Summary of GCSE take-up and performance for 2011-13 for maintained schools in East Sussex along with the local authority and national outcomes for comparison.

- Attainment in the GCSE Full Course in East Sussex in 2013 has risen by 3.7% since 2011, compared to a slight fall of 0.2% nationally. Overall East Sussex attainment was 77.5% compared to 73.6% nationally.
- Attainment in the GCSE Short Course in East Sussex in 2013 has fallen by 8.1% since 2011, compared to a slight fall of 0.6% nationally. Overall East Sussex attainment was 47.3% compared to 50.0% nationally.
- In relation to take-up in 2013, 27.2% (increase of 4.1% compared to 2011) of pupils in East Sussex took the GCSE full course, compared to 36.2% (5.1% increase compared to 2011) nationally. Short course entries in 2013 in East Sussex were 31.3% (31.4% in 2011) compared to the national figure of 25.0% (31.7% in 2011).
- Overall take-up (either full or short course GCSE), in 2013, was 58.5% in East Sussex, up from 54.5% in 2011. This compares to 61.2% nationally in 2013, compared to 62.9% in 2011.
- In terms of schools (mainstream only) in 2013, 8 out of 26 schools did not have any pupils taking the GCSE full course, with a further 7 schools having less than 10% of their cohort taking the GCSE full course. Only 6 schools had over 50% of their cohort taking the GCSE full course.
- Of the 8 schools who had no pupils taking the GCSE full course, 4 schools had at least 40% of pupils taking the GCSE short course. The other 4 had no pupils or less than 2% taking the GCSE short course.
- Of the 7 schools who had less than 10% of pupils taking the GCSE full course, 5 schools had at least 50% of pupils taking the GCSE short course. The other 2 had no pupils or less than 1% taking the GCSE short course.
- Overall, 17 out of the 26 maintained mainstream schools in East Sussex in 2013, had at least 50% of pupils taking either the GCSE full or short course. Of the other 9 schools, two had just over 40% taking either course, 2 had 10% or more, 1 had just over 5%, 3 were less than 2% and one school had no pupils taking either the GCSE full or short course.