Namibia has its own pre-primary curriculum developed by various experts in the field of early childhood development. The curriculum is based on *Stepping Stones* by Grové and Hauptfleish, *All-in-One*, and *The South African Teacher Association Manual for Teaching* (3 to 5 years). Our curriculum focuses on the holistic development of the child – emotional, perceptual, motorial, social and intellectual – and is enriched by regular excursions to interesting venues and additional activities providing the learner with a basis to master specific academic skills at a later stage. Activities, games and songs that form an active part of the curriculum, stimulate the creative development of the child, encourage the child to become independent and helps to build a positive self-esteem, which is needed for school readiness.

The Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs)

Our nursery school curriculum is designed with the Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs).

- **Physical well-being:** health and safety, gross motor development, fine motor development
- **Identity and belonging:** self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and social management
- **Communication:** listen and understand, speak and communicate, make meaning and represent
- **Mathematics:** quantity and numbers, measurement, patterns, shape and space, data collection, time and ordination
- **Creativity:** daily life and play, visual arts, performing arts
- **Learning about the world:** exploration and inquiry, knowledge and understanding, executive function

The daily programme

Our daily programme includes:

- Bible time
- Circle time
- Discussion of the week’s theme
- Break
- Perception and sensory exercises
- Art and music
- Gross motor exercises
- Storytime

Extramural activities

Offered by private tutors/coaches held on Windhoek Gymnasium premises, include:

Monkeynastix, Beaux-Arts, Olympic Kids, swimming, Kindermusik, Kiddie Sport, T-Rex and Abacus Maths
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GENERAL INFORMATION

• We have created a centre of learning where children can realise their full potential by providing a comprehensive, individually orientated education of the highest standard.
• Windhoek Gymnasium provides a sound foundation for meeting the tasks and challenges of future learning.
• We create an environment of opportunity where the child learns general knowledge, the right attitudes, ethical and moral principles.
• We encourage and teach each child social and life skills in a warm and loving environment.
• We acknowledge that each child is an individual and we allow them to work at their own pace.
• We create a sound and safe environment where each child is extended and growth is encouraged academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.
• The pre-primary school is not open during school holidays and public holidays.

We aim to inspire young minds to become extraordinary through the unique Windhoek Gymnasium curriculum.

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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 Environmen
tal 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

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Our goal is to develop responsible, independent and proud individuals who will make a positive contribution to society.

Our ethos is governed by Christian values (ethics and morals) where learners are encouraged to explore and express their individuality within acceptable boundaries, and ultimately take responsibility for their actions.

We guide them to follow their hearts and minds to develop into the best people they can be.

Our dynamic curriculum covers problem-solving, critical thinking and the development of skills and values. Both individual and group work are evaluated.

Windhoek Gymnasium produces a community of teenagers who know how to think innovatively, express their ideas and take charge of their own lives. Learners are prepared for the Cambridge Assessment examinations.

QUICK FACTS

Language: English
Grades: Grade 8 to Grade 12
Matric examination: Cambridge Assessment
Class size: Controlled class sizes
School times: 07:15 – 13:00 (Fridays until 12:30)

Curriculum (Grade 8 to Grade 9)
The Namibian National Curriculum is followed and plenty of enrichments are built in where possible.

Compulsory subjects – Afrikaans and English as First Language or Second Language, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Subject choices could include the following:

- Accounting
- Computer Studies
- Design and Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Geography
- German First Language
- German Second Language
- Keyboard and Word Processing
- History

Cultural activities
Revues, music lessons, school newspaper, annual culture tour to Europe, bi-annual exchange programme to Germany, Gimmies’ Got Talent, Miss Windhoek Gymnasium competition and Sêrrie competition

Sports activities
Cricket, soccer, hockey, netball, athletics, rugby, mountain biking, archery and chess
Curriculum (Grade 10 to Grade 12)
Subject choice must include:
- English First Language or Second Language
- Afrikaans First Language or Second Language
- Mathematics

Subject choices could include the following:
- Accounting
- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Studies
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- Physics

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