

NON-NEGOTIABLES FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

In 2009, School principals welcomed the initiative taken by President Jacob Zuma to interact with them and address matters affecting the country's education system.

In a draft declaration, the principals endorsed the non-negotiables outlined by President Zuma in his State of the Nation Address and reiterated during an interactive meeting held in Durban.

"We endorse the non-negotiables as outlined by President Jacob Zuma, to ensure that educators teach, learners learn, parents provide support to their children and government create a conducive environment for learning and teaching," the declaration reads.

To achieve this all stakeholders are to participate in the teaching and learning processes:

All learners:

- To be in school and in the classrooms at all times
- To use all available support materials provided such as textbooks
- To submit all work to teachers at all times
- To participate in class and individual study time
- To study for all assessments/tests for all subjects as per Programme of assessment
- To do corrections for all work to ensure improved performance
- To attend all extra classes as arranged by subject teachers and the department
- Have personal study time table
- Always be punctual and respectful to their teachers

Teachers:

- To ensure **curriculum coverage** for the year of study
- To **assess regularly** and give feedback
- To supervise the work of learners to achieve their potential
- Avoid abuse of learners, e.g. sexual relations with learners, corporal punishment, etc.

Schools:

- To encourage learners to apply for higher education studies
- To provide all resources required to deliver effective curriculum in all classes
- To encourage parents to participate in the learning process and progress of learners

Parents:

- To encourage learners to be in school on time for class and extra lessons
- To know and understand the school assessment plan for the grade
- To ensure that all work is done and submitted
- To visit schools to discuss learner behaviour and progress
- To check the learner books and ensure that the work is done at all times
- To encourage learners to study daily
- To ensure that learners do not spend their time watching television
- To ensure that learners do not spend their time chatting on their cellphones

The department:

- To provide all the support and resources to schools to ensure that all work is done
- To provide teachers, textbooks and teaching aides
- To provide Teacher development

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