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CADEP Sounds Alarm Over Rising WASSCE Failures, Demands Accountability

Accra, December 10, 2025 — The Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADEP) has expressed deep concern over the sharp decline in academic performance in the 2025 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE), warning that Ghana's education system is approaching a national emergency.

This year's results reveal a significant drop across key core subjects, leaving tens of thousands of students ineligible for tertiary admission.

2025 Highlights:

- **Core Mathematics:** 48.73% pass (down from 66.86% in 2024); 26.77% failed outright.
- **Social Studies:** 55.82% pass (down from 71.53%); 27.50% failed.
- **Integrated Science:** 57.74% pass.
- **English Language:** 69.00% pass.

CADEP notes that this continues a three-year downward trend, signaling structural weaknesses rather than an isolated decline. The organization warns that the deteriorating results threaten Ghana's future workforce, national productivity, and global competitiveness. Families across the country now face additional financial and emotional burdens as many students are forced into remedial exams, gap years, or alternative education paths.

Systemic Issues Identified

CADEP stresses that the failures are rooted in broader systemic problems, including:

- **Poor teaching quality and weak instructional supervision**
- **Inadequate learning resources across schools**
- **Rampant exam malpractice and poor monitoring**
- **Limited investment in foundational literacy and numeracy**
- **Insufficient psychosocial support for students**

Accountability and Reform Needed

Our organization is calling for strict punitive action against school heads, invigilators, WAEC officials, and PTA members found complicit in examination malpractice.

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