

# What are the tests for the brevet?

**The evaluation of the Common Base represents 400 points.**

Mastery of each of the eight components of the Common Base is assessed during the class council meeting in the third quarter of the 3rd year of secondary school:

- Insufficient level (10 points)
- fragile level (25 points)
- Satisfactory level (40 points)
- Very good level (50 points)

The exam tests represent 400 points.

- The following are evaluated out of 100 points
  - French
  - Mathematics
- The following are evaluated out of 50 points
  - History and geography
  - Sciences (physics-chemistry, life and earth sciences, technology)
- The oral exam is evaluated on 100 points

Additional points are awarded to candidates who have taken optional teaching according to the level they have acquired at the end of cycle 4 with regard to the learning objectives of this teaching:

- 10 points if the learning objectives of the cycle are met
- 20 points if the learning objectives of the cycle are exceeded

The student passes if he/she accumulates 400 points out of 800.

Depending on the total number of points obtained, students may be awarded mentions: "good enough" (*assez bien*), "good" (*bien*) or "very good" (*très bien*). The "good" and "very good" mentions allow, under certain conditions, to benefit from merit-based grants. The student obtains the mention:

- ***assez bien*** if he/she accumulates more than 480 points
- ***bien*** if they score more than 560 points
- ***très bien*** if they score more than 640 points

For school candidates, the *Diplôme national du Brevet* (DNB) is based on the evaluation of the Common Base and five compulsory tests taken at the end of Cycle 4 (class of *troisième*).

### An oral test

The oral exam is based on a project conducted in art history or as part of an EPI or one of the educational pathways: it allows the quality of oral expression to be assessed.

The oral test can be conducted in two ways:

- either, via a 15-minute **individual interview** (5 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes of interview)
- or, via a 25-minute **group interview** (10-minute presentation and 15-minute interview).

Individual candidates do not take an oral test.

### Four written tests

The written tests are as follows:

- **French** (3 hours): based on an excerpt from a literary text and possibly a picture, evaluation of linguistic skills (grammar - including rewriting -, vocabulary, etc.) and comprehension and interpretation skills + dictation + writing.
- **mathematics** (2 hours): exercises, some with tables or diagrams, including a computer exercise.
- **History and geography** (2 hours): analysis and understanding of documents + use of historical and geographical references + mobilization of moral and civic education skills.
- **Science** (1 hour) (2 of the 3 subjects): physics-chemistry, life and earth sciences, technology.

### Optional

An **optional course** (Latin, Greek, European languages and cultures, regional languages and cultures, professional discovery, etc.) taken by the candidate can earn him/her a bonus of 10 or 20 points.