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2026 GEC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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GEC MASTER TRAINERS

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Participating schools
- Preparations for 2026 GEC implementation
- Training
- Monitoring of ICAT
- Monitoring of curriculum tests administration
- Moderation of GEC tests

Number of GEC participating schools

District	2025	New sample	Total (2026)
Amajuba	60	27	87
Harry Gwala	63	47	110
Ilembe	73	37	110
KCD	113	57	170
Pinetown	113	67	180
Ugu	89	51	140

Number of GEC participating schools

District	2025	New sample	2026
Umgungundlovu	91	46	137
Umkhanyakude	87	44	131
Umlazi	111	64	175
Umzinyathi	74	37	111
Uthukela	78	39	117
Zululand	108	62	170
TOTAL	**1058**	**580**	**1638**

Preparations for 2026 implementation

- GEC Memo 1 of 2026 informed the KZN system of education about the list of GEC sampled schools for 2026.
- School information (containing names of school principals and School GEC Coordinators, contact numbers, email addresses and number of learners) has been collected from the GEC schools to prepare for the 2026 implementation.

Training of district officials

Date	District	Venue
4/5/2026	Amajuba	Sarel Cilliers High School (Glencoe)
	Umzinyathi	
	Uthukela	
	Zululand	
5/5/2026	KCD	Mtubatuba Hi School (Mtubatuba)
	Umkhanyakude	

Training of district officials

Date	District	Venue
6/6/2026	Ilembe	Maritime School (Durban)
	Pinetown	
	Umlazi	
7/5/2026	Harry Gwala	Little Flower (Ixopo)
	Ugu	
	Umgungundlovu	

Advocacy and Training of schools

- The trained district officials will conduct advocacy to the school management teams in the month of May and June 2026.
- The district officials will train all Grade 9 teachers in May and June 2026.
- The province will conduct advocacy to provincial and district officials in May and June 2026. Dates to be confirmed by the DDG Curriculum management

Printing and distribution of of the Integrated Project

- Verification of learner statistics will be done on the last week of April 2026.
- Printing of the Integrated Project will be done by May 2026
- Distribution of the Integrated project will be done before the end of Term 2

Implementation of GEC

Activity	Date
Monitor the implementation the Inclination	1/6/26 – 231/7/26
Monitor and support the implementation of the ICAT	22/7/26 – 21/9/26
Monitor the district moderation of the ICAT	1/9/26 -15/10/26
Conduct training on the administration of tests	14-18/9/26

Implementation of GEC

Activity	Date
Print the curriculum tests	1/10/2026 – 30/10/2026
Distribute GEC tests to districts	7 and 14/11/26
Monitor the administration of GEC tests	10-20/11/26
Conduct provincial GEC moderation	8-10/12/26

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