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CIRCULAR: FORM ED. 16/2020

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2021 AND THE COMMEMORATION OF
THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD ON 16 JUNE 2021**

1. Introduction

The Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, through the Office of the Hon. Minister, in terms of the Education Act 2001, Act No. 16 of 2001, in particular section 37 (1) released the school calendar for 2021. This section in the Education Act (Act No. 16 of 2001) empowers the Minister to determine, after consultation with the National Advisory Council on Education, the Annual School Calendar, in particular number of days in the academic year which in turn results into the minimum hours of instruction. Upon the deliberations by the NACE and their recommendations presented to the Hon. Minister, the school Calendar for 2021 was released on the 16 November 2020.

As a result of this wide consultation the following change is pointed out to the addresses of this circular:

- There are a total of 196 school days and 277 hostel days in the academic year 2021
- The international Teacher's Day, 05 October 2021 is on Tuesday and will be a school holiday

2. Implementation Guidelines

2.1 Day of the African Child

For the purpose of the commemoration of the Day of the African Child the following need to be kept in mind in order for us to continue ensuring and elevating the value of this important day to our learners.

- 2.1.1 In 1991, the African Union Assembly Passed a resolution declaring June, 16th as the Day of the African Child. The Day of the African Child presents an opportunity for all stakeholders on Children Rights including Government, Non-Governmental Organisations and International Agencies to reflect on the issues affecting our Children on the African Continent. With the commemoration of the day, we have the opportunity to evaluate the progress we have made with regards to implementation of the Rights of the Children in Africa.
- 2.1.2 The Day of the African Child (16) June should be observed on Wednesday, 16th June 2021, and should not be a formal teaching day, but commemoration and awareness activities should take place that will be beneficial and of value to our learners.
- 2.1.3 School Principals, teachers and learners to take a collective meaning in celebrating this important day at school from 07H00 – 13H00.
- 2.1.4 Each school should prepare a programme that includes activities such as invited guest/motivational speakers, poems, drama, cultural dance, etc. to dedicate this special day.
- 2.1.5 A report should be written by every School Principal and needs to be forwarded through the Circuit Inspector to the Director of Education, Arts and Culture in the region. The Director will submit a Regional Report on the Commemoration of the Day of the African Child to the Executive Director, by the 02 August 2021.

2.2 Hostel Calendar

The Hostel Calendar is an important management tool to ensure learners are at school timeously there where hostels facilitate access to education.

- 2.2.1 This calendar assists planning and budgeting for the timely deliveries of essential supplies and materials to hostels, including the catering for the hostels and the kitchens.
- 2.2.2 As much as the Hostel Calendar indicates that there is provision for "*Home Weekends*" this does not mean that all occasions all hostel learners must vacate the hostels. In justifiable circumstances School Principals with hostels should kindly make provision

for learners to opt to stay in hostels if this is applied for in writing by the parent or guardian three weeks in advance of the identified home weekend.

- 2.2.3 The **Hostel Administrative Guide, Chapter 4, 4.12 d, e & g** provides more information on this, in case permission is granted for the learners, whose parent/guardians have applied (in good time) to remain in hostel over a home weekend. The School principal should then make appropriate arrangements for meals and supervision for these learners.

The Directors of Education, Arts and Culture in the Regions are hereby requested to ensure that School Principals, Teachers, Learners Parents, Community Members and all Stakeholders in Education are well informed on the importance of this circular.

Your usual cooperation and support is highly appreciated.


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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PREVIOUS CIRCULAR: FORM. ED 15/2020

**SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAMIBIA SENIOR SECONDARY
CERTIFICATE ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY (NSSCAS) LEVEL, GRADE 12
CURRICULUM IN JANUARY 2021**

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2021 CALENDAR FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

TERM	SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS	SCHOOL DAYS	SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TEACHERS
First Term First school day Public Holiday - Independence Day Observed Public Holiday - Good Friday Public Holiday - Easter Monday Last school day	Monday, 11 January Monday, 22 March Friday, 02 April Monday, 05 April Friday, 23 April	71	Wednesday, 6 January Monday, 22 March Friday, 02 April Monday, 05 April Friday, 30 April
Second Term First school day Day of the African Child - Commemoration Last school day	Wednesday, 26 May Wednesday, 16 June Friday, 13 August	58	Wednesday, 26 May Wednesday, 16 June Wednesday, 18 August
Third Term First school day Day of the Namibian Child - Commemoration School Holiday - International Teacher's Day Last school day	Wednesday, 1 September Tuesday, 28 September Tuesday, 05 October Friday, 03 December	67	Monday, 30 August Tuesday, 28 September Tuesday, 05 October Wednesday, 8 December
Total school days for 2021		196	
First Term 2022, First school day (Provisional)	Wednesday, 12 January 2022		Monday, 10 January 2022

HOSTEL CALENDAR

TERM	HOSTEL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS	HOSTEL DAYS	HOSTEL STAFF	TEACHERS
First term Hostels open Home Weekend Home Weekend Home Weekend Hostels close	Sunday, 10 January Friday, 29 January Friday, 26 February Thursday, 01 April Friday, 23 April	102	Friday, 08 January Friday, 23 April	Wednesday, 6 January Wednesday, 28 April
Second term Hostels open Home Weekend Home Weekend Hostels close	Tuesday, 25 May Friday, 25 June Friday, 30 July Friday, 13 August	81	Sunday, 23 May Friday, 13 August	Monday, 24 May Wednesday, 18 August
Third Term Hostels open Home Weekend Home Weekend Hostels close	Tuesday, 31 August Friday, 24 September Friday, 29 October Friday, 03 December	94	Sunday, 29 August Friday, 03 December	Monday, 30 August Wednesday, 8 December
Total Hostel Days for 2021		277		
First Term 2022, Hostels Open (Provisional)	Tuesday, 11 January 2022		Sunday, 9 January 2022	Monday, 10 January 2022

Optimum utilisation of school time ensures success