

Competence-based curriculum subjects
&
Advanced Level Combinations



1. Pre-primary syllabus

At the pre-primary stage, there are six integrated and thematic approaches to learning areas so that the children learn holistically by engaging in practical activities.

Pre-primary	Age	Required learning areas
Grade 1	3- 4 years	Discovery of the World; Numeracy; Physical and Health Development; Creative Arts and Culture; Language and Literacy: (Kinyarwanda and English); Social and Emotional Development
Grade 2	4-5 years	
Grade 3	5-6 Years	

2. Lower Primary Subjects and weekly time allocation

At the lower primary stage, learners study seven subjects as shown in the following table:

Subjects in Lower Primary	Weight (%)	Number of periods (1 period = 40 min.)		
		P ₁	P ₂	P ₃
1. Kinyarwanda	27	8	8	8
2. English	23	7	7	7
3. Mathematics	20	6	6	6
4. Social and Religious Studies	13	4	4	4
5. Science and Elementary Technology	7	2	2	2
6. Creative Arts: Music, Fine Art and Craft	7	2	2	2
7. Physical Education	3	1	1	1
Total (number of periods per week)	100	(30)	(30)	(30)
Total number of contact hours per week		20	20	20
Total number of contact hours per year (39 weeks)		780		

3. Upper primary Subjects and weekly time allocation

At upper primary level, learners study eight subjects as shown in the following table:

Subjects in Upper Primary	Weight (%)	Number of periods (1 period = 40 min.)		
		P4	P5	P6
1. Kinyarwanda	13	4	4	4
2. English	23	7	7	7
3. Mathematics	23	7	7	7
4. Social and Religious Studies	13	4	4	4
5. Science and Elementary Technology	17	5	5	5
6. Creative Arts: Music, Fine Art and Craft	3	1	1	1
7. Physical Education	3	1	1	1
8. French	3	1	1	1
Total (number of periods per week)	100	(30)	(30)	(30)
Total number of contact hours per week		20	20	20
Total number of contact hours per year(39 weeks)		780		

4. Lower Secondary Subjects and weekly time allocation

Core subjects	Weight (%)	Number of Periods (1 period = 40 min.)		
		S1	S2	S3
1. English	11	5	5	5
2. Kinyarwanda	7	3	3	3
3. Mathematics	13	6	6	6
4. Physics	9	4	4	4
5. Chemistry	9	4	4	4
6. Biology and Health Sciences	9	4	4	4
7. ICT	4	2	2	2
8. History and Citizenship	7	3	3	3
9. Geography and Environment	7	3	3	3
10. Entrepreneurship	4	2	2	2
11. French	4	2	2	2
12. Kiswahili	4	2	2	2
13. Literature in English	2	1	1	1

Sub Total		41 periods	41 periods	41 periods
II. Elective subjects: Schools can choose 1 subject				
Religion and Ethics	4	2	2	2
Music, Dance and Drama	4	2	2	2
Fine arts and Crafts	4	2	2	2
Home Sciences	4	2	2	2
Farming (Agriculture and Animal husbandry)	4	2	2	2
III. Co-curricular activities (Compulsory)				
Physical Education and Sports	2	1	1	1
Library and Clubs	2	1	1	1
Total number of periods per week	100	45	45	45
Total number of contact hours per week		30	30	30
Total number of hours per year (39 weeks)		1170	1170	1170

5. Upper Secondary subject combinations and time allocations (S4 to S6)

In upper secondary there are three categories of 'A' levels with a total of seventeen different subject combinations.

Categories and list of combinations

Category	Combinations
Sciences	1. Mathematics - Physics - Geography (MPG)
	2. Physics - Chemistry - Mathematics (PCM)
	3. Physics - Chemistry - Biology (PCB)
	4. Biology - Chemistry - Geography (BCG)
	5. Mathematics - Economics - Geography (MEG)
	6. Mathematics - Computer Science - Economics (MCE)
	7. Mathematics - Physics - Computer Science (MPC)
	8. Mathematics - Chemistry - Biology (MCB)
Humanities	1. History - Economics - Geography (HEG)
	2. History - Geography - Literature in English (HGL)

	3. History - Economics- Literature in English (HEL)
	4. Literature in English –Economics-Geography (LEG)
	5. Religious Education -History –Literature in English (RHL)
	6. Religious Education - History - Geography (RHG)
Languages	1. Literature in English –French –Kinyarwanda (LFK)
	2. Literature in English – Kiswahili –Kinyarwanda (LKK)
	3. Literature in English – Kiswahili –French (LKF)