

East Ayrshire

Questions on modern studies and citizenship

1. What proportion of your schools offer Modern Studies as a discrete subject in BGE?

7 out of 8 schools (87.5%)

2. What proportion of your schools offer an integrated Social Studies Course in BGE?

5 out of 8 schools (62.5%)

3. In what proportion of your schools does PSE/PSHE curriculum cover citizenship in S1 – S3?

7 out of 8 schools (87.5%)

4. In what proportion of your schools does PSE/PSHE curriculum cover citizenship in S4 – S6?

7 out of 8 schools (87.5%)

Senior Phase

[NB please note these questions relate to whether your schools provide the following qualifications, as opposed to whether pupils attending your schools access these courses in other schools or in colleges]

1. What proportion of your schools offer a Modern Studies National 3 qualification in Senior Phase?

7 out of 8 schools (87.5%)

2. What proportion of your schools offer a Modern Studies National 4 qualification in the Senior Phase?

8 out of 8 schools (100%)

3. What proportion of your schools offer a Modern Studies National 5 qualification in the Senior Phase?

8 out of 8 schools (100%)

4. What proportion of your schools offer a Modern Studies Higher qualification in the Senior Phase?

8 out of 8 schools (100%)

5. What proportion of your schools offer a Modern Studies Advanced Higher qualification in the Senior Phase?

5 out of 8 schools (62.5%)

6. Has the provision of qualifications at any of these levels fluctuated over the past five years? If so, please specify.

Yes – reason for change in numbers would be to meet the need of the cohorts of pupils coming through each stage each year.

Staffing

1. What proportion of secondary schools in your area have at least one full time specialist modern studies teacher (or equivalent of at least 1 FTE)?

8 out of 8 schools (100%)

2. What proportion of the modern studies specialists in schools in your area are teaching in permanent posts?

100%

3. Has the number of permanent posts in modern studies changed in the last 5 years in your area? If so, please provide details.

Unavailable

4. Of the secondary schools in your area that offer discrete Modern Studies classes in BGE, roughly what proportion of these classes are taught by a specialist modern studies teacher?

6 out of the 7 schools that offer discrete Modern Studies classes in BGE – 100% minus a slight variance in 1 school for S1/S2 (estimated at 80%).

1 out of 7 schools – 60%

Approximate proportion – 90%

5. What proportion of secondary schools in your area offer Modern Studies qualifications of some form? Within this proportion, do you know the extent to which these classes are taught by a specialist modern studies teacher?

8 out of 8 schools (100%) and 100% of classes are taught by a specialist modern studies teacher

6. Are there any specific challenges in your area at present in relation to the recruitment of modern studies specialists? Has this become easier or more challenging over the course of the past 5 years?

No issues apparent, subject recruits well.

General comments (optional)

1. What could help to improve the quality of teaching and learning in modern studies in your education authority area?
2. Are there any other comments you would like to make to inform the Committee's work?