiency against national norms and averages, and, for those schools which have participated in the past, plotting and measuring your progress against previous years.

We encourage all schools to recognize their top performing learners, particularly those who achieved outstanding results. Attached with the report, please find a template for a certificate that can be used to award your top scorers.

Please note that only the overall top three learners (including tied places) in Grades 4 - 11 are awarded a cash prize. We ask all schools with prize winners to complete page 4 and send us their banking details by return email so that we can transfer the prize winner's cash prize into your school account. We would appreciate it if you could award the prize winners their relevant amounts.

Kind regards

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