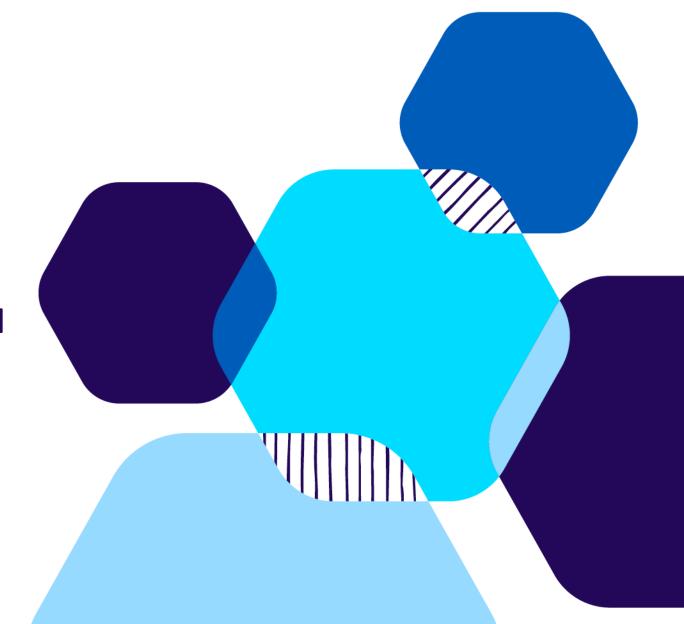


Teaching English Africa webinar

DECOLONISING THE CURRICULUM: Reconstruction and Modernization of Schooling, making use of Senegal as a case study

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About the speaker

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Objectives

Through this presentation, participants will:

- Have an idea what a curriculum is and identify the different types
- Be introduced to the Senegalese Education System
- Discover the English Curriculum of Senegal: structure and content, positive aspects and points to improve
- Discuss the features of a good curriculum



Let's brainstorm!

1- S-L-B-A-Y-L-U-S

SYLLABUS

2- M-T-A-A-I-E-R-L-S

MATERIALS

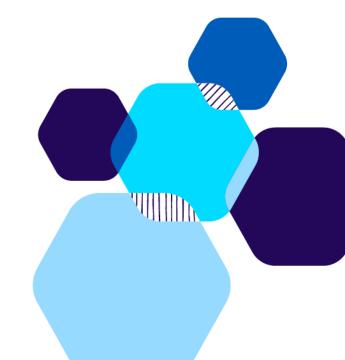
3- C-I-O-M-T-I-U-M-N-A-V-C-E COMMUNICATIVE

4- C-E-H-E-A-N-L-G-L-S

CHALLENGES

5- C-R-M-C-U-I-L-U-R-M

CURRICULUM



What is curriculum?

The term **curriculum** refers to the lessons and academic content taught in a school or in a specific course or program. In dictionaries, *curriculum* is often defined as the courses offered by a school, but it is rarely used in such a general sense in schools. Depending on how broadly educators define or employ the term, curriculum typically refers to the knowledge and skills students are expected to learn, which includes the **learning standards** or **learning objectives** they are expected to meet; the units and lessons that teachers teach; the assignments and projects given to students; the books, materials, videos, presentations, and readings used in a course; and the tests, **assessments**, and other methods used to evaluate student learning.

Experts on curriculum 1

- Kerr defines curriculum as "[a]II the learning which is planned and guided by the school, whether it is carried on in groups or individually, inside or outside of school."
 (Kelly, A. V. (2009). The curriculum: Theory and practice (pp. 1–55). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.)
- **Braslavsky** states that curriculum is an agreement among communities, educational professionals, and the State on what learners should take on during specific periods of their lives. Furthermore, the curriculum defines "why, what, when, where, how, and with whom to learn." (Braslavsky, C. (2003). The curriculum.)
- **John Dewey** defines **curriculum** as a continuous reconstruction, moving from the learner's present experience out into that represented by the organized bodies of truth that we call studies... the various studies... are themselves experience—they are that of the race.



Experts on curriculum 2: types

Experts like John Dewey (Dewey, John (1902). <u>The child and the curriculum</u>.) and Kelly (Kelly, A.V. (2009). <u>The Curriculum: theory and practice</u> (6th ed.). <u>ISBN 9781847872746</u>)

- Explicit curriculum: subjects that will be taught, the identified "mission" of the school, and the knowledge and skills that the school expects successful students to acquire.
- <u>Implicit curriculum</u>: lessons that arise from the culture of the school and the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that characterize that culture, the unintended curriculum.
- Hidden curriculum: things which students learn, 'because of the way in which the
 work of the school is planned and organized but which are not in themselves overtly
 included in the planning or even in the consciousness of those responsible for the
 school arrangements (Kelly, 2009).
- <u>Excluded curriculum</u>: topics or perspectives that are specifically excluded from the curriculum. (extracurricular activities)



English in the Senegal education system

English is taught as a Foreign Language (EFL)

English is compulsory from First Form to Upper Sixth

Weekly Schedules: 3 hours LV1/ (Possibility to add 2 hours for beginners)

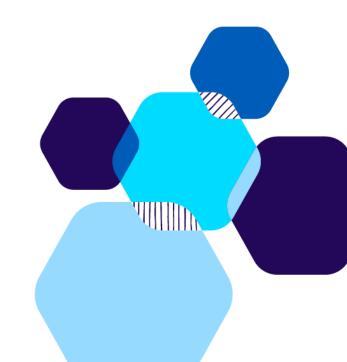
3 hours LV2

National Exams (Forth Form and Upper Sixth)

Oral Exams during National Exams (4th from, Upper Sixth)

Streams from 2nd cycle (**S and L**)

Choice of English as LV1 or LV2 (from Lower Sixth)



Actors in charge of the curriculum

MEN: carries out all the executive and directive actions, controls and planning related to education in the country.

FASTEF: Pre-service Teacher Training

CRFPE: In-service Teacher Training

CNA: English National Commission

IGEF: reforms, trainings and monitoring assessment and learning

IA: supervise learning in Senior High Schools

IEF: Supervise learning in Junior High Schools



Contextualising

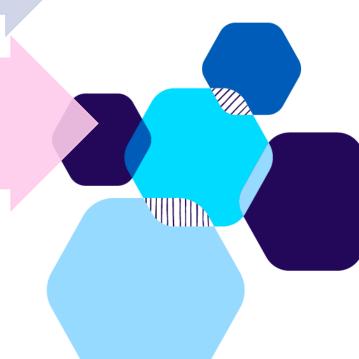
Course books and methods used before the creation of the curriculum in the early 90s

EFSA

- Made by Nigerian Linguists
- With Nigerian characters, stories, names

CLAD METHOD

- Made by Senegalese Linguists
- Undertake research to improve the teaching of French and English in Senegal
- Memorization, repetition, drills, mimicry, grammar translation, Audio-lingual



http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/18334105.2014.11082

Presentation of the curriculum: stage1 and stage 2

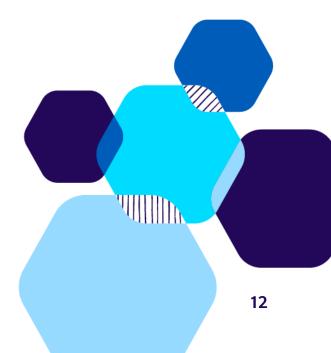
OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Contribuer d'une manière générale, à enraciner le citoyen sénégalais dans ses valeurs culturelles propres, et, en même temps, le préparer à s'ouvrir avec profit à d'autres cultures et à tirer parti des acquis de la science, de la technologie et de la recherche, conformément aux recommandations des Etats Généraux de l'Education et de la Formation
- 2. Aider à développer chez les élèves, des qualités intellectuelles et morales telles que la créativité, l'esprit de coopération, la persévérance et le respect mutuel, pour contribuer ainsi à la formation et à l'enrichissement de leur personnalité et à leur épanouissement socioprofessionnel;
- 3. Répondre aux besoins et aux aspirations de l'individu ainsi qu'aux buts poursuivis par la société et la politique éducative du pays;
- 4. Aider les jeunes sénégalais à acquérir une certaine maîtrise de la langue anglaise qui leur permettra de faire face éventuellement aux exigences de la vie moderne;
- 5. Développer au plus haut niveau possible les aptitudes de l'élève en matière de compréhension orale et écrite d'une part et d'expression orale et écrite d'autre part;
- 6. Faire acquérir à l'élève un niveau qui lui permet de communiquer dans la langue étrangère et de satisfaire les exigences et normes des examens et concours nationaux et internationaux ;

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Syllabus of Third Form and Forth Form Students as an example





$PUPILS~WILL~HAVE~BEEN~INTRODUCED~TO~THE~FOLLOWING~IN~TERMS~OF~TOPICS~/~THEMES,~SKILLS,~FUNCTIONS~/~NOTIONS,\\GRAMMATICAL~STRUCTURES~AND~ELEMENTS~OF~PHONOLOGY$

4è & 3è unless otherwise specified

	TOPICS	SKILLS	FU	UNCTIONS/NOTIONS		GRAMMAR	PHONOLOGY
						Pupils will learn the following	Pupils will be introduced to the
						grammar points:	following aspects of
							pronunciation
1)	PERSONAL	1/ Listening and	Puj	pils will learn to	1.	All verb tenses	1/ Discriminating sounds in
	<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>Speaking</u>			2.	Passive voice (all tenses)	connected speech
a)	Name, first name, surname,		1.	<u>Socialize</u>	3.	modals	a) Vowels, consonants,
	terms of address, address,	Pupils will be able to	a)	Make introductions	4.	I wish you, 4è, I wish I were	diphthongs
	nationality, country of origin,	a) Listen to and	b)	Greet people	5.	Declarative sentences, using	b) Strong and weak forms
	telephone number, date and	understand		formally/informally		verbs of saying (e.g., to say)	c) Neutralization of weak forms
	place of birth, age, sex,	comparatively	c)	Use expressions of welcome		thinking (e.g., I think)	
	religion, ethnic group, likes,	more complex		and leave taking	6.	Complement clauses,	2/ Articulating sounds in isolate
	dislikes, character,	everyday English	d)	Attract someone's attention	7.	Indirect speech	words forms:
	temperament, disposition	(Interviews).	e)	Interrupt another speaker	8.	Adverbs	a) Long and short vowels b) Consonants
b)	Family: relationships,			politely, ask someone to	9.	Interrogative sentences (yes-no,	
"	profession, occupation,	b) Communicate in		repeat something		WH, declarative sentences)	1 /
	members of the family	formal and	f)	Change an embarrassing	10.	2	d) Diphthongs
		informal everyday		subject (3è)		are you?	3/ Discriminating sounds in
c)	House and Home: Types of	situations with	g)	Congratulate		Negative sentences	connected speech :
	accommodation, rooms,	other speakers of	h)	Express wishes (3è)	12.	Comparatives: such as, same as,	a) Strong and weak forms
	furniture, bedclothes, rent,	English	2.	Impart and Seek Factual	1.2	like, similar to, unlike, likewise.	b) Neutralization of weak forms
	services, amenities, region,		٠.	Information	13.	The + comparative + the + comparative (3è)	c) Reduction of unstressed
	flora and fauna, food and	2/ Reading:	a)	Describe places, people,	14	Comparing two elements: the	vowels
	drinks,	Read and understand	(a)	size, daily routines, physical	14.	taller of the two, the former the	d) Modification of sound
		comparatively simple		characteristics of things,		latter, (3è) irregular comparatives	through:
d)	Relations, visits to	authentic texts		impressions	15	Superlatives	- Assimilation
	families /friends/strangers	(interpret charts /	b)	Ask and talk about the past	16.	•	- Elision
2	CITY LIFE	tables/graphs).	c)	Make arrangements	17.		- Liaison
2) a)	Public notices	marker Starpano).	d)	Explain, define, illustrate,		Use of gerunds	
(b)	Places: Government	2/Waitings		classify, compare, contrast,		Would rather, had better	4/ Articulating sounds in
0)	buildings, squares,	3/Writing: Write longer		make conditions, give	20.	-	connected speech:
	entertainment and places of	compositions		reasons and purposes, (3è)		Used to, would	a) Strong and weak forms
	entertainment: cinemas,	(narrative, descriptive,	e)	Make assumptions, draw		Make $+ NP + inf$, get $+ NP + to$	b) Neutralization of weak forms
	stadiums, theaters, etc.	argumentative) in		conclusions		inf,	c) Reduction of unstressed
	statiums, meaters, etc.	argumentative) iii				*	

- c) Public services: post-office, police station, petrol station, museums, galleries, exhibitions, harbor, book shops, bus station, railway station, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, markets, shops, banks, supermarkets,
- d) Environmental problems:
 pollution, urbanization
 (slums, slum clearance
 schemes, delinquency,
 transportation, prostitution,
 etc.)

3) VILLAGE LIFE

- a) Crafts, occupations
- b) Cattle breeding and crops
- c) Fauna and flora
- d) Fishing
- e) Environmental problems: floods, drought, desertification, soil erosion, soil preservation, irrigation
- f) Weather, seasons, climate
- g) Migration, rural exodus
- h) Free time

4) TRAVEL AND EXPLORATION

- a) Communications
- b) Mass-media
- c) Stories of imagination
- d) Tourism: holiday camps, national sites, transportation

- various formats (letters, stories, articles, essays, ads, etc.)
- f) Understand and express similarities & differences (3è)
- 3. Express and Find Intellectual attitudes
- Argument (Exchange of information and views): asking for/giving and responding to views and information
- b) Agreement
- c) Disagreement
- d) Denial
- e) Permission/prohibition
- f) Concession
- g) Ability/inability
- h) Capability/incapability
- i) Probability/certainty
- j) Expressing/inquiring about possibility/impossibility
- k) Expressing/inquiring about obligation and necessity

4. Express and Find Out Emotional attitudes

Express and Inquire about:

- a) Likes and dislikes, preference
- b) Pleasure/displeasure
- c) Satisfaction/dissatisfaction
- d) Hope, fear or worry,
- e) Gratitude, sympathy, want, desire
- f) Disappointment, surprise, hostility, reassurance, willingness, intention,
- g) Past experience

- 23. Declarative sentences with "you" as subject (emphatic imperative)
- 24. Imperatives
- 25. Nouns count and non-count
- 26. Pronoun reference
- 27. Prepositions

- vowels
- d) Modification of sounds
- 5/ Discriminating Stress Patterns within words
- 6/ Articulating stress pattern within words
- 7/ Manipulating variation in stress in connected speech
- 8/ Recognizing the use of stress in connected speech for indicating information units
- 9/ Recognizing the use of stress in connected speech for indicating emphasis

10/ Producing Intonation Patterns

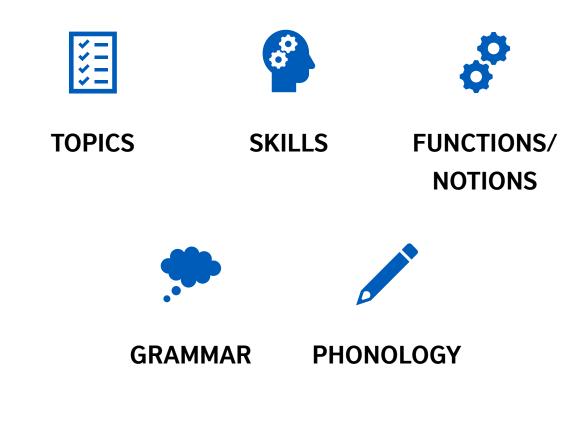
- a) Rising tone with declarative/moodless clauses
- b) Rising/tone with tag questions
- c) Rising tone with Yes/No interrogative clauses
- d) Falling intonation with WHquestions

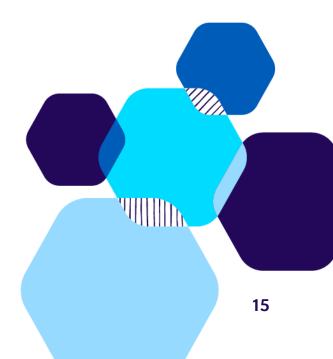
11/ Expressing/Interpreting attitudinal meaning through:

- a) Pitch height
- b) Pitch range
- c) Pause
- d) Tempo

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Syllabus of Upper Sixth Form Students as an example





Teachers will deal with the topics relevant to their streams (L = literary; S = Scientific). But they are free to teach any other topic if time allows.

Teachers in "L" will cover two subtopics under each heading in bold. Teachers in "S" will cover at least one subtopic under each heading in bold.

TOPICS	SKILLS	FUNCTIONS/	GRAMMAR	PHONOLOGY	
TOPICS 1. Trade Professions and Occupations (L & S) a. Jobs, arts & crafts b. Places & conditions of work c. Employment & unemployment d. Professional training e. Social taboos f. Income g. Prospects h. Economy & migration i. Child labour j. Etc. 2. Free Time and Entertainment (L) a. Hobbies b. Sports c. Radio, TV, Cinema, Theatre,	SKILLS 1. Listening a. Skimming to obtain the gist / general impression of a text b. Scanning to locate specific information c. Understanding /expressing explicit information d. Understanding /expressing meaning through intonation/stress e. Identifying the main point or important information in a piece of discourse f. Identifying text types (narrative, descriptive, argumentative etc.) g. Recognizing/using discourse indicators: sequencing h. Transferring information in speech/writing to diagrammatic display i. Evaluating a piece of discourse (register, style, tone, etc.)	FUNCTIONS/ NOTIONS 1. Expressing intentions 2. Approving/disapproving 3. forbidding 4. Expressing regret 5. Expressing obligation 6. Expressing necessity / lack of necessity 7. Making polite requests 8. Agreeing/disagreeing 9. Making plans 10. Expressing purpose 11. Expressing wishes and hopes 12. Expressing ability 13. Giving advice 14. Making suggestions 15. Expressing preference 16. Expressing similarities & differences 17. Discussing	1. Verbs: a) Tenses - Present, Past, Perfect, Future b) Conditionnals c) Modals - Obligation - Prohibition - Permission - Possibility - Probability - Capability - Capability - Ability, etc. d) Passive and active e) Imperative f) Infinitive and ING g) Had better; h) Would rather i) Direct & indirect	PHONOLOGY 1/ Discriminating sounds in connected speech: a. Vowels, consonants, diphthongs c. Strong and weak forms b. Neutralization of weak forms 2/ Articulating sounds in isolate word forms: a. Long and short vowels b. Consonants c. Consonant clusters d. Diphthongs	
Concerts d. Museums, Galleries, Exhibitions e. Intellectual and artistic pursuits, etc. 3. Economy	Speaking a. expressing explicit information b. Expressing meaning through intonation/stress c. using discourse indicators: sequencing d. Organising information in	 18. Reporting 19. Expressing ability 20. Expressing habits 21. Describing on - going Process 22. Expressing personal 	speech 2. Conjunctions: a. Coordinating Conjunctions b. Conjunctive adverbs c. Subordinating	in connected speech: a. Strong and weak forms b. Neutralization of weak forms c. Reduction of unstressed	
(S & L) a. Shopping: Prices, weights & measurements	expository discourse (especially presentation of report, expounding an argument, evaluating evidence)	beliefs/emotions 23. Asking for/giving clarifications 24. Expressing possibility/	conjunctions 3. <u>Adjectives</u> a. Comparisons	vowels d. Modification of sound through:	

	b.	Shopping facilities		e.	Organising information presented		probability		b. Order of adjectives	 Assimilation
	c.	Foodstuffs, clothes, fashion,			in diagrammatic display, into	25.	Describing process		c. Intensifiers	- Elision
		etc.			speech	26.	Reporting factual		d. Possessive	- Liaison
	d.	Household articles		f.	Interpreting or comparing		information		adjectives	
	e.	The consumer society			diagrams/tables/graphs	27.	Giving instructions		adjectives	
	f.	The ups and downs of the		g.	Reformulating information and	28.	Making offers	4	Nouns	4/ Articulating sound in
	1.	economy			paraphrase to avoid repetition	29.	Arguing	٦.		connected speech:
	σ	Poverty		h.	Relaying information	30.	-		 Mass and count 	 Strong and weak
	g.	•			o Directly (commentary		Congratulating		nouns	forms
	h.	development (Sustainable,			/description concurrent with	31.	Comparing		 b. Personal pronouns 	b. Neutralization of
		etc.)			action); o Indirectly (reporting)	32.	Expressing likes and		 c. Possessives 	weak forms
	1.	Starvation	2.	Res	iding	22	dislikes			c. Reduction of
	J.	Agriculture		a.	Skimming to obtain the gist /	33.	Apologising	5.	Articles	unstressed
	K.	Industry		-	general impression of a text	34.	Accepting apologies		a. Indefinite	vowels
	1.	Mining		b.	Scanning to locate specific				b. Definite	d. Modification of
	m.	Technology			information				o. Definite	sounds
	n.	Etc.		c.	Understanding /expressing			6.	adverbs	Sounds
	4 77	Ide Walfarra O Francisco			explicit information			0.		5/ Discriminating Stress
		lth, Welfare & Environment		d.	Identifying the main point or				a. Word order	Patterns within words
	(S & L)				important information in a piece				b. Position	Tutterns within words
	a.	Physical and mental			of discourse			7.	Relative clauses	6/ Articulating stress
		disabilities		e.	Identifying text types (narrative,					pattern within words
	b.	Pollution		£	descriptive, argumentative etc.)			8.	Prefixes and suffixes	pattern within words
	c.	Hygiene and cleanliness		f.	Understanding text organisation Recognizing/using discourse					
	d.	Ailments and accidents		g.	indicators: sequencing					7/ Manipulating
	e.	Insurance		h.	Understanding/using graphic					variation in stress in
	f.	Keeping fit			presentation, tables, cross-					connected speech
	g.	Medicine			referencing, etc.					
	h.	Diseases		i.	Organising information presented					8/ Recognizing the use of
	i.	The progress of medicine :			in diagrammatic display, into					stress in connected
		genetics, cloning, transplants,			speech/writing					speech for indicating
		euthanasia		j.	Interpreting or comparing					information units
	j.	Etc.			diagrams/tables/graphs					
				k.	Transcoding information in					9/ Recognizing the use of
	5. <u>Eve</u>	nts and Changes (L)			speech/writing to diagrammatic					stress in connected
	a.	Colonial time and the		1	display					speech for indicating
		struggle for Independence		1.	Evaluating a piece of discourse (register, style, tone, etc.)					emphasis
			3.	Wr	iting					<u>Crispitation</u>
	b.	English in the World	٥.	a.	Expressing explicit information					11/Punduain-
	c.	. War and violence b. Producing various text types						11/ Producing		
	d.	International relationships			(narrative, descriptive,					Intonation Patterns
	e.	A destruction of a second seco						a. Rising tone		
L						L				a. Rising tone

f.	Politics and government :	c.	Using salient relevant points to		with	
	politics, elections, freedom &		make a summary		decla	rative/
	basic changes	d.	Recognizing/using discourse		mood	dless
g.	Contemporary Africa		indicators : sequencing		claus	ses
h.	Building the society	e.	Organising information in		b. Risin	g tone
i.	The march of progress :		expository discourse (especially		with	8 10220
1	a. Looking to the		presentation of report,			rative
	future		expounding an argument,		claus	
			evaluating evidence)			
	b. Building a better	f.	Understanding/using graphic			g tone
	society		presentation, tables, cross- referencing, etc.			Yes/No
J.	Etc.	_	Organising information presented			rogative
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	tural Heritage		speech/writing			
(L)	Dall-laws	h.	Interpreting or comparing		12/ Expressing	
a.	Religions		diagrams/tables/graphs		Interpreting att	
b.	Religious events	i.	Reformulating information and		meaning throu	gh:
c.	Social events, customs,		paraphrase to avoid repetition			
	ceremonies and festivals	j.	Relaying information		-Pitch heig	ht
d.	Moral values : (tolerance,				 Pitch rang 	e
	solidarity, charity)	5. Study	skills and other		-Pause	
e.	Etc.	a.	Doing project work:		-Tempo	
			 Organising 		-	
_	ence and Technology		o Presenting			
(S)			o Evaluating			
a.	Inventions and Discoveries		o Taking notes while			
b.	ICTs		reading or listening O Using reference			
c.	Science and Information		 Using reference materials 			
d.	Information and ethics, etc.		materials			
	ormation and					
	unication					
(S & L	,					
a.	Communication facilities:					
	telephone, mail, newspapers,					
	radio, TV, etc.					
b.	Information and					
	Communication					
	Technologies					
c.	Explosion of information					
d.	Information and ethics:					
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Positive aspects



Promotes the 4 skills: listening, reading, writing, speaking



Very rich with diversified contents:
Quantity education



Promotes extracurricular activities mainly English Clubs



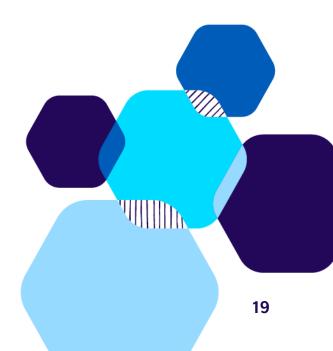
Proposes sample tests



Proposes sample lesson plans



Gives guidelines for the elaboration of tests and exams in 4th form and upper sixth



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Positive aspects



Suggests reading comprehension activities



Suggests linguistic and communicative activities



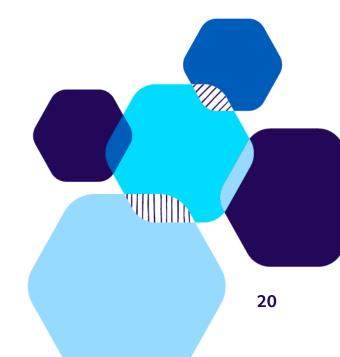
Open to Topics which are not mentioned in it



Focuses on all the features of pronunciation which is essential in a language acquisition



Focuses on Notions and Functions of the English Language



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Aspects to improve

Encyclopedic curriculum: too much content to cover such as grammar, phonology

Include Life Skills: Gender Solidarity / Leadership Skills

Personal Development: ethic et deontology

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Growth mindset

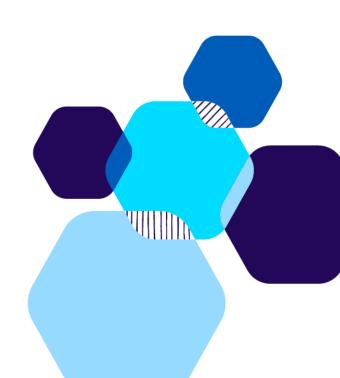
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Community Service/ Active citizenship

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Social Emotional learning

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Other opinions

Wathie Ibrahima, Teacher of English in Kaffrine

- 'The curriculum should be evaluated after a long period and shaped so as to meet the challenges of times and make education more responsive to the people it serve.
- Include guidance and counseling programs (many students can't tell you what they want to become after their studies)
- Include school and community projects (an occasion to practice what they learn)
- Promote community services and volunteerism (e.g. cleaning or keeping the city clean and beautiful)'

Sadio Souleymane, History and Geography teacher in Gossas

'Le programme d'histoire doit davantage être recentré sur la connaissance des événements qui ont marqué le passé de ce pays et des grandes figures qui ont été acteurs de ce passé ainsi que les valeurs qu'ils ont prôner. En vérité, l'apprentissage détaillée par exemple de résistants comme Cheikhou Ahmadou Ba, Aline Sitoé ou encore cheikh Ahmadou Bamba serait un bon prétexte pour bâtir un citoyen patriote, conscient de son rôle incontournable pour mener le pays de l'avant tout restant ancré dans les valeurs locales.'



Other opinions

Mboup Bamba, Teacher of French in Kaffrine

'Partant de la vision prophétique de rendez vous du donner et du recevoir, il urge de revoir le programme de littérature dans les collèges et lycées. Le premier constat est qu'il y a trop d'écrivains, d'ouvrages de la littérature française (ouverture) ainsi il faut intégrer à présent des ouvrages très riches a tout point de vue et qui prennent en charge l'éducation et la formation de l'homme : les œuvres de Serigne Touba ,de Serigne Moussa ka ,de Baye Niass'

Diedhiou Moustapha, Physics teacher in Kaffrine

'Les sciences physiques doivent plus s'orienter vers une pratique expérimentale impliquant d'avantage l'élève et liée à son environnement immédiat. Cela permettrait à nos apprenants de plus s'intéresser à la science et s'ouvrir très rapidement au monde technologique. Néanmoins cela ne pourrait se faire sans une bonne réforme du programme scolaire.'

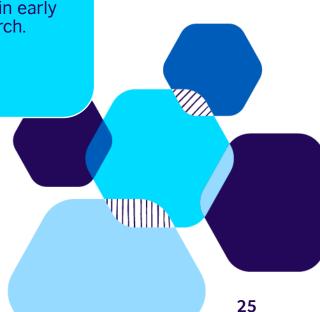
Measures from the government

The Ministry of
Education has
recently initiated
the reform of the
different curricular
(French, History
and Geography,
English, Maths,
Physics,
Chemistry...).

A work plan has already been defined and events have already been scheduled.

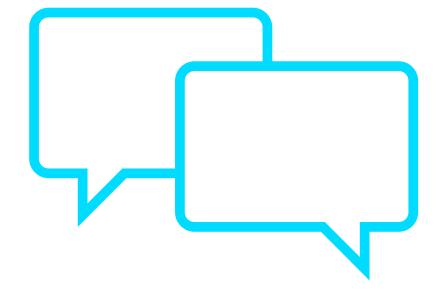
The stake holders are (MEN, IGEF, FASTEF, CRFPE, UGB, CAN The state considers this project seriously even budgets have been defined.

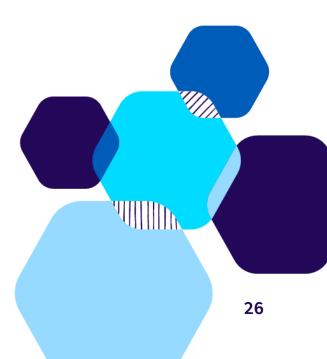
The first meeting will be in early March.



Your turn!

What makes a good curriculum?





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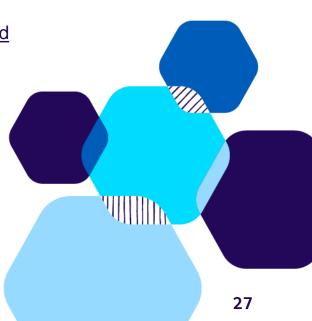
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Thank you

