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THE DEPARTMENT URGES PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER LEARNERS FOR THE 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal urges all parents or guardians to ensure that they register their children early for the 2024 Academic Year. Learner admission for the 2024 Academic Year opened on 12 April 2023.

Learners who are eligible for admission are those seeking space in grades 1 and 8, which are entry grades. Parents who want to transfer learners to other grades from one school to the other, must ensure that they make their request as soon as possible.

The only transfer applications that will be considered after the closing date, are those for learners whose parents would have been transferred by their employers with effect from the 1st of October 2023 onwards; and they must produce evidence of such a transfer.

The Department will also consider applications for transfer of learners who would have lost their parents or guardians and have to relocate as a result of that loss.

Adhering to these requirements is important because long queues at the beginning of the year are often caused by parents moving learners having not applied and when schools are already filled to capacity. The closing date for the administration of admissions is 30 September 2023 and parents or guardians are encouraged to apply long before the closing date as this will allow the Department to deal with all the appeals and place those learners who would have applied, but failed to secure places.

"We urge parents or guardians to co-operate with the Department and heed this call so that on the first day of the 2024 Academic Year, schools can be focused on teaching and learning and not on unnecessary administrative duties pertaining to learner admission," said MEC Frazer.

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