

26.0 FRENCH (501)

French is tested in the following three papers:

Paper 1 - tests listening comprehension and spelling skills.

Paper 2 - tests narrative and functional writing, grammar and comprehension.

Paper 3 - tests intonation, liaison, pronunciation and understanding.

The table below shows the performance of French at the KCSE level in the years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Table 26: Candidates' Overall Performance in French in the Last Four Years

Year	Paper	Candidature	Maximum Score	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
2001	1+2	1,857	75	27.14	14.31
	3		25	13.71	4.92
	Overall		100	40.26	18.00
2002	1+2	1,828	75	30.01	12.48
	3		25	13.67	4.71
	Overall		100	43.19	16.36
2003	1+2	2,047	75	31.04	12.64
	3		25	13.39	4.71
	Overall		100	44.43	16.33
2004	1+2	2,149	75	25.14	12.55
	3		25	14.04	4.91
	Overall		100	39.18	16.00

From the table above, the following observations can be made:-

- (i) There has been a drop in the candidates performance in 501/1 and 2 in 2004 when compared with the 2003 performance.
- (ii) There was a slight improvement in mean grade in Paper 3 in 2004 (14.04) when compared to 2003 (13.39).
- (iii) 2004 registered the poorest performance by candidates over the four year period as indicated by the overall mean of 39.18.