



Quality Education in the Classroom Everyday

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Gauteng Provincial Government has committed itself to promoting quality education and skills delivery. To do this we must make sure every learner does well at school and leaves our institutions with the values, knowledge, skills and qualifications that will give them the best chance of success in adult life.

From January 2010 government will introduce the Foundations for Learning in all primary schools. Starting with the foundations phase, Grade R-3, the department will distribute teaching and learning support materials to schools.

This is the beginning of a new support programme for primary schools that aims to make sure that all children pass Maths and English by the time they leave Grade 7. To help principals, teachers and parents to know how well their learners are doing, all children will be tested in literacy and numeracy in Grade 3 and Grade 6 every year.

These tests will also help the Education Department, Principals and the School Governing Body to implement programmes to improve poorly performing schools.

Parents, you can help your child everyday by:

- Listening to your child read for 10 minutes
- Counting and doing simple sums with your child for 10 minutes
- Helping your child to practice writing for 10 minutes
- Making sure your child arrives at school on time and behaves well

The National Department of Education is also looking for ways to relieve teachers and schools of challenges resulting from the way in which the curriculum and assessment were implemented. This is intended to leave more time for teaching and learning as follows:

- learner portfolios are no longer required
- the number of projects learners must do (Grade 4-12) is one per learning area per year
- textbooks must be used by both learners and teachers

It is also important that parents attend school meetings and meet the child's teacher once in a term to discuss the child's progress. President Jacob Zuma has called on all of us to make education a priority for everyone. He has also called on principals, parents, teachers and learners to respect and implement what he calls the non-negotiables for education:

“Teachers must be in class on time teaching with correct textbooks and no abuse of learners; learners must be in class on time learning, being respectful to their teachers and each other and do their home work,” - President Jacob Zuma.

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