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CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION G12/2020

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GUIDANCE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM RECOVERY IN 2021

1. The purpose of this Circular is to provide guidance regarding curriculum recovery in 2021. As per the directive of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in *Circular S11 – Curriculum Recovery in 2021*, national Circulars S2 and S3 of 2020 are hereby retracted.
2. Covid-19 has created unprecedented disruption to education systems across the world. One of the consequences thereof was reduced time for teaching and learning resulting in substantial learning losses across subjects and grades.
3. The Annual Teaching Plans (ATPs) as outlined in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement could therefore, not be implemented in 2020 due to the trimming and reorganisation of the curriculum to counter the disruptions of Covid-19 on teaching and learning.
4. To mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on learning and teaching, the DBE has adopted a multi-year curriculum recovery approach. Circular S2 of 2020 which dealt with the revised ATPs for 2020 is hereby withdrawn along with all documents that accompanied it. In support of the multi-year curriculum recovery approach, schools will be provided with recovery ATPs to be implemented over 3-year period, 2021 – 2023, before the end of 2020.

5. Details regarding assessment during the recovery period will be communicated in due course.

REDUCTION OF SUBJECTS IN THE SENIOR PHASE

6. Circular S3 of 2020 provided for the reduction of subjects in the Senior Phase. Schools were provided with an alternative of reducing two (2) subjects from the nine (9) subject offerings in the Senior Phase, provided approval of the two dropped subjects was sanctioned by the District Director. The dispensation of reducing subjects from nine (9) to seven (7) in the Senior Phase is also hereby withdrawn.
7. In 2021, schools will offer all nine subjects in the Senior Phase as provided for in the National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12.

LIFE SKILLS IN THE FOUNDATION PHASE AS A STAND-ALONE SUBJECT

8. Teachers in the Foundation Phase were given an allowance during 2020 to integrate the components of Life skills into Languages to reduce the number of subjects and counter the impact of loss of teaching and learning time. This dispensation is also hereby withdrawn.
9. In 2021, schools will again offer Life skills as a stand-alone subject in the Foundation Phase as provided for in the National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R – 12.
10. You are kindly requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.



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