# GROUP 2 CBET PRESENTATION WEEK 1 ASSIGNMENT

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### CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

- Definition: They refer to statements of intent describing a proposed change in the behavior of learners towards a desired direction
- They are expressed in three categories namely:
  - 1) Aims of Education
  - 2) Goals of Education
  - 3) Instructional Objectives

#### AIMS OF EDUCATION

- They are general and broad statements of intents that provide directions or intent to educational actions.
- Terms used are words like learn, Know understand and Appreciate

### **GOALS OF EDUCATION**

- Are broad statements of educational intention specified for each level of schooling(from pre-primary to Higher Education levels)
- They are time-bound and are stated as expected end result of schooling at each level of Kenyan Education

### INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Is a statement that will describe what the learner will be able to do after completing the instruction(course).
- It is expressed in behavioral terms using action verbs e.g. create,innovate,apply

# FUNCTIONS OF CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

- Defines the direction of educational development
- Determines the number of levels for the program
- Inform students of the standard and expectations of the course
- Drive the curriculum planning
- Serve as a guide in evaluating instructional progress
- Reflect the needs and aspirations of society

# SOURCES OF CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

Societal needs
Objectives should reflect economic, cultural and technological demands.
Example: in a rapidly advancing digital economy, objectives may include digital literacy skills

2. Learners needs and interests. Objectives must be appropriate on students developmental levels, abilities and interests. Example: a vocational training curriculum may focus on practical skills relevant to a student future career. 3. Academic disciplines(subject experts). Specialists in different fields determine what knowledge and skills are essential in each subject.

Example: A biology expert may help shape objectives related to cell structure and function.

• 4. Psychological consideration. Objectives should align with principles of human learning and cognitive development. Example: Younger children benefit from experiential and hands-on learning, while older students can handle abstract concepts. 5. Community expectation. Schools should prepare learners to become responsible and engaged community members.

Example: including objectives related to environmental conversation and civic responsibility.

# SCREENS OF CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

- To screen means to examine or test the curriculum objectives.
- Why screen curriculum objectives:
  - a) If they are relevant
  - b) If they are adequate
  - c) If they are valid
  - d) If they are within the scope
  - e) If they are appropriate/suitable to meet the needs of the learners and society

### TYPES OF SCREENS

#### 1) PHILOSOPHICAL

- Constitutes values and beliefs held by a particular nation
- They guide the behavior of a particular country
- Example: integrity, transparency, accountablity, justice, etc.

#### 2) PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENS

- concern with establishing patterns of human behavior to understand and predict human behavior
- They take account of classroom behavior of learners
- For example: capabilities of learners, maturity, individual aspect, student rate of learning, how students learn

#### 3) SOCIOLOGICAL SCREENS

These are screens determined by the culture of a society which indicate norms, values and complete requirements that are cherished by society.

#### Importance of objectives

- Form the basis for the development of evaluation instruments
- Guide in the selection of content/learning experiences
- Help teachers to develop or select teaching aids
- Help teachers evaluate effectiveness of teaching

#### LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Defination: According to Tyler, learner experience is an interaction between the learners and external conditions in the environment to which we react.

#### Examples of learning experiences:

- Content/subject matter
- The teacher
- Resource persons
- Fellow learners
- Resource materials
- Teaching methods

#### Criteria for selecting learning experiences:

- Conformity with Objectives Experiences must align with curriculum objectives and help students practice the intended skills and behaviours.
- Validity Content and activities must be up-to-date and relevant to subject developments. Teachers should stay informed through retraining and self-education.
- Significance Learning experiences should be meaningful, ensuring depth without overwhelming students with excessive or conflicting information.
- Consistency with Social Reality Content should reflect real-life situations to make learning relatable and applicable to students' lives.
- Provision for Meeting Various Objectives The curriculum should support multiple learning goals, covering cognitive, practical, and social skills.
- Fits Learners' Needs Learning experiences should be age-appropriate, engaging, and adaptable to different learning styles and abilities.

# ORGANIZATION OF LEARNING EXPERIENCE

#### Criteria for organization:

- Establish sequence(vertical)—arranging content from simple to complex. Example: Learning addition before multiplication.
- 2) Integration(horizontal)-connecting related subjects.
  - Example: Linking chemistry and physics.
- 3) Continuity-reinforcing learning across different grades.
  - Example: Learning basic grammar in primary school and advanced writing later.

# Importance of learning experiences

- Enhances engagement and motivation
- Encourages active learning and problem solving
- Prepare students for real world challenges
- Provides a foundation for assessment

### **EVALUATION**

- Definition: a method of determining the work and effectiveness of any newly implemented curriculum.
- Evaluation is a process that people perform in order to gather data that will enable them to decide whether to accept, change or eliminate something

- Some of the areas that are evaluated include:
  - Objectives
  - Scope of content
  - Quality of personnel
  - Relative importance of various schools subjects
  - Equipment's and instructions materials

## Types of Evaluation

- Pre-assessment-it is the process that helps to determine whether the students possess the pre-requisite knowledge and skills to enable them continue to proceed with new material. E.g. Entry exams
- Formative evaluation—is that which takes place during implementation of a curriculum project or program. E.g. Quizzes, class assignments
- 3) Summative Evaluation—is carried out at the end of the program. E.g. Final exams
- Impact evaluation—establishes the impact of the program on the beneficiaries or recipient of the program and community in general.

### Purpose of Formative Evaluation

- Monitoring student achievement for purposes of providing individualized instruction.
- Evaluating teaching effectiveness with a view of enhancing planning, selection of teaching techniques, resources etc.
- Motivating learners
- Encouraging good studying habits
- Providing learners' entry behavior
- Providing feedback that identifies the learners' strengths and weaknesses

### Purpose of summative assessment

- Assigning grades
- Certification of students achievement
- Selection of students
- Guidance and counseling
- Administrative policy decisions
- Program assessment decisions

### Methods of Evaluations

- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Test
- Observation
- Focused group discussions
- Documentary analysis

# Role of teachers in Curriculum Evaluation

- Teachers provide data on the progress of students and of materials.
- Teachers are best placed to judge the quality of materials, the depth to which the topics have been or should be dealt with and the sequencing of the topics.
- Teachers are involved in observing and documenting their observations, constructing appropriate tests and examinations, and reporting their findings in a systematic manner.
- Teachers are required to document their experiences and those of the learners. These experiences are reported in the subject panels during curriculum development process