

## GRADE 8/9 - ACADEMIC INFORMATION

As from 2014 the Grade 8/9 learners will be taught with reference to the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R - 12*. This curriculum builds on the previous curriculum but also updates it and aims to provide clearer specification of what is to be taught and learnt (CAPS).

### SUBJECTS

A learner in Grade 8/9 must offer 9 subjects: ENG (English Home Language), AFR/ZUL (Afrikaans or Zulu First Additional Language), MATH (Mathematics), NS (Natural Sciences), LIFE (Life Orientation), SS (Social Sciences), EMS (Economic Management Sciences), CA (Creative Arts) and TECH (Technology).

### SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT

This is a compulsory component of progression and promotion in all phases. In the senior phase Grade 7-9 the final mark of the learner consists of 40% School-Based Assessment and 60% End-of-year examination.

### ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENT DESCRIPTION	%
7	Outstanding Achievement	80 - 100
6	Meritorious Achievement	70 - 79
5	Substantial Achievement	60 - 69
4	Adequate Achievement	50 - 59
3	Moderate Achievement	40 - 49
2	Elementary Achievement	30 - 39
1	Not Achieved	0 - 29

### PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Learners in Grade 8/9 will be promoted if they have complied with the following:

- Offered 9 subjects
- Adequate Achievement (50% +) in ENG
- Moderate Achievement (40% \*) in AFR or ZUL
- Moderate Achievement (40% +) in MATH
- Moderate Achievement (40% +) in any THREE other required subjects
- At least an Elementary Achievement (30% +) in any other TWO required subjects

The above information is taken from the '*National Policy pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R - 12*'.

There is no mention of condonation in this Policy document.