

Prepare for {IELTS}

Topic – School/Education

SCHOOL/EDUCATION

primary school
secondary school/high school
higher education

state school

public*/private* school

boarding school

day pupil

science (the subject)
scientist (a person)
scientific (adjective to describe something)

scientific research

biomedical science

the curriculum

a core subject

compulsory
obligatory
mandatory

an optional subject

non-compulsory

*These words mean the same when talking about school – they both mean a fee-paying school

USEFUL COLLOCATIONS

COLLOCATION	MEANING
To keep in touch with	To stay in contact with someone
If I remember rightly If I am not mistaken	A useful phrase to introduce something from the past
To have a heavy workload	To have lots of work to do
STEM subjects	Science, technology, engineering and maths subjects
With hindsight	Understanding of a situation or event only after it has happened or developed
To fall behind with your studies	To not be up-to-date with your studies