

Every parent, caregiver and learner can play a role in holding their SCHOOL ACCOUNTABLE for providing QUALITY EDUCATION in a SAFE ENVIRONMENT



Taking responsibility for YOUR school

Namibia is governed according to the values set down in the Namibian Constitution. The government uses laws and policies to put these values into action. The Ministry of Education has produced comics, posters and animations to inform people about school standards. You can get copies of the printed material from your Life Skills teacher or teacher counsellor or from the Inspector of Education. Other organisations have produced materials about school standards too. You or your parents can also read the policies if you want to. You can ask the school if they have copies of the policies or if they can help you to get them.

If your school is not implementing the laws and policies that the government has put in place, you and your parents can talk to your Learner Representative Council, your Life Skills teacher and teacher counsellor, your Principal, or your School Board. You can discuss the things your school should be doing. You can also get help from the Inspector of Education for your school, the Director of Education at the Regional Directorate of Education, the Chief Regional Officer at the Regional Council, the Governor of your Region or the Permanent Secretary at the Head Office of the Ministry of Education.

We all have a duty to make our schools better. Learners must commit to learning, respecting their teachers, looking after school property and preventing wastage of school resources. Learners can also contribute to quality education by working and studying – and by caring for and supporting each other. Parents and other caregivers must be active participants in their children's education. Schools must implement Namibia's laws and policies on education to the best of their ability, and reach out to parents and community members to encourage them to work together with the school to deliver quality education to all children in Namibia.

HOLDING YOUR SCHOOL ACCOUNTABLE

Step 1:

Start at your school. Talk to your Life Skills teacher or teacher counsellor, your Principal and your School Board. Talk to any member of your Learner Representative Council.

Step 2:

If you need to look further for help, contact the Regional School Counsellor or Inspector of Education for your school. You can get contact details from your school. The Inspector's job is to make sure that the school follows all the relevant laws and policies.

Step 3:

If the Regional School Counsellor or the Inspector cannot help, contact the Director of Education at the Regional Directorate of Education, or the Chief Regional Officer at the Regional Council, or the Regional Governor.

Step 4:

If Step 3 also does not help, contact the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education at the Head Office in Windhoek:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education
Private Bag 13186, Windhoek
Tel: (061) 293-3523/4



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