

2023 ONLINE ADMISSIONS

PLAY YOUR PART!

Apply ONLINE for Grade 1 and/or Grade 8 to secure space at a Gauteng public school.

GRADE 1 & 8

22 JULY 2022

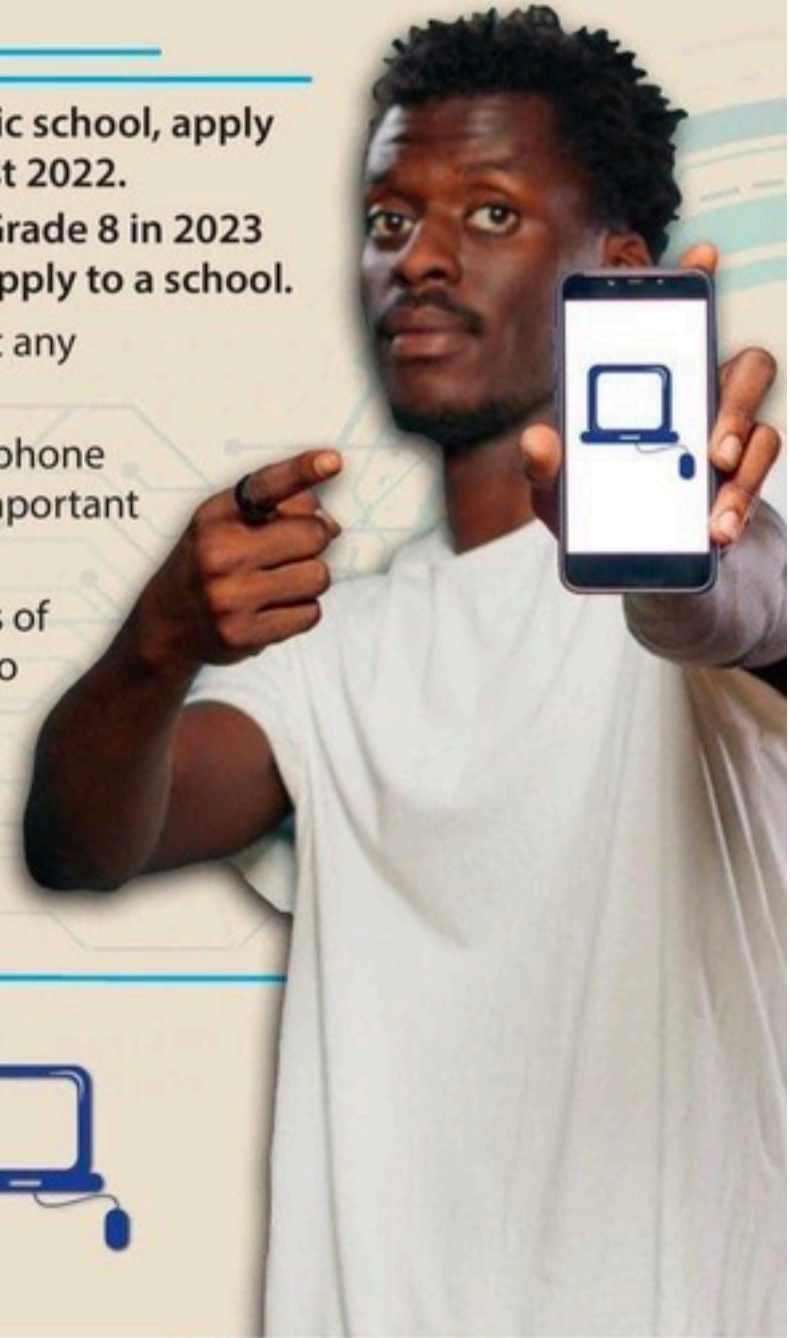
UNTIL

19 AUGUST 2022

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Parents/guardians with children going to Grade 1 and/or Grade 8 in 2023 are reminded to log on to www.gdeadmissions.gov.za to apply to a school.

- Assistance regarding online applications is also available at any walk-in centre or school in your area
- Parents/guardians are required to provide one reliable cellphone number to receive a username and password, and other important information about the child's application
- All applicants need to remember to upload certified copies of required documents on the system or submit documents to the schools they applied to within 7 days of making the application
- Parents/guardians are urged to log on to the system and accept offers of placement that will be sent via SMS from 3 October 2022 to 30 November 2022



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To apply to a public school, log on to www.gdeadmissions.gov.za using any computer device or smartphone or visit one of **47 decentralised walk-in centres** or **any public school for assistance**.

Parents/guardians seeking Public School Admission to Grade 1 and/ or Grade 8 for 2023 must apply online from **08:00 on 22 July 2022 to midnight on 19 August 2022**.

It is important to note the following when applying to Grade 1 and / or Grade 8:

- Create a **Username and Password** that will be easy to remember and save it to access the system and your applications

- Apply to a school with a **Feeder Zone** that covers your **Home Address**
- Placement is **prioritised for applicants with Home Addresses closest** to the school within the Feeder Zone
- Provide **ONE RELIABLE CELLPHONE NUMBER** when registering parental details on the system
- All One Time Passwords (OTP) and SMSes with information about the application will be sent to the cellphone number provided
- Submit or upload **Certified Proof of Residence** to schools for verification **within 7 days of making an application**
- An **Offer to Place** a child in a school will be sent to the parent's cellphone number from **3 October 2022 to 30 November 2022**
- The **Offer of Placement** must be **accepted with 7 of receipt**

What is a School Feeder Zone?

A **School Feeder Zone** is a demarcated residential area and geographical location or area from which a school admits learners. To find **School Feeder Zones** that cover their home address applicants are advised to apply to schools using **Home address** within **School Feeder Zone**. All schools with **feeder zones** that cover your home address will appear

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Parents have an option of applying to a **Maximum of 5 schools** using the following Admission Criteria (also known as Application Options on the system):

- Option 1 • The applicant learner's place of residence is closest to the school within the feeder zone
- Option 2 • The applicant learner has a sibling attending the school;
- Option 3 • The place of employment of at least one of the applicant learner's parents is within the feeder zone of the school;
- Option 4 • The applicant learner's place of residence is within a 30 kilometre radius of the school; or
- Option 5 • The applicant learner's place of residence is beyond a 30 kilometre radius of the school

To begin the **5 - step application process**, click on **Apply** and complete all details from **Step 1 to Step 5**:

- Step 1** • **Register Parent / Guardian details – After completing Step 1, you will receive an SMS with Username and Password. Proceed to Step 2**
- Step 2** • **Register Address details - After completing Step 2, proceed to Step 3**
- Step 3** • **Register Learner Details - After completing Step 2, proceed to Step 3**
- Step 4** • **Apply to a school – After completing Step 3, you will receive an SMS with a Waiting List Number**
- Step 5** • **Upload/submit certified copies of the following documents to the schools applied to within 7 days:**

- ID/Passport/Refugee Permit/ Asylum Seeker Permit/ Permanent Residence Permit/Study Permit
- SA Birth Certificate
- Proof-of-Home Address (Municipal account not older than 3 months, in the name of the parent / legal lease agreement not older than 3 months, signed by the landlord and the tenant)
- Proof of Work Address
- Latest School Report,
- Clinic/Vaccination/Immunisation card

Be reminded that the Placement Period will commence on 3 October 2022 and close on 30 November 2022.

During the Placement Period, you will receive an offer of placement to one of the schools that you applied to or an alternative school with available space



MEDIA STATEMENT

To: All Media
Att: News Editors
For immediate release

9 May 2022

GAUTENG ONLINE ADMISSIONS FOR GRADE 1 & 8 OPEN ON 22 JULY

Gauteng Education MEC Mr Panyaza Lesufi wishes to announce that Online Admissions for Grade 1 and Grade 8 for the 2023 academic year will commence on 22 July 2022.

The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) has reviewed the online system, as well as the previous two-phased approach. After an analysis of various online parent surveys and stakeholder consultations, the system has now been enhanced to follow a single application process, allowing all applicants to apply at the same time during the application period. We believe this overall simplified applications process will satisfy everyone.

The application period will start on **22 July 2022 at 08:00 AM** for Grade 1 and Grade 8 applications, and it will close on **19 August 2022 at 00:00 AM**. To apply, visit: www.gdeadmissions.gov.za. Parents and guardians will receive SMS notifications of placements offers to either accept or decline from **3 – 31 October 2022**.

Grade R learners will not automatically be accepted to Grade 1 without application, even if they apply to the schools where they are currently enrolled in. This means that all learners that are 5 years old turning 6 years old by 30 June 2023 and are currently enrolled in Grade R in a school or ECD centre, as well as learners that are not in any type of school, must apply for admission at a minimum of three and a maximum of five schools.

We urge parents and guardians to upload or submit certified copies of the following documents within **7 days of applying**:

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| 1. Parent and Child ID or Passport | 6. South African Birth Certificate |
| 2. Refugee Permit | 7. Proof of Home Address |
| 3. Asylum Seeker Permit | 8. Proof of Work Address |
| 4. Permanent Residence Permit | 9. Latest School Report and Clinic Card/Immunisation Report (Grade 1 only) |
| 5. Study Permit | |

Parents and guardians will be given up until 26 August 2022 (7 days after application period ends) to upload or submit their documents. However, **documents that are uploaded or submitted after the application period closing date will be considered as incomplete applications and will only receive placement at available schools from 1 – 15 December 2022.**

To eliminate the risk of overlooking an applicant with uploaded documents by a school, during and up to 7 days after the end of the application period, schools will receive an auto alert each time new documents are uploaded. The system will highlight all uploaded documents for verification.

In order to hold schools accountable for verification of all received documents, the system will prompt schools to answer the question whether an applicant submitted documents or not. If verified, the system will prompt the school to verify and update document status. If not verified, the system will create an alert on the parent's profile and an SMS will be sent to parent to submit or upload documents.

As part of the system enhancement process, Applicants will be afforded the opportunity to make informed choices regarding languages offered when applying to a school. Language of Learning and Teaching, Home Languages, and additional languages offered by each school will be visible on the system to applicants during the application period.

All applicants will be granted an opportunity to apply to a school of their choice, according to the selected application option. This is an improvement as previous complaints we received stated that schools were not available for certain application options and, as such, all schools will remain open for applications for all during the application period.

For all applicants to submit completed applications, electronic messages will be sent via SMS reminding parents and guardians to complete their application, and the same notifications will be created on the parent's profile on the system. **SMS notifications informing applicants whether their application was successful or unsuccessful will be sent from 3 – 31 October 2022.** Therefore, it is highly important that applicants provide **ONE reliable and working cellphone number when applying** in order to receive notifications and complete their application.

It is paramount to note that Schools of Specialisation will admit learners based on an aptitude or talent from **20 May – 20 June 2022**. Admission tests, written assessments, trials and auditions will also be conducted by Schools of Specialisation for applicants from **20 May – 26 August 2022**. The outcome of these tests and trials will be communicated to applicants from **20 June 2022 – 9 September 2022**. Parents who have applied to Schools of Specialisation are urged to accompany their children to these tests and trials to complete the process.

Parents and guardians applying to boarding schools in Gauteng must apply directly at identified schools. Applications to boarding schools will take place from **1 June – 19 August 2022**.

Placement of applicants with documents uploaded / delivered within the regulated period will be prioritized.

It must be noted that placement will be conducted as per the following admission regulations:

1. Home address within feeder zone
2. Siblings
3. Work address
4. Within 30km Radius
5. Beyond 30km Radius

To ensure access for applicants who are unable to apply from the comfort of their homes and or offices, the department has identified Decentralised Walk-In Centres in different areas where applicants will be safely assisted. In addition, some District Offices and the Head Office will serve as walk-in centres. This information will be made available to the public via schools, districts, the GDE Website and social media platforms.

Parents and guardians who will be experiencing challenges during the application period are encouraged to visit our District Offices and Decentralised Walk-In Centres or call the GDE's Contact Centre **0800 000 789**.

"Dear parents and guardians, if your child will be seeking space at a school in Gauteng for Grade 1 or 8 in 2023, make sure you diarise the announced dates as they are very important. Officials incorporated inputs from our stakeholders on how to improve the system. Indeed, we are hopeful that these implemented enhancements will be helpful to all applicants. Accordingly, we must reiterate that capacity remains our challenge in Gauteng, and a factor that applicants must always bear in mind when applying," said MEC Lesufi.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education's Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860.

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