

Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT 2015) Transfer Summary

INTRODUCTION

Members are being asked to note the information on the transfer of students as at July 17, 2015. This follows the 2015 sitting of the Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT).

STATUS

The data so far show a 10% increase over the 2014 year to date's figure. Details are outlined in **Tables 1 and 2** below:

Table 1: Reasons for and Percentages of Transfers

Reasons	Percentages	Remarks
Placed at schools that are not in proximity to home	30%	Parents are capitalizing on this opportunity to get their children into schools they perceive as high performing, even when the students' grades are outside of the requisite bands.
Financial difficulties impacting parents' ability to send students to the schools at which they were placed	30%	Parents expressed concerns over auxiliary fees of some schools and transportation costs.
Relocation to other parts of the island	4%	Parents change address or have children moved to other parishes to live with relatives
Not satisfied with placement	20%	This often occurs due to parents' perception of the schools as well as their personal desires.
Was not placed in any of their choices	7%	Students perform below the bands for the school of choice
Security reasons	2%	Parent favour schools they perceive to be in safe communities
Other	7%	

Table 2: Transfers by Region

Transfers	Regions					
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Requested	487	130	58	132	125	211
Being Processed (Various stages of the process)	367	44	23	132	20	181
Rejected	150	8	0	87	11	15
Granted based on proximity to schools	110	7	12	33	30	105
Accepted to date	120	4	35	45	20	30
Total	1234	193	128	429	206	542

The Ministry continues to monitor students being transferred for sports reasons. So far none of the schools has admitted that this is the case.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald Thwaites", written in black ink on a white background.

Ronald Thwaites, MP

Minister

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