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CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION F09/2020

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**BRIDGING THE GAP TO GRADE 12 – A GRADE 11 SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR
THE DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021 SCHOOL VACATION PERIOD**

1. BACKGROUND

The Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown and closure of schools in 2020 has seen significant changes to the 2020 academic year. Firstly, the academic year was shortened and learners lost considerable tuition, teaching and learning time.

Secondly, the academic year saw the Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) contained in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS) for Grades 10 & 11 being revised and trimmed to accommodate the shortened school year.



These challenges and concomitant extenuating circumstances and strategies have led to unforeseen consequences which have been identified as learning losses.

In order to mitigate the challenges that may have arisen in terms of inadequate or insufficient curriculum coverage and assessment for Grade 11 learners in 2020, the Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE) has developed a Bridging Programme to provide Grade 11 learners going into Grade 12 in 2021, with scaffolded support in all subjects to make up for teaching and learning losses.

This Curriculum Instruction intends to apprise teachers, learners, parent and all education stakeholders of the measures that have been put in place for Grade 11 learners progressing into Grade 12 in 2021.

2. AVAILABLE CURRICULUM SUPPORT MATERIALS

The ECDoE provided the following electronic and/or printed curriculum support materials for Grade 12 learners during 2020:

- Tips for Success
- Mind the Gap Study Guides (in English and Afrikaans)
- Past NSC question papers (2017, 2018 and 2019)
- NSC Examination Guidelines
- Worksheets and Notes

These materials are available to prospective Grade 12 learners on the ECDoE websites:

- www.eccurriculum.co.za and
- www.exams.co.za.

All of the above materials should form part of any revision or study programme for Grade 11 learners going into Grade 12 in 2021 as organised by schools or during vacation self-study.

In addition, learners are encouraged to watch the Woza Matric lessons on *YouTube*.

Principals and teachers are encouraged to retrieve the printed materials mentioned above from the current Grade 12 learners and to issue the resources to Grade 11 learners before schools break for the December 2020/ January 2021 vacation. Teachers should also encourage the Grade 11 learners to participate in a self-study programme during the vacation period.

It would be most helpful if Grade 11 learners progressing into Grade 12 could be issued their Grade 12 textbooks and language network books. These will be needed for the self-study Bridging Programme attached as **Annexure A** to this Curriculum Instruction.



3. BRIDGING PROGRAMME

The ECDoE has developed a Bridging Programme to assist prospective Grade 12 learners to participate in a self-study programme during the vacation period. The Bridging Programme consists of topics, content, resource references and tips for success for each subject, looking specifically at Term 1 content.

All prospective Grade 12 learners are encouraged to draw up and implement a self-study programme during the December 2020/ January 2021 vacation period and to utilise the materials availed to support the programme.

The Bridging Programme is attached hereto as **Annexure A** and can also be found as an Excel spreadsheet on the following website: www.eccurriculum.co.za.

4. CONCLUSION

The ECDoE acknowledges that the 2020 academic year has been difficult for Grade 11 learners and wishes to make the transition to Grade 12 in 2021 as seamless and smooth as possible. It is trusted that the Bridging Programme and the materials provided (on the website and/or in print) will be used by learners, parent and teachers to assist learners in getting off to a good start in 2021.

The ECDOE wishes the prospective Grade 12 learners of 2021 all of the best.

All ECDOE officials and stakeholders are requested to distribute this Curriculum Instruction F09/2020 as widely as possible and to ensure that it reaches Grade 11 learners before schools close for 2020.

Regards



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