

Wider Subject CHOICE

Frequently asked questions

1. When will the wider subject offering be available?

The wider subject offering, which started earlier this year, will be rolled out to all Curro schools and incorporated into the normal school hours in 2022.

2. Where will this be available?

At all Curro schools across the country; IEB and DBE curriculum (should their technological infrastructure allow for this).

3. How will the content be delivered?

Synchronous (online contact teaching) and asynchronous (online non-contact teaching) teaching will take place, with lessons being conducted through Microsoft Teams and Moodle. All lessons will also be recorded and uploaded to Moodle so that, if need be, learners may watch or review the lesson at a later stage at their own pace.

4. Who are the teachers?

Curro's subject specialists create the content and asynchronous lessons, and our tech-savvy, innovative teachers teach the synchronous lessons. In some cases, external service providers (such as Alliance Française) also conduct lessons.

5. What are the admission criteria?

- Learners should be responsible.
- Learners should be able to work at their own pace.

6. How will lessons be conducted?

Lessons are in a seven-day cycle consisting of six periods.

There will be two periods of synchronous work, which are conducted by online teachers.

The other four periods will be asynchronous lessons where the learner will complete tasks and assignments with assistance where needed.

7. When will lessons be conducted?

During dedicated lessons that are timetabled and synchronised across the Curro group. Learners need a device and earphones.

8. Which platforms will be used?

Microsoft Teams will be used for the online classes. Moodle will be used to deliver the course modules. The Microsoft Office suite of products, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel, will be used for assignments and projects. Microsoft OneNote will be used for group assignments, so that the teacher can see each learner's contribution.

9. How would technical support work?

Technical support is in place at all schools through peer coaches, site technicians and node technicians.

10. What about timetabling?

If the subject is taken as one of the seven subjects, it will occur during normal school hours and will be timetabled as such. If the subject is taken as an additional subject, it will be available as an asynchronous lesson - after normal school hours.

11. How will assessments be done?

All the necessary school-based assessments are done by all learners at school or at home, but formal assessments (tests and examinations) must be done at school under strict supervision. All learners are required to compile a subject portfolio as is custom in all the subjects (IEB/DBE). Everything is managed as per a traditional school. All assessments are moderated and form part of cluster or national moderation, as usual, with the additional benefit of immediate feedback in the online assessment. This allows learners to alter outcomes quicker without having to wait for feedback from teachers before altering their responses.

12. How will feedback on academic performance be managed?

Learners, parents and teachers will have access to real-time diagnostics, as is the case in global trends. Not only are you provided with normal reports, you also get weekly feedback from the Moodle platform on how you are doing.

- Module progress reports are available live to parents via Moodle to track ongoing progress.
- Term reports provide detailed progress feedback.
- Learners track their progress on their Moodle dashboard and receive feedback from tutors and teachers in each lesson.
- Heads of schools and phase heads will receive feedback on the performance of learners at their school via the administrative team or through the Moodle dashboard.

13. How regularly will academic performance be measured?

Marks for all necessary SBA assessments and tests during terms one and three, as well as the terms two and four examinations, need to be captured every term.

14. Who is responsible for tracking academic performance?

The Curro teachers and tutors track the learners continuously using the tech tools available to them.

Curro offers a convenient and flexible learning solution that can be relied upon.