School Curriculum and Standards Authority

Table 1.6   'Typical' school students* achieving a Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) in 2019

Category of students	Male	Female	Not Specified	Persons	Percentage of eligible cohort
Eligible for a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)	10937	11358	1	22296	100%
Achieving a WACE	10102	10581	1	20684	92.77%
Not achieving a WACE only on literacy or numeracy standard or both standards**(b)	400	495	0	895	4.01%
Not achieving a WACE only on the achievement standard***(c,d)	193	112	0	305	1.37%
Not achieving a WACE only on the ATAR/Cert II achievement standard***(d)	23	25	0	48	0.22%
Not achieving a WACE on literacy or numeracy standard or both standards**(b) and achievement standard***(c,d)	121	67	0	188	0.84%
Not achieving a WACE on the breadth and depth standard****(e,f,g,h)	98	78	0	176	0.79%

* A 'typical' school student is defined as a student who is less than 19 years old, has completed 20 or more course units or equivalent with at least 10 of the course units or equivalent completed in Year 12. This does not include repeating or overseas students.

** Literacy and numeracy standard
(a) Completion of at least four units of an English learning area course post-Year 10 and studied over at least two years.
(b) Demonstration of the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

*** Achievement standard
(c) Achievement of at least 14 C grades or higher (or the equivalent) in Year 11 and 12 units, with a minimum of six C grades or the equivalent in Year 12 units.
(d) Completion of at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification.

**** Breadth and depth requirement
(e) Completion of a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent, including at least:
(f) 10 Year 12 units or the equivalent
(g) two Year 11 units from an English learning area course and one pair of Year 12 units from an English learning area course
(h) one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology)