

Understanding program grades for elementary content:

Each program's letter grade is based on the level of their coverage of topics in literature and composition, history and geography, and sciences. We also examined fine arts, but only to identify "A+" programs.

The levels were:

Literature and composition (4 topics)

- Great coverage: 2-4 topics required
- Good coverage: 1 topics required
- No coverage: no topics required

(Note: There is no Poor coverage for Literature and composition)

History and geography (5 topics)

- Great coverage: 3-5 topics required
- Good coverage: 2 topics required
- Poor coverage: 1 topic required
- No coverage: no topics required

Science (3 topics)

- Great coverage: 2-3 topics required, with at least 1 lab required
- Good coverage: 2 topics with no lab, 1 science with a lab
- Poor coverage: 1 science without a lab
- No Level: no topics required

Grade	Levels required
A	All subjects have great coverage. OR Program has an admissions requirement that the applicant pass all sections of an elementary content test. (An example is the ETS Elementary Content: Multiple Subjects test.)
B	Two subjects have great coverage and one has good coverage.
C	Two subjects have great coverage and one has poor to no coverage. OR One subject has great coverage, one good coverage, and the last has good or poor coverage.
D	All three subjects have good or poor coverage. OR

	<p>Two subjects have good coverage and one has no coverage.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>One subject has great coverage while two have poor coverage.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>One subject has great coverage, another has good or poor coverage, and the last has no coverage.</p>
F	Any other combination (at least two subjects have no coverage OR one subject has good or poor coverage, another has poor coverage, and the last has no coverage).