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CIRCULAR S33 OF 2022

RELEASE OF 2023/24 ANNUAL TEACHING PLANS (ATPS), INCLUDING REVISED WEIGHTINGS TO SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS (GRADES R-12), EFFECTIVE FROM THE 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. The purpose of this Circular is to communicate and release the 2023/24 Annual Teaching Plans and the revised School Based Assessment (SBA) and examination weightings and requirements to be implemented in the 2023 academic year.
2. In terms of National Education Policy Act (NEPA), No. 27 of 1996, Section 3 (4)(I), the Minister shall determine national policy for curriculum frameworks, core syllabuses and education programmes, learning standards, examinations and the certification of qualifications, subject to the provisions of any law establishing a national qualifications framework or a certifying or accrediting body. In terms of this legislation the Minister has the power to develop national policy and the power to amend, or repeal or vary such policy.
3. In line with the NEPA stipulations, this Circular serves to amend previously released Circulars that relates to the Annual Teaching Plans and assessment requirements across all subjects and grades.
4. In 2022, the sector embarked on a process to review the 2021 Recovery Annual Teaching Plans, to improve the achievement of learning recovery at classroom level.

5. The 2023 Annual Teaching Plans for Grades R – 12, should guide the sector in the implementation of the recovery of learning. The 2023/24 Annual Teaching Plans should be implemented from January 2023 until repealed.
6. The programme of assessment consists of a composition of tasks, tests, examinations, practical assessment tasks (practical subjects) and oral tasks (Languages), specific to each subject and grade. In addition to the review of the Annual Teaching Plans, the 2020 School Based Assessment and Examination weightings are amended as follows:

PHASE	2023 REVISED SBA WEIGHTINGS
Foundation (Grade R – 3)	100% SBA
Intermediate (Grade 4 – 6)	80% (SBA): 20%(Exams)
Senior Phase (Grade 7 – 9)	60% (SBA): 40% (Exams)
Grade 10 &11	40% (SBA): 60% (Exams)
Grade 12	25% (SBA):75 % (Exams)

7. From the table above, the ratio of SBA and examinations in all grades remain the same except in the Senior Phase
8. The following amendments have been made to the offering of both the midyear and end of year examinations, namely:
 - 8.1. Midyear/June examination:
 - Grade 12: Reintroduction of the midyear/ June examination or could be a controlled test (Provincial Department may prescribe the option);
 - Grades 10 to 11: Reintroduction of the midyear/ June examination; and
 - Grades 4 to 9: Offer only midyear/June controlled tests.
 - 8.2. End of Year Examinations
 - a. Grade 12: Retain full scale National Senior Certificate Examination
 - b. Grades 7 to 11: Re-introduce full scale examinations in all subjects.
 - c. Grades 4 – 6: Retain Controlled Tests in all subjects.
9. The aforementioned amendment of the SBA and examination weightings and the programme of assessment requirements, effective from January 2023, will remain in place until repealed.
10. You are kindly requested to bring the content of this Circular to the attention of all provincial and district officials, principals and teachers of both public and independent schools, and relevant stakeholders.
11. The annual teaching plans are available on the DBE website: <https://www.education.gov.za>.



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