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**FOR TOMORROW  
BELONGS TO THE  
PEOPLE WHO PREPARE  
FOR IT TODAY.**  
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# The Scottish Education System and Education in East Ayrshire Council



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The service is responsible for the education of

**16,173**  
school age children

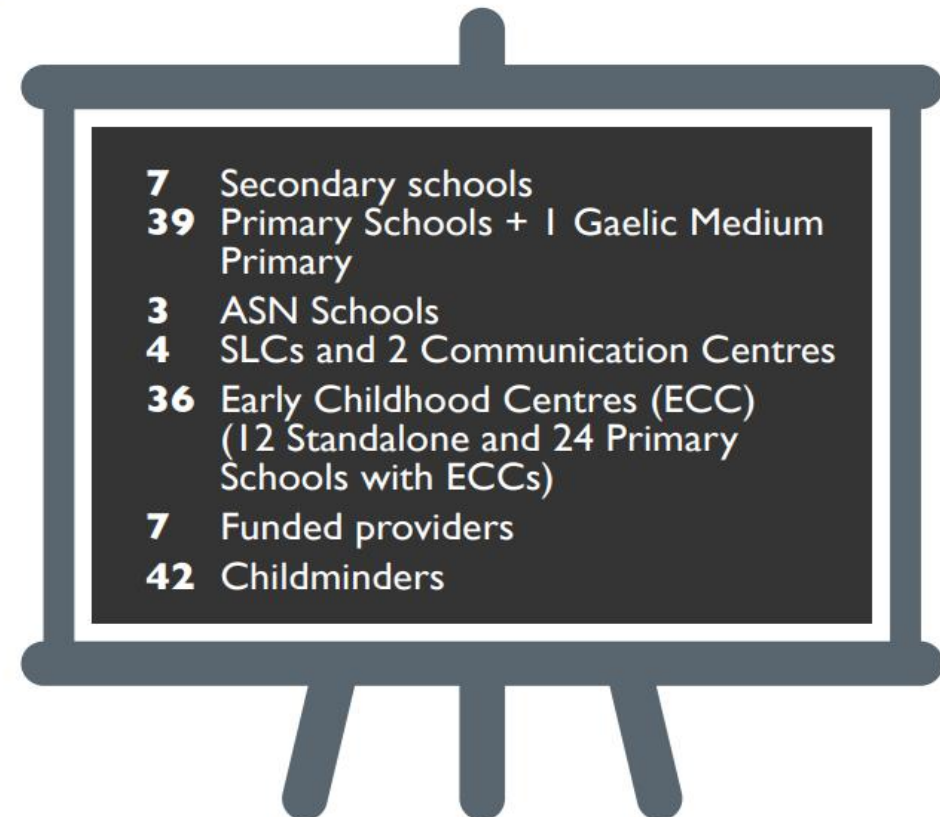
Secondary 6844

Primary 8882

ASN 447 (schools & primary only)

**2,926**

0-5 years attending an early  
childhood centre,  
funded provider,  
childminder.



- 7 Secondary schools
- 39 Primary Schools + 1 Gaelic Medium Primary
- 3 ASN Schools
- 4 SLCs and 2 Communication Centres
- 36 Early Childhood Centres (ECC) (12 Standalone and 24 Primary Schools with ECCs)
- 7 Funded providers
- 42 Childminders



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We are responsible for 36 Early Childhood Centres, 7 secondary schools, 40 primary schools, 3 standalone ASN schools, 5 Supported Learning Centres and 2 Communication Centres. We also have 3 training centres in Kilmarnock, Netherthird and one opening in Galston. We also have a team of Educational Psychologists, and Outdoor Learning Team, and Instrumental Music Service, Creative Minds Team and the East Ayrshire Support Service. Over 2500 people work in the service and we are the largest service in the council.

Children and Young People usually attend their local, catchment school and parents can register for this online. You can choose the denominational or non-denominational school for your child.

A parent/carer can choose to submit a Placing Request if they wish their child to attend a school outwith their catchment area and this will be considered by the Education Service.





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## OVERVIEW OF SCOTTISH EDUCATION

Scotland provides free education to all children living in Scotland (and have done so as early as the 17th century). Scotland's schools operate a Curriculum for Excellence which provides knowledge, skills and attributes for learning and life, from early years to primary and secondary schooling between the ages of 3 - 18. Some young people attend Early Years Centres under the age of 3 under special circumstances, and some young people stay in school until 19 in the Additional Support Needs sector.



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## Early Years Education

Children are able to go Early Years Centres in Scotland from the age of three, and all are entitled to 1140 hours of education. Many young people are also entitled to attend from age 2, and some from 0-2years.

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## Primary school:

Dependent on when in the year a child's birthday falls, children will attend primary school for seven years between the ages of five and 12.

## Secondary school:

Dependent on when in the year a child's birthday falls, children will attend secondary school for up to six years between the ages of 12 and 18.



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### Curriculum for Excellence (CfE)

The Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) is the national curriculum used from early years onwards. It was implemented in 2010. All schools MUST deliver this.

It comprises a broad general education up to the end of S3 (third year in secondary) followed by a senior phase of learning from S4 to S6.

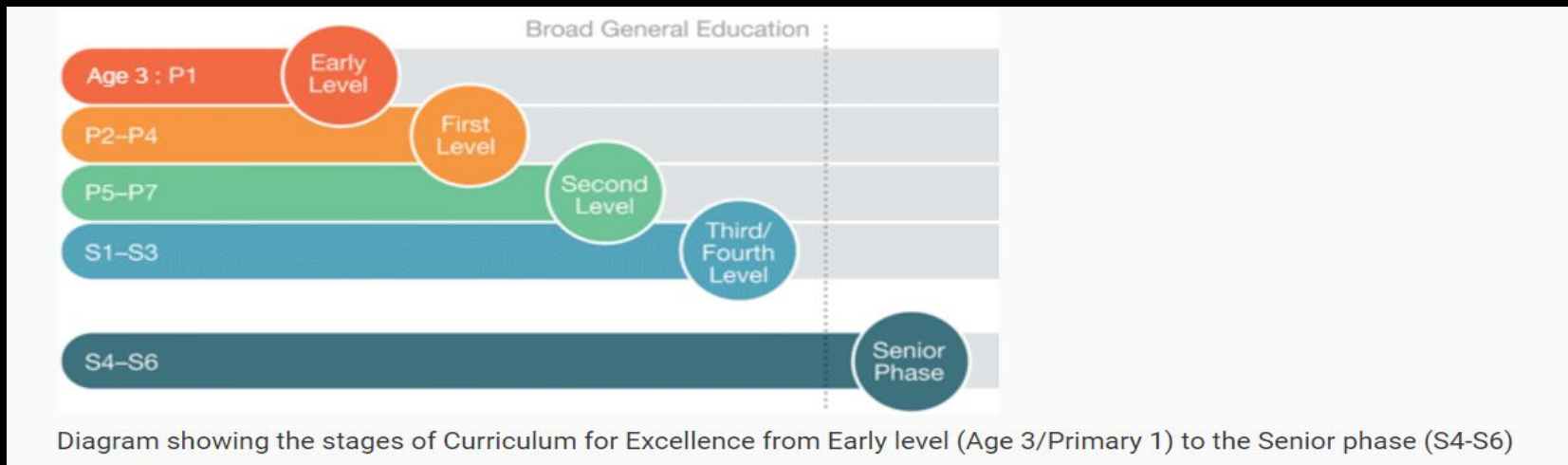
CfE is intended to foster four capacities in all young people:

1. successful learners
2. confident individuals
3. responsible citizens
4. effective contributors





## Broad General Education : Age 3 to end of S3



There are eight curriculum areas: [expressive arts](#), [health and wellbeing](#), [languages](#) (including English, Gàidhlig and Gaelic learners and modern languages), [mathematics](#), [religious and moral studies](#), [sciences](#), [social studies](#) and [technologies](#).

[Benchmarks](#) | [Curriculum for Excellence documents](#) | [Curriculum for Excellence](#) | [Education Scotland](#)



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Senior Phase Education : s4 – S6 , young people may leave school at 16 onwards

S4	S5	S6
National 3	National 4	National 5
National 4	National 5	Highers
National 5	Highers	Advanced Highers
College Courses Skills For Work Foundation Apprenticeships	Foundation Apprenticeships HNC	HND/ HNC



# THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			





## DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE

- Greater focus on career education from 3-18;
- High quality options to help young people to prepare for work;
- Including highly valued vocational education - rooted in Curriculum for Excellence - which engages significant industry support;
- A college system **focused** on employability and responsive to skills gaps;
- Extending the breadth and reach of apprenticeship opportunities;
- Ensuring all children and young people can access the broadest range of opportunities.

# LITERACY AND NUMERACY SCQF4 & 5

Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF 4				
Year	East Ayrshire	Virtual Comparator	South West Collaborative	National
2017-18	89.73%	87.05%	89.42%	89.08%
2018-19	89.21%	87.37%	89.42%	89.27%
2019-20	88.25%	87.92%	89.71%	89.60%
2020-21	88.07%	88.40%	88.95%	90.14%
2021-22	89.63%	87.12%	89.41%	89.57%
2022-23	91.04%	86.84%	89.36%	89.01%

Literacy and Numeracy at SCQF 5				
Year	East Ayrshire	Virtual Comparator	South West Collaborative	National
2017-18	68.05%	63.04%	67.52%	67.12%
2018-19	66.22%	62.13%	65.59%	66.59%
2019-20	68.82%	64.13%	67.92%	68.73%
2020-21	69.10%	65.85%	69.60%	70.52%
2021-22	68.51%	63.94%	67.13%	68.15%
2022-23	71.75%	64.66%	66.62%	68.01%

# 1 OR MORE SCQF 4 & 5

1 or more qualification at SCQF 4 on leaving school				
Year	East Ayrshire	Virtual Comparator	South West Collaborative	National
2017-18	94.96%	95.57%	96.78%	96.45%
2018-19	94.82%	95.55%	96.48%	96.32%
2019-20	93.73%	95.12%	95.90%	96.13%
2020-21	96.27%	95.71%	96.75%	96.53%
2021-22	96.08%	95.57%	96.94%	96.70%
2022-23	97.32%	95.46%	96.81%	96.46%

1 or more qualification at SCQF 5 on leaving school				
Year	East Ayrshire	Virtual Comparator	South West Collaborative	National
2017-18	84.60%	85.36%	87.87%	87.98%
2018-19	83.53%	85.39%	87.37%	87.95%
2019-20	84.72%	85.27%	87.37%	88.00%
2020-21	87.16%	87.51%	89.67%	89.52%
2021-22	84.79%	86.42%	88.74%	88.94%
2022-23	85.60%	85.49%	87.85%	87.93%



# INITIAL LEAVER DESTINATIONS

<b>Year</b>	<b>East Ayrshire</b>	<b>Virtual Comparator</b>	<b>South West Collaborative</b>	<b>National</b>
2014-15	94.19%	92.38%	94.42%	93.02%
2015-16	91.78%	92.40%	93.89%	93.33%
2016-17	94.27%	92.82%	94.11%	93.72%
2017-18	93.54%	93.17%	94.19%	94.40%
2018-19	94.82%	94.39%	94.38%	95.05%
2019-20	94.79%	92.00%	94.30%	93.36%
2020-21	95.69%	95.05%	95.81%	95.48%
2021-22	96.85%	95.35%	96.71%	95.74%
2022-23	95.10%	95.69%	96.37%	95.87%



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## Support for families: Council

Young people who stay on at school after age of 16 from August 2024 may be able to get an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). EMA is a weekly payment of £30 for students who are planning to continue in post-compulsory education from August 2024.

Currently all children in P1 to P5 are entitled to universal free school meals, regardless of financial circumstances. Families on low income can apply for free school meals and milk and a grant to help towards the costs of buying school clothes for their children.

### **Free school transport**

We will provide free transport for primary pupils who live one and a half miles or more from their local primary school (by the recognised shortest suitable walking distance) and secondary pupils who live three miles or more from their local secondary school (by the recognised shortest suitable walking distance)

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## Support for families Scottish Government

The **National Entitlement Card (NEC)** aims to make it easier for young people to access public services across Scotland, using one card to access many services.

The Young Person's National Entitlement Card is free to anyone residing in Scotland who is aged 11-25.

### **Young persons' (under 22s) free bus travel scheme**

Young people aged 5-21 years living in Scotland can now apply to access free bus travel.

**[Find out more and how to apply for the Young Persons' \(Under 22s\) Free Bus Travel Scheme](#)**

The Scottish Government has a Best Start Grant School Age Payment. The £250 School Age Payment is made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1 to help with the costs of a child starting school. You can use it for anything from school bags, shoes, a warm coat, after school clubs, books or days out

Social Security Scotland are taking applications via:

- their freephone helpline on 0800 182 2222 (8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)
- online at **[mygov.scot/schoolpayment](https://mygov.scot/schoolpayment)**
- **[filling in a paper form](#)**





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