

# MEC UPDATE ON

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## 2023 NSC EXAMS UPDATE

- **It is comforting that we facilitated a successful 2023 NSC examination process, with limited challenges.**
- **With all preparations undertaken before this process, we are hopeful that candidates will provide Gauteng with outstanding results.**

## 2023 NSC EXAMS UPDATE

- The 2023 October/November National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations commenced on **30 October 2023** and concluded on **06 December 2023**.
- The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) facilitated examinations for a total of **188 074** candidates, comprising of:
  - **133 285** full-time (FT) candidates
  - **54 789** part-time/repeater (PT) candidates

## INVIGILATION AND MONITORING

- We officially appointed invigilators and monitors who were trained prior to the start of the 2023 NSC examination, and they successfully monitored the process.
- Daily incident reports were submitted to the Department of Basic Education and Umalusi.

## INVIGILATION AND MONITORING

- Weekly Quality Promotion (QP) meetings were held throughout the examination period, to review processes, sharing of practices, and necessary guidance from management and stakeholders.
- Reports from these meetings confirmed NSC examination credibility in Gauteng, meaning that, protocols were followed, policies adhered to, excellent security maintained, just on-time material distribution, and smooth collection schedules observed.



## EXAMINATION DISTRIBUTION AND SECURITY

- Question papers were distributed and collected smoothly, with timely dissemination to exam venues, ensuring an overall successful process.

## EXAMINATION IRREGULARITIES

- Few irregularities were reported in each week, however none of which could impact negatively the quality of examination. There were **fifty-one (51) overall irregularities and incidences** which comprised of the following:
  - a) 45 learners caught with crib notes,
  - b) 5 learners in possession of cell phones and;
  - c) 1 imposter.
- The vigilance of chief invigilators, invigilators and monitors was commendable, good administrative measures put in place by the Districts to manage irregularities was outstanding.

## EXAMINATION IRREGULARITIES (CONT)

- Candidates need to be mindful that, if you are found to have transgressed the rules and regulations of the NSC examination, you might be barred from writing two to three examinations in the future.



## EXAMINATION MARKING

- Marking is divided into two sessions:
  - First session: commenced on November 16 to November 28, 2023, in specific schools.
  - Main marking: December 3 to December 20, 2023, across 25 undisclosed centers.
- 10 541 personnel appointed, including various roles like Chief Markers, Senior Markers, and monitors.
- Examination Assistants and Quality Assurers also appointed and allocated to centres to ensure smooth processes.
- Deputy Chief and Senior Markers were trained in November for both sessions.

## DATES OF RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ministerial release of national NSC 2023 results**

**18 January 2024**

**Provincial release of NSC 2023 results**

**19 January 2024**

**Statements of Results available at schools for collection by candidates**

**19 January 2024**



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# 2024 ONLINE ADMISSIONS

## 2024 ONLINE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PERIOD

The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) wishes to announce that we are nearing the end of the 2024 Online Admissions for Grade 1 and 8 Placement Process.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that to date, we have placed 99.8% of all complete applications and await only 0.1% of parents to accept their placement offers.

Placement of applicants commenced on 4 September 2023 and will close when all applicants are placed.



## APPLICANTS: COMPLETE AND **INCOMPLETE** **SUMMARY: 2024 TOTAL APPLICANTS AND PLACEMENTS**

GRADE	TOTAL CAPACITY	TOTAL APPLICANTS	APPLICANTS WITH INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS	APPLICANTS WITH COMPLETE APPLICATIONS	COMPLETE APPLICATIONS PLACED	TRANSFERS OFFERS MADE	COMPLETE APPLICATIONS UNPLACED	AVAILABLE SPACE
<b>1</b>	<b>208190</b>	<b>145 472</b>	<b>14 699</b>	<b>130 773</b>	<b>130690</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>77 434</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>186752</b>	<b>160 509</b>	<b>18 096</b>	<b>142 413</b>	<b>141949</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>44 545</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>394942</b>	<b>305 981</b>	<b>32 795</b> <b>[10.7%]</b>	<b>273 186</b> <b>[89,3%]</b>	<b>272 639</b> <b>[99.8%]</b>	<b>324</b> <b>0.1%</b>	<b>223</b> <b>[0.1%]</b>	<b>121</b> <b>979</b>
					<b>TOTAL PLACED:</b> <b>272 963 (99.9%)</b>			

- To date, 272 639 (99.8%) applicants with Complete Applications are placed.
- 324 (0.1%) applicants with Complete Applications have offers of placement that require responses
- There are 32 795 Applicants with Incomplete Applications – provision is made for these to select schools with available space for placement from 11 December 2023

## ISSUES TO REITERATE

- **Parents are reminded that applicants were ranked for placement according to the regulated Admissions criteria in the following order up to the capacity of each school:**
  - Home address within school feeder zone closest to the school;
  - Siblings (**Grade 1 – 7 or 8 – 11 only**) in the school applied to;
  - Previous School in feeder zone of the school applied to
- **When all applicants in the above categories are placed, placement offers were released to applicants in the following categories in the order outlined below up to the capacity of each school with available space:**
  - Work address within school feeder zone
  - Home address within 30 km
  - Home address beyond 30 km
- **Applicants with Complete Applications (valid proof of Home Address) were prioritised for placement**
- **Applicants with Incomplete Applications (no documents or no valid proof of home address) will be able to select a school with available space from 11 December 2023**

## **2024 ONLINE ADMISSIONS PLACEMENT PERIOD**

To accept / decline transfer offers, submit objections and appeals, parents and guardians must log in to:

**[www.gdeadmissions.gov.za](http://www.gdeadmissions.gov.za)**

**And access the parent profile using their login credentials  
(username and password)**

**The Online Admissions Application System will remain open  
throughout the school holidays for parents to view their  
profiles**



## RESPONDING TO TRANSFER OFFERS OF PLACEMENT

- To respond to a transfer offer within **THREE DAYS**, parents must login to their profile on the GDE's Online Admissions Application System and **ACCEPT** or **DECLINE** the offer of placement
  - Should the parent **accept the transfer offer**, the child will be placed at the school transferred to
  - Should the parent **decline the transfer offer**, the parent will be prompted to submit an objection within **three days**
- It must be noted that **ONLY** Parents who are **offered transfers to schools that they have not applied to**, have the option to decline the transfer offer and submit an objection
- **All objections and appeals are investigated on merit and an outcome is provided within THREE DAYS of submission**
  - Should the parent **accept the objection outcome**, the child will be placed at the school transferred to
  - Should the parent **decline the objection outcome**, the parent will be prompted to submit an Appeal within **three days**
  - Appeals are processed and responded to within **14 – 21** days of submission
  - Parents must note that the Appeal outcome is final





## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS (WITH NO DOCUMENTS / NO PROOF OF HOME ADDRESS)

GRADE	APPLICANTS WITH INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS
1	14 699
8	18 096
<b>Total</b>	<b>32 795</b>

- A total of **32 795** parents applied without submitting any valid proof of home address
- To give parents an opportunity to finalise their applications, the Online Admissions Application System will be open from **11 December 2023 to 15 January 2023** to allow parents to select a school with available space
- Only ONE school may be selected for placement
- Placement at the selected school is final
- Documents may be submitted to selected school when schools reopen in January 2024

## LATE APPLICATIONS

- To accommodate Late Applications, the Online Admissions Application system will be open from **18 December up to 31 January 2023**
- Most important to note is that **ONLY** schools with available space will be available on the System. Note also that as each school becomes filled to capacity, it will be auto-removed. The choice of schools is therefore limited
- Parents are advised to select ONE school – the learner will be auto-placed at the selected school
- Placement at the selected school is final
- Documents may be submitted to selected school when schools reopen in January 2024

## OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

- Applicants who are **offered placement at schools that they have not applied to** have the option to accept or decline the placement offer
- To submit an objection, the parent declines the placement offer, and completes an electronic objection form online
- Objections must be submitted **within 7 days** of receiving the placement offer
- Note that **when placement is offered at one of the schools that the parent applied to, the parent will not be able to submit an objection or appeal**
- All objections are investigated on merit and an outcome is provided to the parent within 14 days of submission
- Applicants who **decline the objection outcome may submit an appeal** online within 7 days of receiving the objection outcome
- Appeals are processed and responded to within 14 – 21 days of receipt
- Parents need to note that the **Appeal outcome is final**



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# CAPACITY INTERVENTIONS

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- To ensure that all learners are placed, the GDE has embarked on the following interventions to increase capacity:
- **Mobile Units:**
  - A total of 341 mobile units have been delivered to Primary and Secondary Schools across the province

## CAPACITY INTERVENTIONS

- **Self-build programme:**
  - Within this programme, the GDE has allocated funding to high-pressure schools to build a total of **1 745 additional classrooms** to augment their capacity
  - The process to transfer the said funds to about 606 schools is at an advanced stage
  - All identified schools are guided on how to commence with the procurement process to appoint constructors accordingly



# SCHOOLS TO ACCOMMODATE CAPACITY PRESSURE

District	School Name	School Type
EN	Birchleigh Satellite Secondary School	S
ES	Vosloorus Ext 6 Primary School (replacement)	P
GE	Hoërskool Johan Jurgens	S
ES	Edenpark Primary School	P
TN	Doornpoort Secondary School	S
TS	Olievenhoutbosch Secondary School No 2	S
GE	Eastvale/Morester Secondary School	S
ES	Phineas Xulu Secondary School (Satellite Replacement School)	S
GN	Ndzundza Primary School	S
JC	Naturena Secondary School	S
JS	Lawley Primary School	P
TW	Ruabohlale Secondary School (Satellite)	S
EN	New Satellite - Birch Acres Sec School	S
EN	New Satellite - Leboeng Primary/Secondary School	P
EN	New Satellite - Olifantsfontein Primary School	P
GN	Dokerhoek Primary	P
GN	Refilwe Secondary School	S



# SCHOOLS TO ACCOMMODATE CAPACITY PRESSURE

District	School Name	School Type
TW	Klipfontein Primary School (Satellite)	P
TW	Tim Modise Primary School (Satellite)	P
TW	Northpark Primary School	P
TW	Theresapark Secondary School	S
TW	Theresapark Primary School No 2	P
GE	Tsakane Ext 22 Secondary School	S
GE	Selcourt Primary No2 School	P
GE	Devon Secondary School	S
GE	Johan Jurgens High	S
GE	Eastvale Secondary School	S
GE	Etwatwa Ext 37 Secondary School	S
SE	Obed Nkosi Satellite	P
SE	Savannah City Satellite	P
SW	Savanna City Primary School No2	P
SE	Tshepong Seondary School	S
TN	Vuma Area New Eersterus Primary	P
TN	Vuma New Eersterus Secondary	S





## **SCHOOLS TO BE LAUNCHED**

- **Three schools have been identified for Launch in the January (beginning of the 2024 Academic year)**
  - ✓ **Kgatoenhle Secondary School (TW)**
  - ✓ **Mayibuye Primary School (JE)**
  - ✓ **Bramfischerville Primary Number 1 (JW)**



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# SCHOOL SAFETY

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Summer school holidays will be during December 13, 2023, to January 16, 2024

- We have noted Increased vandalism and burglary trends during this holidays period
- Community's immediate role in safeguarding schools has an impact on learning and teaching
- Call to communities to report crime incidents to SAPS, or the department



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# 2024 SCHOOL REOPENING PROGRAMME

## 2024 SCHOOL READINESS

- In addition to the previously mentioned infrastructural and capacity interventions that Gauteng has in place for the 2024 academic year:
- We have planned on transporting 210 000 learners from the start of the 2024 academic year and increasing the number of existing pick-up points
- We will continue to provide food to learners at deserving schools, being prepared to provide nutrition for approximately 1 679 876 learners in the 2024 academic year
- Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM) in the form of textbooks, stationery, workbooks and classroom furniture will be provided. Schools with challenges in these areas, particularly with furniture, have been identified and these will have been addressed by the start of the 2024 academic year

## TEXTBOOKS: PROVINCIAL SUMMARY SECTION 21.1C

Region	schools in the region	schools where parents buy textbooks	schools that have reached 100% UTC	schools that should order textbooks
Ekurhuleni	435	2	3	<b>430</b>
Johannesburg	634	8	7	<b>619</b>
Sediwes	333	0	5	<b>328</b>
Tshwane	473	0	6	<b>467</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1875</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1844</b>

**Provisioning of Textbooks is key for delivery of curriculum**



## LEARNER STATIONERY: PROVINCIAL SUMMARY SECTION 21.1C

District	No of Schools in District Office	No of schools where parents buy stationery	No of schools that have surplus from previous year(s)	No of schools that should order stationery
Ekurhuleni	435	41	4	<b>390</b>
Johannesburg	634	58	0	<b>576</b>
SEDIWES	333	9	1	<b>323</b>
Tshwane	473	14	0	<b>459</b>
Total	<b>1875</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1748</b>



## MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024

Activity	Date Commencement	Date Conclusion	Responsible Officials
Textbooks Retrieval	01 November 2023	12 January 2024	School LTSM Committee Members
Issuing of Textbooks and Learner Stationery	15 January 2024	16 January 2024	School LTSM Committee Members
Monitoring the distribution	22 January 2024	31 January 2024	LTSM District Officials
Declaration of Universal Textbooks Coverage	01 February 2024	02 February 2024	School LTSM Committee Members LTSM District Officials



## FURNITURE PROVISION

- The provisioning school furniture has a direct effect on teaching and learning in schools
- Shortage of furniture in schools has a negative impact towards the realisation of quality education
- Accordingly, about R170m additional budget has been approved for the period 2023/2024 to alleviate pressures experienced by the department.
- About 588 Primary and 259 Secondary Schools and 169 Mobile classes received furniture during this period

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- 849 Funza Lushaka Graduates received for placement in GDE schools in 2023. A total of 398 unplaced graduates from the list will be considered for placement in 2024.
- All Funza Lushaka graduates are required to register on the Unemployed Educator database.
- A new Funza Lushaka provisional placement list for the 2024 academic year is expected from DBE.
- The Department has allocated a total of 45 posts (3 per District), for the appointment of TEACH SA ambassadors to teach Maths, Science, Technology and English in under performing schools – their contracts will expire on 31 December 2024.
- There are 68 000 unemployed educators that are registered on the educator unemployment database. All principals have access to the database through HRP officials and uses it for the recruitment processes and filling of vacant posts
- 110 Principal posts were advertised through the Vacancy circular 11/2023(see summary below per district)
- Note that the preferred assumption of duty is 1 July 2024, the reason for the late assumption of duty, is to allow the SGB elections to take place and for new SGBs to do the recruitment process for the school principal. The shortlisting and Interviews will be between April and June 2024.

## 2024 OPENING OF SCHOOLS EXCO DEPLOYMENT

- The Opening of Schools Campaign undertaken by the Executive Council – the importance of education and why it remains the apex priority of the province and the country.
- Members of the Executive Council will conduct oversight monitoring of the overall readiness of schools on the first day of re-opening (17 January 2024) as part of Government's commitment to Education.

These oversight visits to schools send a clear message that the Gauteng Provincial Government supports:

- Making education an apex priority, and
- The non-negotiables, namely:
  - All learners are in class, on time, learning with the necessary stationery and textbooks.
  - All educators are in class, on time, teaching with the correct resources.

## THE 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

This year has been nothing short of remarkable for Gauteng's education landscape, thanks to our collective efforts. Now, is a moment to acknowledge the dedication and hard work invested by both learners and the staff. To all the learners who persevered through their exams, congratulations!

To our teachers and staff, you played a pivotal role in coordinating examinations and supporting our learners and same is truly appreciated.

To the Class of 2023, your accomplishments are bound to be nothing short of greatness. We wish you success as you embark on your journey towards higher education and future careers.

As the Department, we stand firmly in support of your aspirations. Matriculants are encouraged to seize the opportunity provided by the Gauteng City Region Academy bursary, a testament to the Gauteng Provincial Government's commitment to funding tertiary studies for our youth.

We eagerly await the joy of witnessing your hard work culminate in success. Let's continue our shared commitment to Growing Gauteng Together.

- Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane



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