

# PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Foundation phase (Grade 1 to Grade 3)

In the foundation phase, we focus on teaching the foundational skills, concepts and knowledge required for further learning. We offer a vibrant, invitational atmosphere where learners enjoy coming to school and where they acquire a love for learning that will sustain them throughout their school years. We acknowledge the potential in each learner to reach optimum ability. Therefore, we place a greater emphasis on individual achievement rather than competitiveness. We encourage opportunities for growth in independence and responsibility so that learners can take up the challenge of being personally responsible and accountable for their actions in the intermediate phase.



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English, Afrikaans and German

**Foundation phase:** Grade 1 to Grade 3

**Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7**

**Class size:** Controlled class sizes

**School times:**

Grades 1 and 2: 07:30 – 12:30 (Fridays until 12:00)

Grade 3: 07:30 – 13:00 (Fridays until 12:30)

Grades 4 to 7: 07:15 – 13:00 (Fridays until 12:30)

**Aftercare:** Every day until 17:30

## Subjects

**The main learning areas are:**

**Language and literacy** – English, Afrikaans or German First Language and English or Afrikaans Second Language. We have incorporated the latest global trends of matching learners to book levels and of teaching guided reading and writing. This develops conceptual understanding at the learners' own pace. Literacy skills are also taught using structured text types.

**Mathematics** – The curriculum has been written with a learner-centric, problem-solving approach leading to an individualised, well-developed number concept in young learners. This facilitates the successful learning of Mathematics as an abstract subject from Grade 4 to Grade 12.

**Other subjects** that are focused on include Environmental Studies, Handwriting Skills, Music, Physical Education, Robotics, Bible Education, Visual Arts and Drama.

## Cultural activities – foundation phase

Public speaking, Gimmies' Got Talent, culture festival, keyboard classes, Kanatzies singing group, choir and recorder

## Sports activities – foundation phase

Cricket, soccer, hockey, netball, athletics, chess, rugby, mountain biking and tennis

## Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7

In the intermediate phase, the emphasis is still on establishing basic foundations, but learners are guided into more abstract thought and independent work. Application of skills and concepts is also a focus area in this phase. Furthermore, this phase aims to prepare learners for the senior phase in high school. We promote creativity and critical thinking by encouraging children to make their own choices within well-established boundaries.

We aim to embrace 21st-century learning by incorporating technology in our Grades 5 to 7 classrooms, thereby raising children who are 'digital natives'. By embracing innovative technology into our schools, we are speaking the language our learners understand.

To align with 21st-century skills, Windhoek Gymnasium focuses on core subjects, namely Mathematics, languages, Science and Technology.

**Mathematics** – The Mathematics curriculum has been rewritten to allow for a learner-centric, problem-solving approach.

**Languages** – Windhoek Gymnasium uses an individualised approach of matching learners to book levels as well as using guided reading and writing when teaching languages. Added to this is the implementation of reciprocal teaching of reading to enhance each learner's deeper reading comprehension.

**Science and Technology** – In Robotics learners build and program Lego robots for 25% of the tuition time. The curriculum has been adapted to include 21st-century content and learning, project-based learning and a science fair.

### Curriculum

English, Afrikaans or German First Language, Afrikaans or English Second Language, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Life Skills (Life Orientation, Art and Physical Education), Bible Education, Social Sciences (History and Geography), Computer Studies, Information Technology, Coding, Critical Thinking, Lego, Robotics and Music

## Sports activities – intermediate phase

Cricket, soccer, hockey, netball, athletics, chess, rugby and mountain biking

## Cultural activities – intermediate phase

AMESA, orators, Curro Create, discipleship (Grade 5), leadership development (Grade 6), revues, choir, drama, piano lessons and Gimmies' Got Talent



## HOW TO ENROL

### STEP 1:

Apply to enrol with one of the following options:

1. Enrol online at [www.curro.co.za](http://www.curro.co.za).
2. Download and complete the application-for-admission form available on the website or from the school.
3. If necessary, contact the school for the required documents.

### STEP 2:

Submit your completed application form along with all supporting documents (indicated on the application form) to the school.

Note: Supporting documents for online enrolments are to be uploaded.

### STEP 3:

Application forms will be assessed.

### STEP 4:

If successful, parents will receive via email, a welcome letter and invoice for a once-off non-refundable enrolment fee.

### STEP 5:

Once the enrolment fee is paid, the child's place is confirmed (please retain proof of payment for record purposes).

### STEP 6:

Please refer to [www.curro.co.za](http://www.curro.co.za) regularly to stay up to date with all the relevant news and arrangements.

## PLEASE NOTE:

A learner must benefit from Windhoek Gymnasium's mainstream curriculum and it is therefore necessary to assess each application for admission. Applicants are assessed according to the normal entry requirements and, if necessary, extra assessments may be requested.

**We look forward to welcoming you to the Windhoek Gymnasium family.**

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