



Laerskool Curro Primary School
Beleid • Policy



B.1.2 : DETENTION IN THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE

THE PURPOSE OF DETENTION

- The purpose of detention is not to intimidate the learners, but to bring it to learner's attention that there are consequences for transgressions.
- Detention is given to learners who break class rules, do not complete homework and do not show respect towards their educators and the code of conduct.

WHEN IS DETENTION?

- Detention is held on Fridays from 12:50 – 13:50.
- The detention names will be read out over the intercom on a Thursday.
- The defaulters must have time to go to the cloakroom.
- Defaulters must go to the class of the educator on detention duty for the full duration.
- The educator on duty will take role call to ensure that the detention learners are all present.
- In the detention class, they may not chat, talk or move around. They are being punished and must realise that this must be taken seriously.

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED

- Gr 4-6 learners may be put into detention for any misconduct as described in the code of conduct e.g. not completing homework, behaviour etc.
- The procedures stipulated for offences in the code of conduct must be followed. Learners may not be put on detention for first minor offences.
- Learners may only be put into detention once the detention form has been filled in by the educator placing the learner into detention and a notification has been sent home and signed by the parent.
- The reason for detention must be noted in the detention book and on the notification that is sent home.

- If a learner has been in detention twice within a term – their parents must be contacted and they must be called in for a meeting with the class educator.
 - Each term the learner's previous transgressions will be cleared and they will start with a clean slate.
 - The detention book is kept in the detention co-ordinator's class.
 - The detention book will be kept as an admin book to tally how many times a learner has been put into detention and by whom.
 - The phase head is to check the detention book at least once a term and must bring repeated transgressions by any particular learner to the attention of the Deputy Principal.
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- Educators are reminded that they MUST refer to the code of conduct and follow the correct procedures for transgressions. Learners cannot be placed in detention for "simple" transgressions. Educators are to be consistent.
 - Educators must be able to show the learner in the code of conduct why he/she is being placed in detention.
 - Should an educator be questioned by a parent, the educator must be able to justify his/her decision.
 - All new parents are to receive a code of conduct on enrolment of their learners. The code of conduct is to be discussed by the register educator with learners at the beginning of every new year and learners must be reminded of it during the year.