



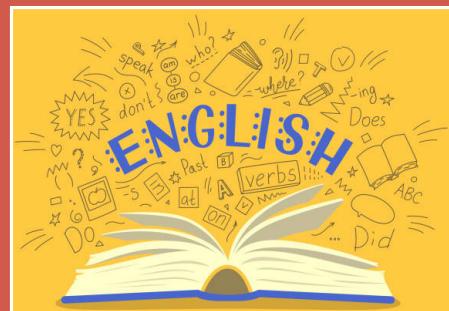
EDUCATION FACT SHEET - GHANA

- **Ghanaian Population:** 34 million (2023)
- **Ghana size:** 238, 533 sq km
- **National Curriculum:** Yes
- **Literacy Rate:** 80.38%
- (1.34% increase from 2018)



**YEARS OF PUBLIC
School:** 12 (6 primary, 6 secondary)

**LANGUAGE OF
INSTRUCTION:** English



(although in the first years of primary education, the most common indigenous language of each region is used)



**HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING
EXAMS:**



**West African Senior School Certificate-
Examination (WASSCE),**
Which is considered below the
A-level standard.

EDUCATION OVERVIEW



- Binary structure with universities on one hand and polytechnics on the other hand, with a 6+3+3+4 structure. Education is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 15. The academic year runs from August to May inclusive. Basic Education in Ghana is 11 years made up of 2 years of Kindergarten, 6 years of Primary School, and 3 years of **Junior High School (JHS)**. **Language of Instruction: English** (In the first years of primary education, the most common indigenous language of each region is used.)
- After JHS, students may choose to go into different streams at **Senior High School (SHS)**, comprising General Education and Technical, Vocational, and **Agricultural and Training (TVET)** or enter into an apprenticeship scheme with some support from the Government.

GREATS CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATION



Pre-School Curriculum:

- Reading
- Writing
- Environmental Studies
- Natural Science

Primary School Curriculum:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Citizenship Education
- Environmental Studies
- Creative Arts

Junior High School Curriculum:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Integrated Science
- Social Studies
- Pre-Technical Skills (Basic Design Technology and HomeEconomics)
- Ghanaian language
- ICT

Basic School (Primary School and Junior High School) leaving exams:

Basic Education Certification Examination (BACE)

The Ghana national exam happens in June and determines children's admission to Senior High Schools and Technical Institutes. Results come out in August.

ISSUES WITH THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- Despite reforms, **Ghana's Education System** faces challenges such as poor infrastructure, overcrowded classrooms, inadequate furniture, lack of sanitation facilities, insufficient teaching and learning materials, limited access for some students, and inadequate resources for disabled children. Consequently, many students fail to complete **Primary or Secondary Education**, with girls and rural students being disproportionately affected.
- In **Ghana, lower Education** rates are directly linked to higher incidences of childhood marriage, teen pregnancy, **HIV/AIDS** infection rates, and continued poverty, particularly for women and girls in rural areas.
- Unfortunately, nearly a third of students enrolled in **Ghanaian Schools** do not complete primary school and only **47%** complete secondary school.
- Children from more affluent families are more likely to complete the highest levels of education, as compared to children from the poorest families. For example, **UNICEF** said **71%** of children from the wealthiest homes complete the **Highest Level of Education**, but only **9%** of children from the poorest families achieve the same result.
- Girls from the poorest families on average obtain **4 years** of education, while girls from the wealthiest obtain **13 years**.

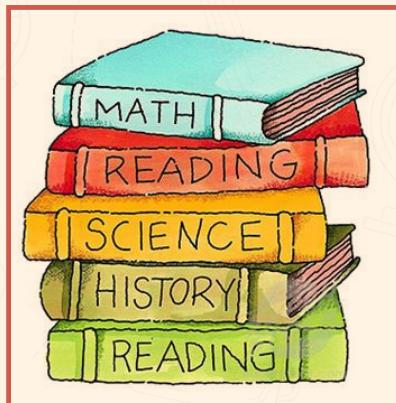
MISCELLANEOUS

2023 Academic Calendar for KG/PRIMARY AND JHS



LEVEL	FIRST TERM				SECOND TERM				THIRD TERM		
	IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION		IN SCHOOL		VACATION
JHS 3	10th Jan. 2023	6th April, 2023	7th April, 2023	17th April, 2023	18th April, 2023	13th July, 2023	14th July, 2023	24th July, 2023	25th July, 2023	BECE IN SEPT/OCT. 2023	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR
KG-JH52	10th Jan. 2023	6th April, 2023	7th April, 2023	17th April, 2023	18th April, 2023	13th July, 2023	14th July, 2023	24th July, 2023	25th July, 2023	12th Oct. 2023	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

- Please note that the Academic calendar for **KG/Primary** and **JHS** is subject to change each year.



Thank you for reading!



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