



To: Subject Advisors, Teachers, Parents and Caregivers of NS Tech Learners

Topic: Tips on effective use contact teaching time for Term 4

Message Objective(s):

To share tips on effective use of the available teaching time for Term 4

The fourth term of every year brings with it insurmountable pressure on the schooling system across the board. This is attributable to a number of factors of note being the preparations for examinations, planning and preparation for the following year, consolidatory work for the current year the list continues.

Out of a possible ten-week term, effective teaching and learning will only have a maximum of six weeks. The Strand on Earth and Beyond in Natural Science and Technology is greatly affected. Hence, the poor performance by both learners and teachers particularly on this strand.

Listed below are some tips that teachers and learners can use to optimally use available time to cover as much content.

1. Use RPATs and SLPs to effectively plan and prepare for each lesson well in advance. Before the commencement of each term teachers should be well positioned to know which topic and which lessons are covered per each week. This information can be shared with SMTs for monitoring and support.
2. Chunking. Through continual use of chunking techniques, Science teachers can merge a number of lessons into one single lesson or break down large and complex topics into sizeable bits are palatable to learners thus can be covered in short period of time.
3. Maximising home learning. Use of homework and assigning tasks for learners to do during off school hours. Teachers can generate short and concise notes for learners to study at home.
4. Use of Remote and Digital Learning. Reference can be made to the Curriculum message on 09/09/2022 to access the different platforms for RDL. Teachers are advised to share the RDL schedules with learners and even with parents. Learners can be instructed to follow these lessons as identified by the Teacher. Formative and informal assessment tasks can used to ensure that learners are following the lessons.
5. Creating extra teaching time and opportunities through morning, afternoon and weekend classes.

There are so many other techniques that can be used to effectively use the available teaching time. When applied pragmatically much of the work can be covered.

Happy wishes for Term 4 2022!!

Thank you

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References: www.nect.org.za/materials