



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

National Institute for Educational Development (NIED)

THE STRUCTURE OF THE BASIC EDUCATION (PRE-PRIMARY TO GRADE 12)

Primary Education

Level	Subjects
Pre-Primary (age 5/6)	Pre-primary education lays a solid foundation for learning throughout the formal education system. Pre-primary education focuses on the following learning areas: Language, Preparatory Mathematics, Environmental Learning, Arts, Physical Development and Religious and Moral Education.
Junior Primary (Grade 1 to 3)	Mathematics, English, a local language (Afrikaans, German, Khoekhoegowab, Namibian Sign Language, Otjiherero, Oshikwanyama, Oshindonga, Rumanyo, !Juhoansi, Thimbukushu, Rukwangali, Setswana, Silozi), Environmental Studies, Arts, Physical Education, Religious and Moral Education, Reading Period
Senior Primary (Grade 4 to 7) Grade 4	<p>Promotional subjects: Mathematics, English, a local language (Afrikaans, German, Khoekhoegowab, Namibian Sign Language, Otjiherero, Oshikwanyama, Oshindonga, Rumanyo, !Juhoansi, Thimbukushu, Rukwangali, Setswana, Silozi) or a language of wider communication, Natural Science and Health Education, Social Studies.</p> <p>Support subjects: Life Skills, Religious and Moral Education, Arts, Information and Communication, Physical Education, Reading Period</p> <p>Learners take five promotional subjects and five support subjects.</p>
Grade 5 to 7	<p>Compulsory promotional subjects: Mathematics, English, a local language (Afrikaans, German, Khoekhoegowab, Namibian Sign Language, Otjiherero, Oshikwanyama, Oshindonga, Rumanyo, Thimbukushu, Rukwangali, Setswana, Silozi) or a language of wider communication, Natural Science and Health Education, Social Studies.</p> <p>Elective promotional pre-vocational subjects (with entrepreneurial skills integrated): Design and Technology,</p>

Elementary Agriculture and Home Ecology.

Learners take **one** of the pre-vocational subjects, but schools may offer more than one subject.

Support Subjects: Life Skills, Religious and Moral Education, Arts, Information and Communication, Physical Education.

Reading Period

Learners take **five** compulsory promotional subjects, **one** elective promotional pre-vocational subject and **five** support subjects.

Secondary Education

Level	Subjects																
Junior Secondary (Grade 8 and 9)	<p>Compulsory promotional subjects (7): English (First or Second), Mathematics, Life Science, Physical Science, Geography, History and another language.</p> <p>Elective promotional subjects (2): Learners take either two of the elective pre-vocational subjects or one elective pre-vocational subject and a third language (first, second or foreign). A learner may not take more than three languages.</p> <p><i>Pre-vocational subjects:</i> Agricultural Science, Computer Studies, Design and Technology, Accounting, Office Practice, Entrepreneurship, Visual Art, Integrated Performing Arts, Home Economics, Fashion and Fabrics, Hospitality, Technical Drawing and Technical Studies A, B and C.</p> <p><i>Another language:</i> Any First, Second or Foreign language</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="371 1077 1426 1559"> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 1077 699 1162">Afrikaans 1st Language</td> <td data-bbox="699 1077 1026 1162">Khoekhoegowab 1st Language</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1077 1426 1162">Rukwangali 1st Language</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 1162 699 1247">Afrikaans 2nd Language</td> <td data-bbox="699 1162 1026 1247">Namibian Sign Language</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1162 1426 1247">Rumanyo 1st Language</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 1247 699 1420" rowspan="3">German 1st Language</td> <td data-bbox="699 1247 1026 1332">Oshikwanyama 1st Language</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1247 1426 1332">Setswana 1st Language</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="699 1332 1026 1420">Oshindonga 1st Language</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1332 1426 1420">Silozi 1st Language</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="699 1420 1026 1471">Otjiherero 1st Language</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1420 1426 1471">Thimbukushu 1st Language</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="371 1471 699 1559">German Foreign Language</td> <td data-bbox="699 1471 1026 1559">French Foreign Language</td> <td data-bbox="1026 1471 1426 1559">Portuguese Foreign Language</td> </tr> </table> <p>Support Subjects: Life Skills, Religious and Moral Education, Arts, Information and Communication, Physical Education, Reading Period</p> <p>Learners take seven compulsory promotional subjects including another language (First, Second or Foreign) plus two elective promotional subjects and five support subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Semi-External Examinations</p>	Afrikaans 1 st Language	Khoekhoegowab 1 st Language	Rukwangali 1 st Language	Afrikaans 2 nd Language	Namibian Sign Language	Rumanyo 1 st Language	German 1 st Language	Oshikwanyama 1 st Language	Setswana 1 st Language	Oshindonga 1 st Language	Silozi 1 st Language	Otjiherero 1 st Language	Thimbukushu 1 st Language	German Foreign Language	French Foreign Language	Portuguese Foreign Language
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Senior Secondary	<p>Compulsory promotional subjects: Mathematics, English and another language</p>																

Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary (NSSCO) Level (Grade 10 and 11)	Elective subjects: Accounting, Agricultural Science, Art and Design, Integrated Performing Arts, Biology, Business Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Studies, Design and Technology, Development Studies, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Health and Social Care ¹ , Fashion and Fabrics, Geography, History, Home Economics, Office Practice, Hospitality, Woodwork, Building Studies, Metalwork and Welding and Motor Mechanics		
	Languages		
	Afrikaans 1 st Language	Khoekhoegowab 1 st Language	Rukwangali 1 st Language
	Afrikaans 2 nd Language	Oshikwanyama 1 st Language	Rumanyo 1 st Language
	English 1 st Language		
	German 1 st Language	Oshindonga 1 st Language	Setswana 1 st Language
		Otjiherero 1 st Language	Silozi 1 st Language
		Namibian Sign Language	Thimbukushu 1 st Language
	German Foreign Language	French Foreign Language	Portuguese Foreign Language
	Support Subjects: Life Skills, Arts, Information and Communication, Physical Education, Reading Period Learners take two compulsory promotional subjects, another language , two subjects from a field of study, one subject from the list of supplementary subjects plus four support subjects. A learner may (with special permission) take a one language curriculum. Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary (NSSCO) Level National Examinations		

¹ Health and Social Care subject will not be implemented in 2019.

Namibia Senior Secondary Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) Level (Grade 12)	Elective subjects: Biology, Geography, History, Computer Science, Mathematics, Business Studies, Design and Technology, Accounting, Economics, Art and Design, Agricultural Science, Chemistry, Physics, Entrepreneurship		
	Languages		
	Afrikaans 1 st Language	Khoekhoegowab 1 st Language	Rukwangali 1 st Language
	Afrikaans 2 nd Language	Oshikwanyama 1 st Language	Rumanyo 1 st Language
	English 1 st Language		
	English 2 nd Language		
	German 1 st Language	Oshindonga 1 st Language	Setswana 1 st Language
		Otjiherero 1 st Language	Silozi 1 st Language
			Thimbukushu 1 st Language
	German Foreign Language	French Foreign Language	Portuguese Foreign Language
	<p>Support Subjects: Information and Communication, Life Skills</p> <p>Learners, who meet the entry requirements to Grade 12, will take three to five elective subjects from the subjects they pass on Ordinary Level. One of these subjects must be a language.</p> <p>Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) Level National Examinations</p>		