



TO NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS

FROM: MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: ADMISSION OF LEARNERS FOR THE 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Department of Education is pleased to announce that the admission process for the 2026 academic year is now officially open.

The admission window will run from 02 May to 31 August 2025.

This early enrolment period is critical to ensuring that teaching and learning begin smoothly and without delay on the first day of the 2026 school year. Timely admissions allow schools to effectively plan for essential resources, including Learning and Teaching Support Materials (LTSM), staff provisioning, and classroom infrastructure.

The Department calls upon all parents and guardians to take advantage of this period and visit their nearest schools to register their children without delay.

To complete the admission process, parents are encouraged to submit the following supporting documents:

The learner's birth certificate or identity document;

Immunization card from the clinic;

Proof of residence; and

Any other relevant documents.

In line with the spirit of inclusivity and the South African School Act, no learner will be denied admission due to missing documents.

In such cases, parents or guardians will be granted a period of three months after admission to submit the outstanding items.

Where necessary, school principals are directed to accept alternative documentation, such as affidavits or sworn statements.

This reflects the Department's commitment to the constitutional right of every child to access basic education.

The MEC for Education, Ms Cathy Dlamini further urges parents and guardians to act promptly and ensure full compliance with admission requirements.

"Your cooperation in this regard is essential to help schools prepare adequately for the year ahead and to guarantee a conducive learning environment for all learners.

Let us work together, take advantage of this opportunity to secure the future of our children because every learner matters, and every day counts." She said

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