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MEC Mshengu makes a call for early learner registration

The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Kwazi Mshengu calls on parents and guardians to register their children early for the 2023 Academic Year.

The experience of the Department over the years is that instead of starting teaching and learning in earnest on the first day of the academic year, the Department finds itself having to deal with issues of learner admissions and the reason for this, is that of the late registration by parents and guardians.

In preparation for the 2023 Academic Year, parents are requested to enroll learners for entry into Grades 1 and 8, are encouraged to apply early so as to avoid the late registration that happens every January.

In making applications, parents are requested to apply to the minimum of three (3) schools. This is important in order to ensure that parents secure places for their children. Applying to a minimum of 3 schools increases the chances for the child to be placed in one of them, be it second or third choice.

The Department further advises parents to check progress with their application immediately 3 months after making an application.

The start date for admissions for the 2023 Academic Year is the 1st of March 2022 and ends on the 30th of September 2022.

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“Late applications rob learners of their right to quality education as any learner that does not have space by the 1st day, does not get taught for that day or days prior to securing the space,” said MEC Mshengu.

Late admissions also lead to some schools getting overcrowded as there is pressure to get learners into class. As part of the South African Schools Act (SASA), every learner of school going age should be in school.

“As a Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, we urge parents to heed this call of an early registration of learners. This will assist the system, especially our educators to have ample time to sharpen our learners and secure a bright future for them as well as the nation,” concluded MEC Kwazi Mshengu.

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