

“Schools are closed – Learning is open!” was the statement made by Western Cape Minister of Education, Minister Debbie Schäfer about the Western Cape Education Department's (WCED) ePortal Resources.

The ePortal comprises of four features:

- 1) WCED ePortal Resources
- 2) Learner Dashboard
- 3) School Closure Pack
- 4) Sharing eResources



WCED ePortal Resources - [wcedportal.co.za](http://wcedportal.co.za)

The ePortal comprises of over 14 400 resources, ranging from video clips; audio clips; digital documents to lessons and lesson plans. Of these 14 400 resources, 8200 are free resources. The resources are categorized per grade and subject, and allow learners to access past exam papers, watch a video explaining a certain concept, or download subject relevant images.

Learner Dashboard - [wcedportal.co.za/register](http://wcedportal.co.za/register)

Learners in Grade 10 – 12 are required to register on the WCED ePortal and indicate the subjects that they are registered for. This allows the ePortal to supply subject specific content to the learner.

School Closure Pack - [wcedportal.co.za/partners](http://wcedportal.co.za/partners)

Categorized by Grade for easy browsing, the School Closure Pack comprises of links to sites that offer free eResources. These sites have all been identified by the WCED Curriculum Directorate as useful sites for continuous learning.

Included in this section is a “Let's Have Fun” section with educational games such as puzzles and crosswords.

### *TAP – Teaching and Assessment Plan*

The Teaching and Assessment Plan indicates the content, skills and assessment activities that were planned for each school term by grade and subject. This plan can serve as a guide to both learners and parents as to what content would be covered when, and assist them in planning their home learning.

The TAPs can be accessed on the School Closure Pack page - [wcedportal.co.za/partners](http://wcedportal.co.za/partners)



### *Sharing eResources*

Teacher's, NGO's and education institutions are encouraged to submit and share content for the ePortal. The ePortal acts as a collaborative platform, and no IP, except for official WCED documentation, belongs to the WCED.

Content is checked by the WCED to ensure that both falls in line with the curriculum and that it is beneficial to users of the ePortal. Once content has been approved, it is then uploaded and categorized into the relevant grade and subject.

Contributors can sign up here [wcedportal.co.za/user/login](http://wcedportal.co.za/user/login), and resources can be uploaded here [wcedportal.co.za/add/eresource](http://wcedportal.co.za/add/eresource)

### *Free and Fair Access to e-Learning*

Government Gazette No.43107 18 March 2020 – Electronic Communication and Postal Broadcasting; Section 9 – “Electronic Communication Licenses must provide zero-rated access to local educational content.”



Zero-rated educational content on the ePortal allows each and every learner the opportunity to access these educational resources without the worry of data costs or Wi-Fi accessibility.

### *Grade 12 Curriculum Support Programme*

A grade 12 curriculum support programme is also being broadcasted on various radio stations.

For more info on the schedule and the stations - [Covid-19 Curriculum Support Programme for Grade 12 Learners](#)

We wish each and every learner and parent all the best during these uncertain times, and leave you with a few quotes of encouragement:

*“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” - **Arthur Ashe***

*“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” - **Malcolm X***

*“Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” - **John R. Wooden***

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