

The Ministry of Education has announced the results of the 2025 National Examinations for both primary and lower secondary levels, with top performers recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Leading the Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) nationwide is Arakaza Leo Victor from Wisdom School Musanze, who scored an impressive 99.4%. His performance, announced by the Director General of the National Examination and School Inspection Authority (NESA), Dr. Bahati Bernard, drew applause and surprise from the audience present at the official release event.

Five other pupils tied in second place with 98.8%. They include Impano Brave Gloria (Bugesera District), Ihirwe Kanimba Honnette (New Vision Primary School, Huye District), Duhirwe Gall Gaviry Darcy (Ecole Internationale La Racine, Bugesera District), Nsengiyumva Joannah Holiness (Bugesera District), and Ashimwe Keza Gerardine (Bugesera District).

At the lower secondary level, Izere Henock Tresor from ES Kanombe/Efotec in Kicukiro District emerged top with 98.67%. He was followed by three students from Hope Haven School in Gasabo District, which dominated the rankings. Uwumuremyi Albert took second place with 98.00%, while Ineza Flora Elyse and Ndayishimiye Jean D'Amour tied in third and fourth places, each with 97.89%. Agaba Happy Jean Eudes from Petit Séminaire St. Aloys, Rusizi District, completed the top five with 97.78%.

To reward excellence, the Ministry of Education presented the best students with laptops and school supplies. In addition, Umwalimu Sacco pledged to cover their school fees for the entire academic year.

Dr. Bahati revealed that 22,927 candidates sat for the Primary Leaving Exams, while 149,206 students registered for the lower secondary examinations across 3,815 schools. The overall pass rate showed 46.8% male and 53.2% female candidates.

District performance varied significantly, with Kirehe leading at 93.1%, followed by Ngoma (78.8%) and Rusizi (70.5%). Districts with the lowest scores included Musanze (44.6%), Kamonyi (45%), and Gakenke (46%).

Speaking at the event, Minister of Education Joseph Nsengimana emphasized the government's commitment to improving the quality of education.

“It is our collective duty—students, teachers, parents, and the Ministry—to continue raising education standards. We must ensure that every child not only attends school but also learns effectively,” said Minister Nsengimana.

He added that efforts to strengthen education quality will remain a national priority:

“We cannot pretend children know what they do not. Instead, we will continue to invest every effort to ensure they gain the knowledge and skills needed to succeed and to contribute to building the Rwanda we aspire to.”