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2027 Grade 8 Admission Process

As per the WCED regulations – **ALL applications must be completed on the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) Online admissions portal**

Please ensure you have read the WCED's Terms and Conditions.

Phase 1
Important WCED Dates:

10th March 2026 – WCED online admissions open.
14th April 2026 – WCED online admissions close.
28th May 2026 – System displays outcome of Grade R, 1 and 8 applications.
28th May – 10th June 2026 – Parents/ Guardians / Caregivers are informed of the outcome via the WCED portal for Grades R, 1 and 8 applications.
28th May – 15th June 2026 – Parents/ Guardians/ Caregivers to confirm acceptance of placements via the WCED admissions website.
15th June – 31st July 2026 – Parents are informed of further available places. Parents must confirm acceptance of placement within **3 DAYS** of acceptance.

WCED DOCUMENTS: Parents MUST have the following certified documents scanned and ready for upload during the WCED online admissions application:

- The last official school report [i.e 2025 Term 4 Grade 6 report]
- ID | Birth Certificate | Passport of the learner; OR
- A study permit (Foreign Learners); OR
- Proof of application (study permit) or police affidavit
- Proof of residence [i.e recent rates account | Lease agreement]

WCED requires you to apply to at least 3 schools via their online admissions portal. We recommend a minimum of 5 schools. Documents you upload via the WCED online portal can be viewed by ALL schools you have selected. Schools can, however, not see their ranking on your list.

Phase 2

GSHS Registration for 2027 Grade 8 enrolment:
After parents have confirmed their acceptances via the WCED online admissions portal. The school will email parents and provide you with an enrolment link and further instruction for completion and return.

Please Note: Parents, should you not confirm placement at any one of the schools your child/ren have been accepted at, the department will auto-confirm placement at the highest ranked successful school on the WCED portal and spaces will be filled ASAP.