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CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION G03/2017

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THE ECDOE-NECT LANGUAGE, MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONALISATION PROGRAMME AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN GRADES 1-9
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1. In 2018 the Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDOE) will embark on a Teacher Development Programme in collaboration with the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT) for teachers of Grades 1-9 in four key subjects i.e. Home Language, English First Additional Language, Mathematics and Natural Science.
2. The ECDOE-NECT Teacher Development Programme provides practice-based support for teachers to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the above-mentioned subjects. Key to this initiative is the support for teachers to complete the curriculum at the correct pace and grade level using a **Tracker**.
3. The ECDOE-NECT Teacher Development Programme was launched on the 24 October 2017 and will be implemented over two years starting from 2018.
4. Phase 1: (2018)
The ECDOE-NECT Programme will target the following teachers in Phase 1:
 - **Foundation Phase (Grades 1-3)** in (Mathematics, Home Language and English First Additional Language)
 - **Intermediate Phase (Grades 4-6)** and **Senior Phase (Grades 7-9)** in English First Additional Language (EFAL) only.
 - **Intermediate Phase (Grade 4-6)** Mathematics teachers will be taken through the **Tracker** at the Sasol Inzalo Training from the 11-14 December 2017.
 - **Senior Phase (Grade 8-9) Natural Science** teachers will receive and be introduced to the **Tracker** at the provincial Cluster Meetings in January 2018.

5. Phase 2: (2019)
 - Full implementation of the **ECDOE-NECT Toolkit (Planners, Trackers, Lesson Plans and Content Modules)** in Natural Science and Mathematics will take place in the Intermediate and Senior Phases.
6. Districts will nominate experienced Lead Teachers who will assist Subject Advisors with the district roll out in the selected phases and subjects. All district training will be preceded by the training of Subject Advisors and selected Lead Teachers, i.e., Training of Trainers (ToT).
7. All schools on the programme will receive a **Toolkit** that will enable them to utilize the **Planners, Trackers and Lesson Plans** (content) to plan, teach, and assess for learning within timeframes consistent with the CAPS policy.
8. Curriculum Managers and Circuit Managers (EDOs) are vital to ensuring the efficient and effective Management of Curriculum in schools. Sessions have been held with these district officials to orientate them to the Programme.
9. Endorsement for vacation training has been obtained through consultations through the Provincial Education Labour Relations Council (PELRC). The initial ECDOE-NECT training will take place in the first week of school in January 2018 as the December and January holidays have been set aside for Sasol Inzalo Mathematics and Science Training.
10. The implementation of **Phase 1** will take place as follows:

TERM 1		
Subject	Target Group	Timeframe
1. Mathematics and Home Language (Gr 1-3)	Training of Subject Advisors and Lead Teachers	15-16 Jan 2018
	Districts train teachers	18-23 Jan 2018
	Monitor and support teacher training	17-23 Jan 2018
2. English First Additional Language (Grades 4-9)	CMS/ SAs Monitor and Support curriculum implementation in schools	24 Jan-28 Mar 2018
TERM 2		
3. Mathematics and Home Language (Gr 1-3)	Training of Subject Advisors and Lead Teachers	09-10 Apr 2018
	Districts train teachers	11-13 Apr 2018
	Monitor and support teacher training	10-13 Apr 2018
4. English First Additional Language (Grades 4-9)	CMS/ SAs Monitor and Support curriculum implementation in schools	16 Apr-22 June 2018
TERMS 3 and 4		
5. Mathematics and Home Language (Gr 1-3)	Training of Subject Advisors and Lead Teachers	25-26 June 2018
	Districts train teachers	28-03 July 2018
	Monitor and support teacher training	27-03 July 2018
6. English First Additional Language (Grades 4-9)	CMS/ SAs Monitor and Support curriculum implementation in schools	17 July-Nov 2018

11. Principals of GET Schools are kindly requested to bring Curriculum Instruction G03/2017 to the attention of the relevant teachers.
12. District CESs Curriculum and Subject Advisors are required to mediate this Curriculum Instruction with all teachers of GET Schools.


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