

# PRIMARY SCHOOL



 Cambridge Assessment  
International Education  
Cambridge International School

## Foundation phase (Grade R to Grade 3)

Cooper College follows the Cambridge Assessment International Education curriculum which takes learners on an exciting educational journey from a young age. Our method of teaching helps to develop young learners who are confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged. Learning is presented in such a way that learners discover the material rather than simply memorising it, thereby developing an enquiry-based approach to learning, developing their thinking skills and encouraging intellectual engagement. In this way learners receive a solid foundation that allows them to progress successfully to the next stage of education.



### Cultural activities – foundation phase

Art, drama, dance and stage productions

### Sports activities – foundation phase

Athletics (cross-country, track and field), hockey, cricket, netball, soccer, swimming and mini-rugby

### Extramural activities – foundation phase

Offered by private tutors/coaches held on Cooper College premises, include:

Dance Mouse, SoccerStarz, karate, judo, Experi-Buddies, Tumbling Tigerz, Build em Brix and ballet

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Foundation phase:** Grade R to Grade 3

**Intermediate phase:** Grade 4 to Grade 6

**Class size:** Maximum of 25 learners per class

**School times:**

**Grades R and 1:** 07:45 – 13:00

**Grades 2 and 3:** 07:45 – 13:30

**Grades 4 to 6:** 07:40 – 13:45

Early drop-off from 06:00

## Subjects

**The three main learning areas are:**

**Language** – English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, French Second Additional Language and isiZulu Third Additional Language

**Mathematics** – A learner-centred approach where problem-solving is the starting point:

- Sense-making, problem-solving activities
- Meaningful mathematical knowledge
- Efficient use of a variety of strategies
- Application of mathematical knowledge with confidence and understanding
- Introduction to project-based learning

**Life Skills** – Includes beginning knowledge, personal and social well-being, creative arts and physical education

**Cambridge Global Perspectives** – The skills of research, analysis, evaluation, reflection, collaboration and communication are developed

**Also:** Perceptual development forms an integral part of all learning in the foundation phase, and includes gross motor skills, sensory motor integration, perceptual motor skills and language development.





## Intermediate phase (Grade 4 to Grade 6)

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

All our classrooms are equipped with SMARTboards which enable the teacher to use interactive teaching methods to engage with the learners. SMARTboard technology follows the 'tell me, I forgot; show me, I remember; involve me, I understand' philosophy. Cooper College boasts state-of-the-art computer labs for an exciting yet safe foray into online adventuring.

The system is characterised by high-end hardware, groundbreaking Microsoft software, a dedicated server, technical support and own-device login capabilities.

The curriculum allows schools to adapt their offerings around how they want their learners to engage with the material. This allows us to present the material to learners in a manner that they can comprehend. This approach helps to develop learners who are confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged.

### Curriculum

English Home Language, Afrikaans or French First Additional Language, Mathematics, Scientific Enquiry, Cambridge Global Perspectives, Physical Education, Social Sciences (History and Geography) and Computer Studies

### Sports activities – intermediate phase

Athletics (cross-country, track and field), hockey, cricket, netball, soccer, swimming, rugby and majorettes

### Cultural activities – intermediate phase

Art, drama, stage productions, chess, public speaking, dance and glee club

### Extramural activities – intermediate phase

Dance Mouse, SoccerStarz, karate, ballet and Minecraft

## 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:

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## PLEASE NOTE:

A learner must benefit from Cooper College'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 Cooper College family.**

### Contact details:

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# HIGH SCHOOL



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At Cooper College we have built the Cambridge Assessment International Education curriculum around our specific needs. By starting from a foundation of core subjects and adding breadth and extramural perspectives, we encourage learners to engage with a variety of subjects and to make connections among the subjects, which is fundamental to our learning approach. Our offering ensures a flexible and stimulating educational environment, supported by excellent resources and training. Our learners are encouraged to improve performance by developing skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem-solving. This is a firm foundation for advancing future studies.



## Cultural activities

Books and boardgames club, anti-bullying club and Curro Create

## Sports activities

Fitness, e-gaming, rugby, netball, soccer, hockey, majorettes and cheerleading

## Extramural activities

Offered by private tutors/coaches held on Cooper College premises, include:

Karate and ballet



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Grades:** Grade 7 to Grade 10 (higher grades phasing in annually)

**Matric examination:** Cambridge Assessment International Education

**Class size:** Maximum of 25 learners per class

**School times:** 07:30 – 14:45

Early drop-off from 06:00

## Curriculum (Grade 7 to Grade 9)

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans or French First Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Life Orientation/Global Perspectives
- Scientific Enquiry
- Social Sciences (History and Geography)
- Economic and Management Sciences
- Computer Studies
- Physical Education



## Grade 10

Learner knowledge, understanding and skills in the following areas are developed:

- Subject content
- Intellectual enquiry
- Flexibility and responsiveness to change
- Working and communicating proficiently in English
- Influencing outcomes
- Cultural awareness



## IGCSE Level – Grade 10 to Grade 11

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is a two-year programme (Grade 10 to Grade 11) leading to externally set, marked and certified examinations from the University of Cambridge. The IGCSE core syllabus is conducted in all subjects and is recognised by leading universities and employers around the world.

## AS Level – Grade 12

The AS Level (Cambridge Advanced) is aimed at learners preparing for higher education and is equivalent to matric. Learners are prepared to meet the standards of international universities and, therefore, have a great advantage when starting their tertiary education.

## A Level – Grade 13

The A Level develops learners' knowledge, understanding and skills in areas beyond a regular curriculum. Areas include independent thinking, thinking logically and presenting ordered and coherent arguments, and working and communicating in English. It is conducted in two or three subjects and an E symbol or higher needs to be obtained.

## Curriculum (Grade 10 to Grade 12)

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans or French First Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Life Orientation/Global Perspectives
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Accounting
- Art and Design
- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Physics
- History

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