# MATRIC EXAM READINESS AND LEARNER PLACEMENT UPDATE

## 23 OCTOBER 2023









#### **2023 NSC EXAMINATIONS**

- The 2023 October/November National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination commences on **30 October 2023** and ends on **05 December 2023** with CAT and IT rewrites taking place on 06 December 2023
- GDE focus for 2023 is on Credibility, Integrity and Efficiency AND <u>zero</u> technical irregularities
- Qualifying candidates are required to sign a pledge before the exams commence as an indication of their commitment to the NSC Examination Code of Conduct





#### **2023 NSC EXAMINATIONS - PREPARATION**

- Candidates are reminded not to disrupt any examination proceedings while in the examination room, this will lead to immediate removal from the examination room and such candidates will be barred from continuing to write their examination paper
- Candidates are also reminded that if they are found guilty of any act of dishonesty, they will not only have their results nullified, but they will be barred from the stipulated number of future examination cycles depending on the severity of their dishonesty, candidates need to accept the dire consequences of their dishonesty and understand how it impacts on them being able to complete the NSC qualification





#### **PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2023**

- The Class of 2023
  - Is the 16th cohort of learners to sit for the NSC qualification;
  - Is the 10th cohort to be exposed to the Curriculum and Assessment; Policy Statement (CAPS) introduced in 2014;
  - Entered the formal schooling system in Grade 1, in January 2012;
  - Was the 4th Grade 12 cohort to have been subjected to the global COVID-19 pandemic.





### **PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2023**

- This cohort has been subjected to disruptions in their schooling since Grade 9, before commencement with the FET phase in Grade 10 in 2021.
- It was the 6th cohort to offer a series of new subjects in the Grade 12 NSC examinations.
- These include:
  - SASL HL, Technical Mathematics, Technical Science
  - 3 separate subject specializing in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Technology





#### SCOPE & SIZE OF 2023 NSC EXAMINATIONS

Scope and Size of the NSC Examination	Gauteng
NSC 2023 November - Full-time candidates	132 561
NSC 2023 November – Part-time/Repeater candidates	58 620
TOTAL Candidates	191 181
Exam Centres with registered NSC full-time candidates	920
Exam Centres with registered NSC part- time/Repeater candidates	93
TOTAL Exam Centres	1 015





## **EXAMINATION CENTRES**

- GDE has registered a total of 1 015 examination centres:
  - 738 public centres
  - 277 independent centres
- This includes **93 centres activated** for Parttime/Repeater candidate.
- A total of **16 new centres** has been activated for this exam cycle.





#### **EXAMINATION CENTRES – Centres per quintile and region**

Region	Quintile 1	Quintile	Quintile	Quintile 4	Quintile	Private &	Total
		2	3		5	Adult	
EKURHULENI	7	16	37	49	57	70	237
JOHANNESBURG	24	32	35	48	77	163	380
SEDIWES	11	23	23	26	35	35	154
TSHWANE	37	16	18	51	51	71	244
GDE	79	87	113	174	220	339	1015





#### **CANDIDATE REGISTRATION**

- GDE has registered a total of 191 181 candidates to write the 2023 NSC Examination
  - 132 561 Full-time candidates
  - 58 620 Part-time/Repeater candidates
- This represents an overall decrease of 1.9 % (3 539 candidates) when compared to the 194 720 candidates registered for 2022
- The number of Full-time candidates has dropped by 6 310, while part-time/ repeater candidates have increased by 2 771 for the 2023 NSC examination when compared to 2022-

•	2022		2023			Variation	(from 2022	to 2023)	
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
	138 871	55 849	194 720	132 561	58 620	191 181	-6 310	2 771	-3 539

• This is the first downward trend in enrolments since 2020, but remains significantly higher than across 2015 to 2020 where enrolments hovered around 150 000 candidates





## SECONDARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (SSIP)

- Candidates were also assisted to prepare for these examinations by participating in the Secondary School Improvement Programme (SSIP) from September to October 2023.
- Candidates from different schools were also taken to SSIP residential camps for 1 a 2 weeks, where they were extensively assisted on different subjects
- Some schools conducted daily improvement programmes which also played a significant role in assisting candidates
- This programme has proven to be successful in assisting learner especially those who might have been severely impacted by different disruptions in their communities during the year





#### **INVIGILATION & MONITORING**

- During training special attention was paid to the checking of IDs to eliminate fakes and the verification of candidates' identity to eliminate imposters
- Besides cell phones not being allowed in exam rooms, DBE has instructed that <u>no</u> wrist watches be allowed for the NSC 2023 examination either, this is to eliminate all possible means via which learners can access and/or share information digitally and online while writing their examination
- GDE has, in 2023, introduced the use of **super scanners** at examination centres to mitigate the smuggling in of cell phones
- The Department has appointed additional Chief Invigilators and Monitors to be stationed at high-risk centres (i.e. high enrolment centres, centres with history of irregularities, independent centres) during the conduct of the examination to take over or strengthen the management of the examination at the identified centres





#### **SECURITY INTERVENTIONS**

- All high-level security mechanisms remain in place and have been augmented to mitigate any leakages of question papers, including strict adherence to norm times when collecting and returning examination material before and after examination writing sessions
- The department has appointed service providers to augment security in districts – these include armed escorts, response units, and CCTV cameras for the duration of the examination





#### LOAD SHEDDING INTERVENTIONS

- During the audit of CAT and IT Laboratories, one of the areas of focus was on whether the centres have a generator to serve as back-up in the event of an electricity supply cut
- In the event we experience power cuts during CAT and IT practical examinations dates, a rewrite opportunity is provided on 06 December 2023 to candidates who might not be able to write on the scheduled dates
- Centres that do not have generators will procure and/or rent generators to avoid any disruptions that may result from a power cut
- The Department has also leased generators to ensure that back-up power is available for key processes such as marking and capturing to proceed during loadshedding





#### MARKING

- Marking of the NSC 2023 scripts is scheduled to take place in two stages across a total of 25 Marking Centres:
  - Early session- 18 to 26 November 2023
  - Main session- 07 to 18 December 2023
- 14 065 markers have been appointed to ensure that marking is completed within the stipulated norm times, this is key to ensuring that all marking is timeously completed
- GDE will continue to engage in the e-marking process for Accounting Papers 1 and 2, and Mathematics Paper 2 and support the other 8 provinces in their e-marking of these papers as well





#### 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





#### CONCLUSION

- GDE has been commended by both the DBE and Umalusi for the level of readiness, innovations implemented, and progress made regarding areas of concern raised ahead of the 2023 NSC examination.
- We are confident that we are ready to deliver and administer the 2023 NSC examination in a credible manner which is free of technical irregularities.
- With all preparations we are hopefull that Gauteng will do well in this examination.





# 2024 ONLINE ADMISSIONS PLACEMENT PROGRESS





#### **PLACEMENT PERIOD**

The 2024 Online Admissions Placement Period for Grade 1 and 8 commenced on <u>4 September</u> 2023 and will continue throughout the remainder of the year until all learners are placed





#### PLACEMENT CRITERIA RECAP

Parents and guardians are reminded that the placement offers are based on the following criteria considered in order of priority below (NOT FIRST COME FIRST SERVED):

1	Home address	within the	school's feeder zone

- 2 Sibling(s), Previous School
- 3 Work address within school's feeder zone
- 4 Home address within 30km radius
- 5 Home address beyond 30km radius

Parents and guardians are also reminded that placement according to the above criteria is determined by the capacity at each school





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

GRADE	TOTAL CAPACITY	TOTAL APPLICANTS	INCOMPLETE APPLICANTS	COMPLETE APPLICANTS	PLACED	UNPLACED	AVAILABLE SPACE
1	200950	145472	1 232	144 240	113963	30277	56710
8	169485	160509	31 563	128 946	112122	16824	40539
Total	370435	305 981	32 795 [10.7%]	273 186 [89,3%]	<mark>226085</mark> [82.8%]	47101 [17.2%]	97249





#### **UPDATE ON PLACEMENT PROGRESS**

- It is important to note that the Department prioritises placement of the 273 186 (Grade 1: 144 240; Grade 8: 128 946) applicants with complete applications
- I am pleased to announce that, to date, a total of 226 085 (82.8%) applicants are placed. This translates to 113 963 Grade 1: and 112 122 Grade 8 applicants placed six weeks after the commencement of the placement process
- A total of 6 747 applicants who received placement offers have not accepted the placement offers
- 47 101 (12.2%) unplaced applicants, translating to 30 277 Grade1 and Grade 8: 16 824 are in the process of being placed.
- 32 795 Applicants with Incomplete applications will be placed after all applicants with complete applications are placed
- However, parents that submitted documents manually and have proof that documents were submitted will be assisted to update their applications





#### **PLACEMENT OFFERS**

 Parents/Guardians with placement offers are urged to log on to <u>www.gdeadmissions.gov.za</u> using their credentials to select one of the following two options accept an offer:

□ <u>Accept Placement Offers As Final, Or</u>

□ <u>Accept placement offers while awaiting additional offers</u> within 7 school days

- Placement offers are reserved only until all the other schools applied to reach full capacity
- As soon as all other schools that the parent applied to reach full capacity, all applicants with placement offers are placed at the school that made the placement offer
- To this end, the Department auto-placed a total of 6627 Applicants with provisionally accepted offers on Friday, 20 October 2023





#### PLACEMENT OF UNPLACED APPLICANTS

- The Department is hard at work ensuring that the remaining 47 101 (Grade 1: 30 277; Grade 8: 16824) unplaced applicants are placed in due course
- <u>NB:</u> Parents / guardians are reminded that ALL placement is subject to the priority of placement criteria and availability of space (capacity) per school
- The Department is in the process of setting up 8 satellite schools, delivering mobile classrooms and providing funds for schools to build additional classrooms to accommodate the unplaced applicants in high pressure areas
- Applicants that cannot be accommodated at schools they applied to due to the schools having reached capacity, will receive transfer offers of placement at the next closest school with available space





#### **TRANSFER OFFERS OF PLACEMENT**

- Parents / guardians should expect transfer offers of placement from Friday 27 October 2023
- Transfer offers are made only after confirmation that none of the schools which a parent applied to has available space
- Parents / guardians who are offered placement at schools that they have not applied to have the option to accept or decline the placement offer
- When the transfer offer is accepted, the learner is placed at the school. The placement is final
- When the **transfer offer is declined**, the parent may submit an Objection within 7 days of receiving the transfer placement offer





#### **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





# SCHOOLS THAT REACHED CAPACITY PER REGION





### SCHOOLS AT FULL CAPACITY

- Prior to the commencement of the placement period, the Department conducted a capacity audit ant all schools and to ensure that available capacity at all schools are used to optimally accommodate applicants
- As at 23 October 2023, a total of 199 Primary schools reached full capacity after placing a total of 28 820 learners; And
- 125 secondary schools reached full capacity after placing a total of 29 107 applicants
- This means a total of 324 schools have no more space to accommodate any further applicants
- Unplaced applicants that cannot be accommodated at these schools, will be transferred to the next closest school with available space





# ENSURING OPTIMAL PROVISION OF LEARNING SPACE





#### **HIGH PRESSURE SCHOOLS**

- The Department has identified schools that received an overwhelming number of applications which exceeds the capacity of learners that they can afford to accommodate:
  - About <u>292</u> Primary Schools are regarded as highpressure schools and
  - About <u>277</u> Secondary Schools are regarded as highpressure schools





#### TOP 20 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

NUMBER	SCHOOL NAME	DISTRICT	CAPACITY	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS
1	LAERSKOOL AKASIA	Tshwane West	246	1476
2	PALMRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	200	1102
3	LAERSKOOL RACHEL DE BEER	Tshwane West	240	1085
4	ALSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	240	1016
5	STONERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	250	1000
6	LAKESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	160	999
7	LAERSKOOL THERESAPARK	Tshwane West	230	984
8	SELCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL	Gauteng East	120	935
9	OPELWEG PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	275	926
10	ALBERVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	150	924





#### TOP 20 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

NUMBER	SCHOOL NAME	DISTRICT	CAPACITY	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS	TOTAL APPLICANTS
11	KENTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	130	866	144
12	HAMILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	Tshwane South	70	864	329
13	LAERSKOOL MEYERSPARK	Tshwane South	150	862	256
14	MIDRAND ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL	Johannesburg East	196	857	338
15	BRACKENHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	200	856	360
16	LAERSKOOL WESTGOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL	Gauteng West	177	854	309
17		Ekurhuleni North	180	851	184
18		Johannesburg Central	115	848	344
19	NELLMAPIUS EXT. 1 PRIMARY SCHOOL	Tshwane South	200	829	295
20	EDENPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	<b>Ekurhuleni South</b>	164	827	272



-	TOP 20 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS				
NUMBER	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	CAPACITY	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS	
1	KATLEHONG MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SCHOOL OF SPECIALISATION	Ekurhuleni South	275	2641	
2	HOËRSKOOL LANGENHOVEN	Tshwane West	290	2617	
3	ALBERTON HIGH SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	200	2500	
4	PARKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL	Johannesburg East	197	2318	
5	BOKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	254	2179	
6	HOËRSKOOL PRESIDENT	Johannesburg Central	450	2149	
7	SIR JOHN ADAMSON HIGH SCHOOL	Johannesburg Central	480	2069	
8	HOËRSKOOL AKASIA	Tshwane West	230	2041	
9	PHUMLANI SECONDARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	250	1996	
10	SUNWARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	320	1970	



#### TOP 20 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

NUMBER	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	CAPACITY	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS	TOTAL APPLICANTS
11	JEPPE HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS	Johannesburg East	220	1968	360
12	NORTHCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL	Johannesburg North	280	1941	808
13	MONDEOR HIGH SCHOOL	Johannesburg Central	338	1939	558
14	KATLEHONG SECONDARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni South	300	1896	603
15	HOËRSKOOL GERRIT MARITZ	Tshwane West	236	1834	466
16	HOËRSKOOL ELSPARK	Ekurhuleni South	260	1828	670
17	LESIBA SECONDARY SCHOOL	Ekurhuleni North	400	1794	410
18	HOËRSKOOL BIRCHLEIGH	Ekurhuleni North	300	1783	540
19	HOËRSKOOL JEUGLAND	Ekurhuleni North	300	1763	702
20	RAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL	Johannesburg North	315	1738	671





#### FORGOT PASSWORD/LOST CREDENTIALS

- Parents and guardians who may have forgotten or lost their credentials must click on "Forgot Password" on the landing page and follow the prompts to regain access to the system
- Alternatively, parents and guardians are welcome to interact with our call centre agents on 0800 000 789 or WhatsApp us on 060 891 0361
- Normally, high volumes of calls are received during the Placement period, and ALL our offices experience a high number of walk-ins from parents/guardians
- We plead for patience and understanding as our officials work hard to assist everyone.
- Parents may also visit District Offices to address admissions queries





## **GDE DISTRICT OFFICES**

DISTRICT	ADDRESS	AREAS COVERED
EKURHULENI NORTH	73 Howard Avenue, Munpen Building, Benoni	Edenvale; Tembisa; Kempton Park; Bedfordview; Wattville; Bapsfontein; Benoni; Daveyton; Petit; Putfontein
EKURHULENI SOUTH	2 Robin Close, Meyersdal, Alberton	Alberton; Bedfordview; Boksburg; Edenvale; Germiston; Katlehong; Vosloorus; Tokoza
GAUTENG EAST	Corner 7 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Telkom Towers, Springs	Brakpan; Daggafontein; Duduza; Daveyton; Kwa-Thema; Nigel; Springs; Tsakane: Welgedag; Devon; Wattville
GAUTENG NORTH	Yorkcor Park Building, 86 Watermeyer Street, Val De Grace	Bapsfontein; Baviaanspoort; Bronkhorstspruit; Clayville; Cullinan; Ekangala; Hammanskraal; Premier Mine; Rayton; Zonderwater
GAUTENG WEST	Corner Boscholl and Human Street, Krugersdorp	Bank; Bekkersdal; Brandvlei; Doringfontein; Glenharvie; Hekpoort; Krugersdorp; Libanon; Maanhaarrand; Magaliesberg; Mothlakeng; Muldersdrift; Oberholzer; Randfontein; Randfontein South; The Village; Toekomsrus; Venterspos; Western Areas; Westonaria, Azadville
JOHANNESURG CENTRAL	Corner Morola and Chris Hani Road, Soweto College, Pimville	Soweto; Eldorado Park; Johannesburg Southern Suburbs; Lenasia
JOHANNESBURG EAST	44 Wolfgang Street, Norwood, Sandton	Halfway House; Hyde Park; Lyndhurst; Modderfontein; Parktown; Sandton, Alexandra Township, Ivory Park,Midrand





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JOHANNESBURG NORTH	Corner Biccard and Jorrison Street, FNB Building, Braamfontein	Johannesburg North, Parktown; Randburg, Soweto, Central, Far North; Cosmo City
JOHANNESBURG SOUTH	100 Northern Parkway, Crownwood, Ormonde	Grasmere; Jackson's Drift; Johannesburg; Lenasia; Lawley; Orange Farm; Vlakfontein
JOHANNESBURG WEST	20 Goldman Street, Florida	Florida; Roodepoort; Soweto; Braamfischer; Tshepisong; Meadowlands, Dobsonville
SEDIBENG EAST	SL & M Building, Corner Joubert & Kruger Street	Daleside; Heidelberg Transvaal; Henley-On-Klip; Jameson Park; Meyerton; Rensburgdorp; Rotanda; Sharpeville; Vereeniging; Walkerville
SEDIBENG WEST	Sebokeng College, 6 Samuel Street, Zone 16	Everton; Loch Vaal; Vanderbijlpark; Sebokeng; Palm Springs; Bophelong; Boipatong; Evaton
TSHWANE NORTH	Wonderboom Junction, 11 Lavender Street, Pretoria	Hammanskraal; Pretoria; Sinoville; Soshanguve
TSHWANE SOUTH	President Towers Building, 265 Pretorius Street, Pretoria	Atteridgeville; Eldoraigne; Erasmia; Irene; Lyttelton; Mamelodi; Pretoria-West; Rissik; Silverton; Centurion
TSHWANE WEST	Old Hebron College, Klipgat Road	Akasia, Attridgeville (in Tshwane South); Mabopane; Ga-Rankuwa; Hercules; Pretoria-Noord; Pretoria; Soshanguve; Pretoria-West





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