

Analysis of Local Authority Key Stage 4 Interim Performance Measure Data

The Welsh Government introduced a suite of interim performance measures for Key Stage 4 attainment data in 2019. Use of these measures was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic and reintroduced from 2022. Schools use the measures to support robust self-evaluation and to compare performance with that of similar schools as part of ongoing improvement planning.

Bridgend County Borough Council has the fifth highest proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals among the 22 local authorities in Wales, which provides important context for evaluating school performance and learner outcomes.

Bridgend performance measures compared to the national average for the last three years

Measure	Bridgend			Wales		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Capped 9 Points Score	361.5	357.4	358.1	358.1	352.1	353.3
WBQ SCC	35.5	33.9	34.0	31.6	30.2	28.7
Literacy Points Score	39.8	38.6	38.4	39.7	38.5	38.6
Numeracy Indicator	37.5	36.1	36.4	37.1	35.9	36.0
Science indicator	37.7	37.3	37.1	36.9	36.0	35.8
No qualifications	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.4
5+ A*-A or equivalent	20.2	18.0	19.7	20.3	18.1	18.0

Ref: Welsh Government Key Stage 4 Data Release – All Wales Core Data Sets 2025

Capped 9 Points Score

The Capped 9 Points Score is a Key Stage 4 performance measure used to show the average points score achieved by learners from their best nine qualifications. It is designed to reflect both attainment and curriculum breadth, rather than just whether learners meet a threshold.

Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate (WBQ SCC)

The Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate is a core element of the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification at Key Stage 4. It is designed to develop learners' essential skills for life, learning and work, alongside their GCSE and other KS4 qualifications.

Literacy Indicator

The Literacy Indicator is a Key Stage 4 interim performance measure used to show how well learners achieve in literacy-related qualifications. It is a points-based measure, rather than a threshold, and reflects the quality of learners' attainment in literacy, not just whether they have passed.

Numeracy Indicator

The Numeracy Indicator is a Key Stage 4 interim performance measure used to reflect learners' attainment in numeracy-related qualifications. It is a points-based measure, rather than a threshold, and reflects the quality of learners' attainment in numeracy, not just whether they have passed.

Science Indicator

The Science Indicator is a Key Stage 4 interim performance measure used in Wales to reflect learners' attainment in science qualifications.

No Qualification

The No Qualification Measure is a Key Stage 4 interim performance measure used in Wales to show the percentage of learners who do not achieve any approved qualifications by the end of compulsory education.