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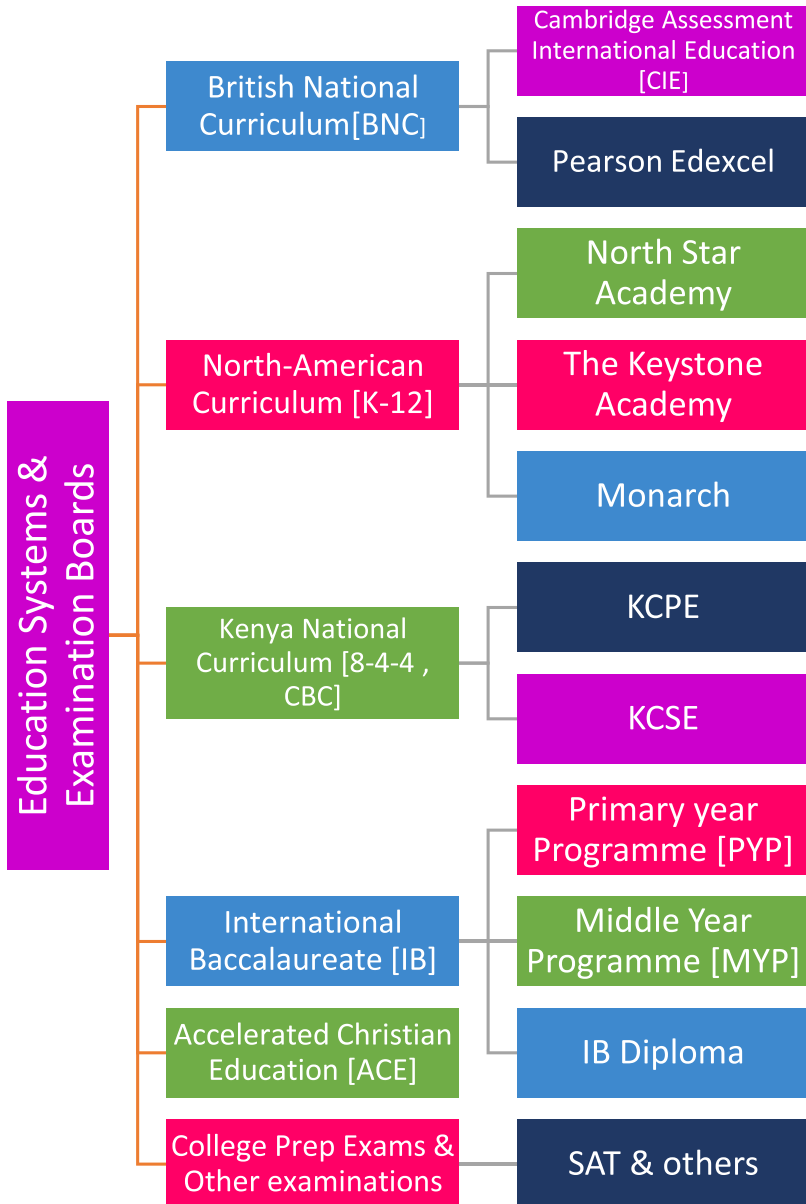
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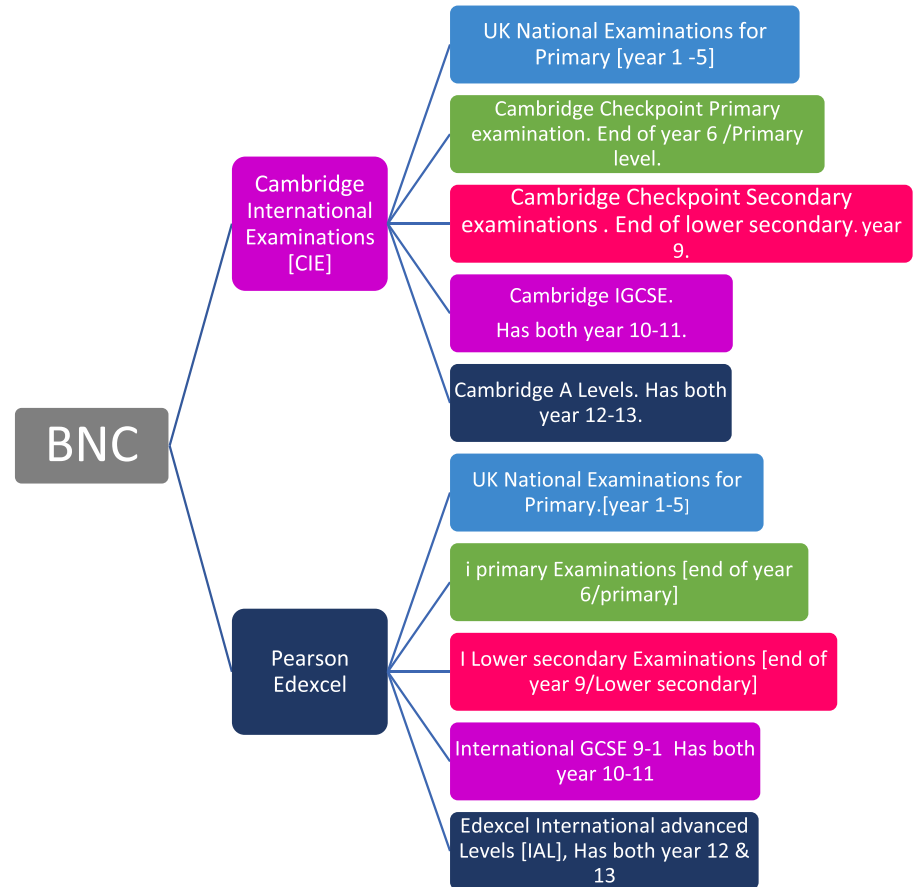
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SECTION A: Education Systems and Examination Boards.



A. BRITISH NATIONAL CURRICULUM

Also known as English National Curriculum. This is the UK, United Kingdom's National Curriculum. It is offered internationally and is available in Kenya through two private education organisations; Cambridge International Assessment and Pearson Edexcel.



KEY DEFINATIONS

- **BNC**- British National Curriculum
- **Cambridge Assessment international Educations** – education provider of the British National Curriculum internationally.
- **CIE**- Cambridge international examinations – examination board for the British curriculum both in the UK and overseas.
- **Pearson Edexcel** – International education provider for BNC and has an examination board equivalent to CIE.
- **IGCSE** – International General Certificate of secondary Education. This is Equivalent to the UK ‘s GCSE. Offered by two examination boards Cambridge and person Edexcel.
- **A level**- this is 6th form levels – comprises of As [advanced subsidiary level which is year 12] and A2[advanced level- for year 13].
- **GCE** – General certificate of secondary Education- Comprises of A levels. i.e GCE As & A -Levels.
- **9-1** – this is a grading system that allow teachers to grade on a scale of 1- 9, 9 being the highest and 1 the lowest score. Common for both Edexcel and Cambridge.
- **ISEB**-Independent Schools Examinations Board. provides rigorous, high quality examinations and assessments for pupils seeking entry to independent senior schools at 11+ and 13+. The examinations, backed by the leading independent school associations, include the Common Pre-Tests, Common Entrance and Common Academic Scholarship examinations. The 13+ Common Entrance examination is strongly supported by many of the top prep and independent senior schools in the UK. Its rigorous syllabuses and breadth of subjects provide a strong academic focus for pupils in Years 7 and 8 and an excellent preparation for GCSEs.

BNC – CURRICULUM GUIDE

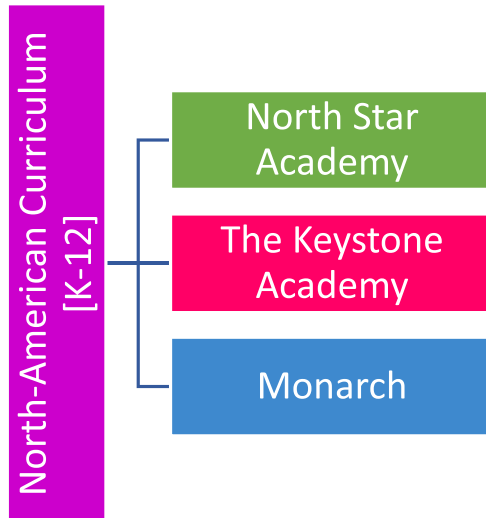
STAGE	YEAR/CLASS/GRADE
Reception/preschool/Kindergarten	
Key stage 1 [KS1]	Year 1 -2 Lower Primary
Keys stage 2 [KS2]	Year 3-6 Upper primary
Key stage 3 [KS3]	Year 7-9 Lower secondary
Key stage 4 [KS4]	Year 10-11 Upper secondary- IGCSE
Key stage 5 [KS5] 6 th Form	Year 12- 13 [A-level] Year 12- As level Year 13- A2 Level

B. NORTH-AMERICAN CURRICULUM

Commonly known as K-12 curriculum.

In Kenya, the K-12 curriculum is offered by American schools and is also available to individual students through homeschooling

Programmes offered online by various organizations as indicated below.



The K-12 system stands for ‘from kindergarten to 12th grade’. This equates roughly to a school starting age of around five through to Grade 12 at around the age of 18. The system is broken down into three stages: elementary school (Grades K–5), middle school (Grades 6–8) and high school (Grades 9–12).

Year in England	Age of student	Grade in the US
Nursery	3–4	Preschool
Reception	4–5	Preschool
Year 1	5–6	Kindergarten
Year 2	6–7	Grade 1
Year 3	7–8	Grade 2
Year 4	8–9	Grade 3
Year 5	9–10	Grade 4
Year 6	10–11	Grade 5
Year 7	11–12	Grade 6
Year 8	12–13	Grade 7
Year 9	13–14	Grade 8
Year 10	14–15	Grade 9
Year 11	15–16	Grade 10
Year 12	16–17	Grade 11
Year 13	17–18	Grade 12

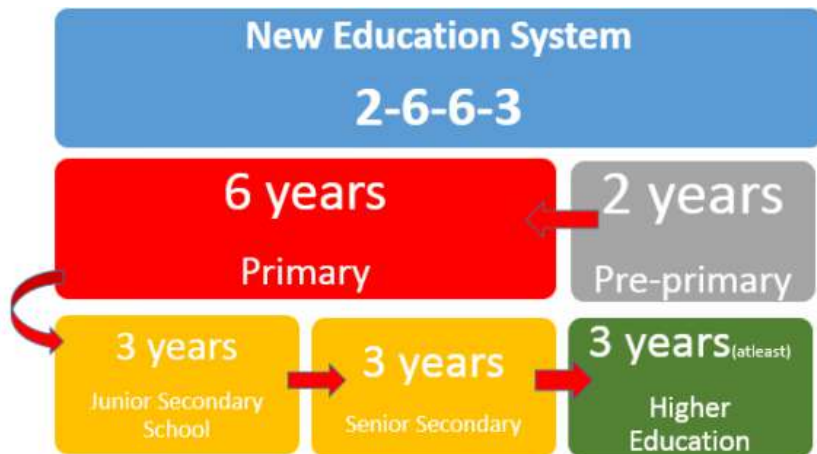
Highschool can also have other university or college exit qualifications which include:

- AP [Advanced Placement]- This is a qualification created by the college board [commonly known for SAT examinations]. AP scores are highly accepted by most international universities.
- International Baccalaureate Diploma [IB Dip] - prepare students for university entrance by following the IB programme over the final two years of high school. This involves taking six subjects (three at higher level and three at standard level).

C. KENYA NATIONAL CURRICULUM

This is the National Curriculum for Kenya. By the year 2017, the 8-4-4 curriculum was revised to Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) 2-6-3-3.

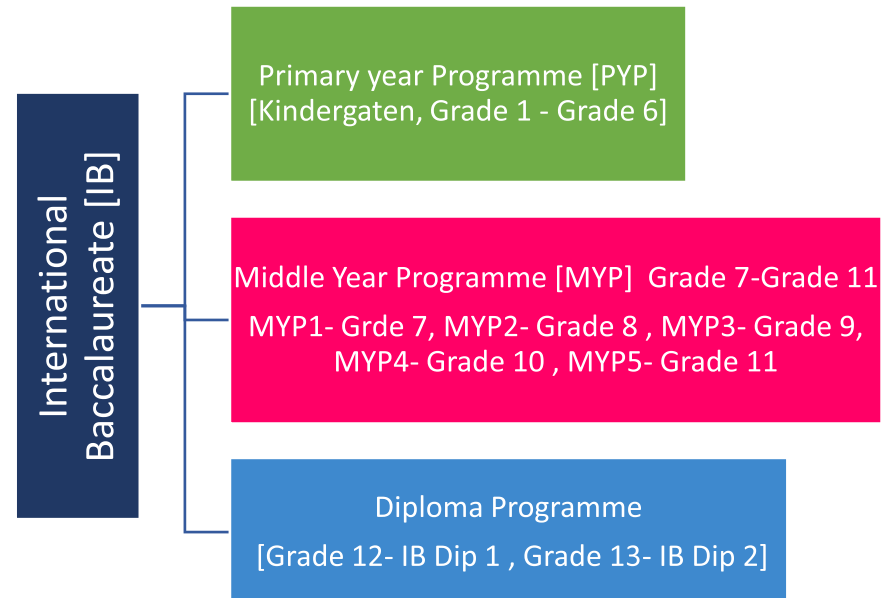
8-4-4 includes; 8 years of primary education, 4 years of secondary education and 4 years of university education. At end of primary level students take KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) while at end of secondary level they take Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).



D. INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE.

IB offers a continuum of international education. The programmes encourage both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development.

IB curriculum is only provided through main stream schools, it is not available for private students through individual learning programmes like Homeschooling and Learning at Tuition Centers.



E. ACE [Accelerated Christian Education]

ACE is a Christian based K-12 education system used by both schools and Home schoolers.

Accelerated Christian Education has taken the conventional style textbook and divided it into bite-sized, achievable worktext called PACEs. Each PACE is similar to a unit in a textbook.

Each level consists of 12 PACEs in each subject. PACEs integrate Godly character-building lessons into the academic content, and self-instructional activities are carefully designed to develop thinking skills and create mastery learning.

A.C.E. stands out from other curriculum providers with its individualized, self-instructional, mastery-based approach. With minimal assistance, PACEs allow students to absorb subject material according to their own learning ability rather than being pushed forward or held back by their age. For instance, a student placed in the fifth grade by a conventional school may be taking PACEs in Level 4 math, Level 5 science, and Level 5 English in the A.C.E. program.

Students may move ahead in some subject areas and proceed at a slower pace in others.

A student using Accelerated Christian Education's curriculum will go through 12 levels. In each level, they will have several different

subjects to learn from, such as Math, Science, Word Building, and more. Within every subject, there are 12 PACEs per year to complete. Therefore, every level increase in increments of 12.

If you have a student in the first level taking Math, their first PACE number is 1001. They must complete 12 Math PACEs to finish the first level. Therefore, they will take Math PACEs 1001–1012. Then in the second level, they will continue and take 1013–1024.

PACE NUMBERING SYSTEM

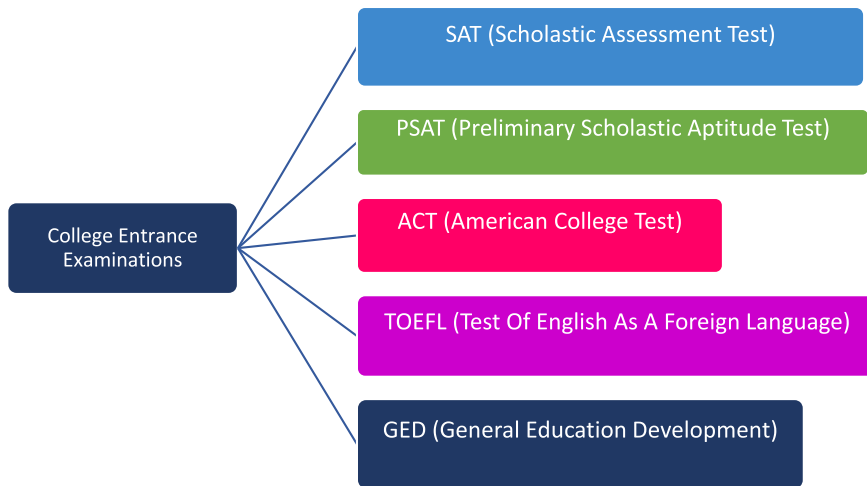
Corresponding Level of PACEs

Approximate
Conventional/Chronological
Grade Levels

Level 1	1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010	1011	1012
Level 2	1013	1014	1015	1016	1017	1018	1019	1020	1021	1022	1023	1024
Level 3	1025	1026	1027	1028	1029	1030	1031	1032	1033	1034	1035	1036
Level 4	1037	1038	1039	1040	1041	1042	1043	1044	1045	1046	1047	1048
Level 5	1049	1050	1051	1052	1053	1054	1055	1056	1057	1058	1059	1060
Level 6	1061	1062	1063	1064	1065	1066	1067	1068	1069	1070	1071	1072
Level 7	1073	1074	1075	1076	1077	1078	1079	1080	1081	1082	1083	1084
Level 8	1085	1086	1087	1088	1089	1090	1091	1092	1093	1094	1095	1096
Level 9	1097	1098	1099	1100	1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108
Level 10	1109	1110	1111	1112	1113	1114	1115	1116	1117	1118	1119	1120
Level 11	1121	1122	1123	1124	1125	1126	1127	1128	1129	1130	1131	1132
Level 12	1133	1134	1135	1136	1137	1138	1139	1140	1141	1142	1143	1144

F. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

A college entrance exam is a standardized aptitude test that measures your aptitude in various areas such as verbal, math, analytical and writing skills. These tests are not designed to measure what you have learned in school; rather, they measure your potential to perform well in the future.



A. PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)

The PSAT is a test taken by sophomores or juniors in high school looking to gain test-taking experience in preparation for the ACT and SAT. The PSAT serves as great practice and taking it qualifies you for the National Merit Scholarship, which could eventually help you save on college.

Because the PSAT is only a practice test, the score you receive on it does not affect your transcript. In fact, your PSAT score is for your

betterment; your score can identify areas where you need to apply more study time, which may help you prepare for the ACT and SAT more efficiently.

B. SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

The SAT is a standardized aptitude test that measures a student's readiness for college. It is made up of three sections: reading, writing and language, math and an optional essay.

Questions are generally multiple choice, and the essay involves analysing a piece of writing.

Each section is scored on a scale from 200–800, with a total possible score of 1,600. Optional essay results are reported separately. Be sure to find out if your colleges of choice require SAT essay scores before you take the test. The SAT is offered seven times throughout the year, and you are given three hours to complete it (the optional essay takes an additional 50 minutes).

C. ACT (American College Test)

The ACT is another standardized aptitude test designed to measure a student's readiness for college. Like the SAT, the ACT measures a student's potential to perform well in college. Test questions are based on standard high school subjects. The test is multiple choice and consists of four subject areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. There is also an

optional writing section, which if chosen, complements the ACT English test. Some colleges require the writing test; others don't. You should decide whether or not to take the writing test based on the requirements of the schools you plan on applying to. Each section is scored on a scale of 1–36, and your final score is an average of all four subject areas. (If you take the writing test, you receive a subject-level writing score and an ELA score, which averages the English, reading and writing scores.) The ACT is offered six to seven times a year, and the actual test time is just under three hours (not including the 30-minute writing section).

D. TOEFL (Test Of English As A Foreign Language)

The TOEFL is a standardized test measuring one's ability to speak and understand English at a college level. This test is often a requirement for students applying from outside the U.S., and it can be taken over the Internet or as a written test. The TOEFL is a four-subject test covering reading, writing, speaking and listening and it lasts four hours. Scores are valid for up to two years after the test date.

E. GED (General Education Development)

The GED exam is a test to obtain a certificate equivalent to a traditional high school diploma for people who didn't graduate from high school. It tests the skills and general knowledge of a four-year high school education and consists of four subject areas: reasoning through language arts, social studies, science and math.

COMPARISON OF SYSTEMS

Students joining the British National Curriculum from the Kenya National Curriculum undergo what is known as 'CURRICULUM TRANSITION' and either of the tables below can be used. Class placement greatly depends on the school they join and the outcome of the class interviews or assessments.

TABLE A

Age	Kenya National Curriculum		BNC	UK bands
5+	Pre-unit	P R I M A R Y	Reception	Key Stage 1
6+	Standard 1		Year 1	
7+	Standard 2		Year 2 (End of Key stage Exams)	Key Stage 2
8+	Standard 3		Year 3	
9+	Standard 4		Year 4	
10+	Standard 5		Year 5	
11+	Standard 6		Year 6 (End of Key stage Exams)	Key Stage 3
12+	Standard 7		Year 7	
13+	Standard 8 (KCPE Exams)		Year 8	
14+	Form 1	S E C O N D A R Y	Year 9 (End of Key stage Exams)	Key Stage 4
15+	Form 2		Year 10	
16+	Form 3		Year 11 (IGCSE Exams)	

TABLE B

Age	Kenya National Curriculum	UK bands	BNC	
4 – 5	Std. 1	Key Stage 1	Reception	KG
5 – 6	Std. 2		Year 1	Primary
6 – 7	Std. 3		Year 2	
7 – 8	Std. 4	Key Stage 2	Year 3	Primary
8 – 9	Std. 5		Year 4	
9 – 10	Std. 6		Year 5	
10 – 11	Std. 7		Year 6	
11 – 12	Std. 8	Key Stage 3	Year 7	Secondary
12 – 13	Form 1		Year 8	
13 – 14	Form 2		Year 9	
14 – 15	Form 3	Key Stage 4	Year 10	Secondary
15 – 16	Form 4		Year 11	
16 – 17	N/A	AS Level	Year 12	A Level
17 – 18	N/A	A2 Level	Year 13	

For a successful transition from one education system to another, a student undergoes a curriculum-based assessment to help establish areas previously not done but are expected to have been covered in the new curriculum and class level. Individualised private tuition classes are essential to enable the student to learn, understand and practice the new topics/sub-topics in order to be at the same level with fellow classmates.

SECTION C: Private Tuition.

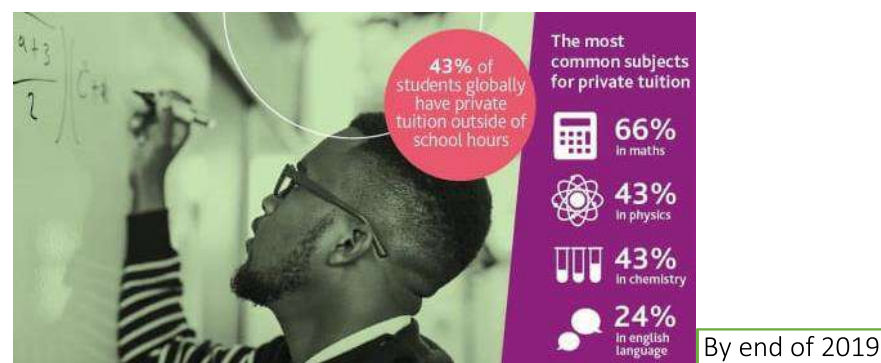
Private tuition is also known as learning support. This is extra help and support given to individual students based on challenging areas in various subjects.

Each student is uniquely different in their academic abilities and learning styles. Through a one-on-one approach, private tuition enables each student to improve at their own pace in subject areas they express challenges in.

Does it really help?

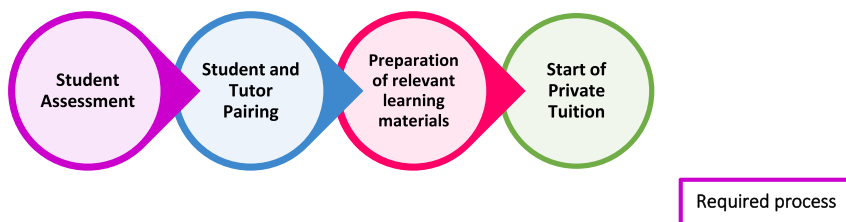
Tuition is becoming an essential part of almost every student's learning journey. Due to the increasing standard of exam questions and the challenging syllabus, tuitions are becoming an important aspect for almost every student to excel in their academics.

There is no doubt that tuition provide something extra to students so, that they can perform well than others in this competitive system.



How best to administer private tuition.

Each student is different and more often private tutors use different approaches tailored for each student. For junior students a class or a learning session can be from 1 hour to 1.5 hours long. Senior students can have classes from 1.5 hours to 2.5 hours long. Various factors are considered which include the physical state of the student, for example, how tired they are after school; their concentration span and the subject content covered. The biggest step is pairing a student and an ideal private tutor. After this is well done, the class set-up is key. This includes, where the student will take their class at home or at the tuition center. A stress-free environment, free from interruptions and unwanted noise is recommended allowing the student to engage well with the tutor.



Home tuition or Tuition Center

What works for someone else's child doesn't work for yours. Every child is unique and different in their performance, behavior, learning abilities and grasping power. They cannot

be compared with one another. The assessment personnel taking your child through the assessment session will be in a better position to advise what would work best as they would have understood your child better.

Choosing the right tutor

Not every good classroom teacher can be a good private tutor for your child. Private tutors have certain interaction and teaching qualities which place them well above other teachers in addition to their passion in seeing the student progressively improve. A good tutor will work closely with your child's school teacher to ensure learning continuity throughout the programme.

Online Tutoring



Technology has brought great learning experience to students that the traditional classroom teacher experience could not achieve. Private tuition through different online platforms can also enable individual students have the necessary help and support.



Thinking About Home Schooling Your Child?

Homeschooling is also known as home education. This is an alternative to main-stream schooling involving your child learning at home instead of in a traditional school environment. Parents and tutors have practiced home education since the beginning of public and private schooling.

What should you know when choosing a homeschooling programme?

Home education can give your children the confidence, abilities and understanding they need to reach their full potential. When choosing a home education programme, look at the quality of teaching materials and the depth at which important topics are covered. Good home learning programmes should cover all of the essential subjects in detail as outlined per the curriculum you choose. A good homeschooling programme is engaging, exciting and challenging for students offering a wide range of different activities and learning methods keeping students engaged and interested.



Curriculum

In Kenya, parents have a wide option of education systems to pick from depending on what they would like their child to pursue in future and which college or university to attend. Good guidance and advice from an educator is recommended. Each homeschooling programme is tailored right from the academic calendar, class timetable, and pace of learning.



Homeschooling set-up.

An ideal class organization enables homeschooling students have a much better or similar learning experience as their colleague in a traditional classroom. Choosing between a one-on-one or group learning and the teacher to be assigned for the classes is important.

The right furniture, learning resources from books, class technology, whiteboards, markers and learning time has to be well chosen. One of the biggest question amongst the homeschooling community is on student welfare. Student socializing, game and sport, career guidance and counselling is key to the student 's life. Parents are advised to engage homeschool providers which have tuition centers to have their child interact with a bigger family of other students. Parents can also join homeschooling communities commonly known as cohorts which plan for various student interaction events.



Study table, seats, whiteboards, educational technology

SECTION E TUITION CENTER LEARNING.

Learning centers are commonly known as Tuition centers. Different tuition centers have different approaches to learning depending on the organization's education policy. Most tuition centers have a multi-curriculum learning programme ranging from international curriculums like British National Curriculum, American Curriculum to National Curriculums. Tuition centers are not mainstream or regular schools. They are specially created to substitute schooling programmes allowing students to take short-term schooling with them and private tuition classes during school term or holidays.

Who governs Tuition Centers?

Tuition centers are registered as private education organisations and work closely with regular schools and various examination boards. Students taking schooling programmes with centers are referred to as Private Students or Private Candidates [when in their candidate classes]. The length of learning in tuition centers vary, with the most common and recommended being half-day learning with an average of 4.5 hours on one-on-one learning.

Students from the age of 12 years and above can take their classes at the center with the younger ones advised to take their classes at home. This policy could be different from one center to another depending on the student population and student welfare.

Center set-up.

Parents are always advised to choose a good learning center by considering the class set-ups. A one-on-one class arrangement enables each student to have individualised learning which enables the teacher to use blended learning too with technology.



One-on-one seating arrangement

Student Welfare

Student well-being is a priority for any learning institution. Game and sport programmes, career guidance and counselling session if well planned by the center 's administration have a greater positive impact on the student population who often come from different nationalities, Family and social backgrounds. Student discipline is highly determined by the tuition center's culture which also depends on the students enrolled; the discipline and student guidance measures put in place.



Top Educators Insights



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Teacher – Priority Tuition

“As educators, our motivation is deeply rooted in the belief that every student is uniquely brilliant and they deserve high quality personalized learning”.

