

Inclusion of P stage course units in the WACE for 2008

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Students can complete preliminary stage (P) course units in a number of courses and have these contribute to the WACE requirements.

Schools enrol students in these units using SIRS. Schools will report to the Curriculum Council if a student has completed or not completed the unit. These units are not graded. Only completed P stage course units will be recorded on the student's statement of results.

For the WACE requirements, completion of a P stage course unit:

- contributes to the 10 full-year (or equivalent) Curriculum Council subjects. One P course unit is equivalent to 0.5 subjects.
- does not contribute to the C grade average, but reduces the number of Curriculum Council subjects (or equivalent) over which the average is calculated.

Students who have completed at least two P stage English units in their final year of senior secondary schooling (Year 12) will have met the WACE English language competency completion requirements. Students will need to demonstrate the standard which is defined by work samples. Schools will evaluate student work using the criteria and exemplars provided in the 2008 Guide to WACE English Language Competence. Copies of the guide were sent to schools in 2007. It can also be found at http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/Policy/WACE_Requirements.