



G. O. E. L Computer Educational Initiative Curriculum

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This curriculum comprises of a teacher's guide for introductory courses for students undertaking a private education at the G.O.E.L Educational initiative. It covers introductory lessons on the basic components of the computer, intro to basic functions, comprehensive lessons on the applications and use of the computer across sectors, and an intensive introduction to Word processing, Spreadsheet, Database, and Presentation. And conclusively algorithm designs and programming concepts.

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1.0 PREAMBLE

1.1 Introduction

The curriculum is designed to deliver a freestyle approach to computer education meant to apply in everyday scenarios. It provides learners with a basis to advanced computer use in programming, design, coding, and computer operations and packages. The curriculum aims to equip learners with the knowledge and skill, on a broad range of computer applications in day to day life. It also thrives to arm learners with a basic understanding of how information processing systems are designed to fit practical applications and how they work. The curriculum concentrates on the principles of information and communication technology, and their applications so as to foster creativity, innovation and Technopreneurship within learners.

1.2 Rationale

- 1.2.1 for access to basic computer education
- 1.2.2 for the cultivation of computer skills, problem solving skills and computer literacy
- 1.2.3 for the basic information on effective internet use
- 1.2.3 for the promotion of creativity through the use of technology

1.3 Assumptions

- 1.4.1 That the subject at hand is learn-able
- 1.4.2 That the subject is worthy of study
- 1.4.3 That the subject comprises of the most important information a person should know
- 1.4.4 That as a result of its study and mastery, human lives will improve as a result of knowing it
- 1.4.5 That as a result of its study and mastery, culture and society will experience improvement, evolution and growth

1.4 Cross-cutting themes



- 1.5.1 With drug and substance abuse on the rise among the youth, the curriculum seeks to entice the youth From the streets using its dynamic and applicable educational system.
- 1.5.2 With the drop in employment opportunities, the curriculum also seeks to develop the entrepreneurial mind using technological methods.

2.0 CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

2.1 Knowledge

Learners should be able to

- 2.1.1 Describe a range of day to day applications of information processing
- 2.1.2 Apply information processing technology in effecting conventional data processing for individuals and organizations
- 2.1.3 Explain the functions of hardware and software components of information and communication systems and their interrelationship

2.2 Skills

Learners should be able to

- 2.2.1 Use computers sensibly to generate, implement and document everyday problems and solutions
- 2.2.2 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the techniques used to solve information and communication technology problems
- 2.2.3 Analyses information and communication technology applications in terms of data flow and system requirements

3.0 AIMS



The syllabus aims to enable learners to:

- 3.1 cultivate problem solving skills through practical applications in information and communication technology
- 3.2 elevate computer literacy through an understanding of information processing applications and methods
- 3.3 gain a broad understanding of the study, as the groundwork to advanced computer science
- 3.4 develop an understanding in the daily use of computers so as to solve real life socio economic problems
- 3.5 acquire entrepreneurial skills coupled with technological skills to bring about unique work systems and solutions

4.0 METHODOLOGY

Methodology

To achieve the above stated aims and objectives the following should be implemented

- Expert presentations
- Demonstrations
- Question and Answer sessions
- Research
- Group and Individual Work
- Group Discussions

5.0 TIME ALLOCATION



Time Allocation

The subject should be allocated at least three session per week encompassing 7 hours, with at least 4 hours being devoted to theoretical work and the 3 to practical work with computer applications.



6.0 TOPICS

The syllabus consists of the following topics:

Topic Contents: PRESENTATION OF SYLLABUS

Section	<u>Section</u>
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Introduction to BUILD in a box	
• 48 HOUR Bootcamp	
http://www.africanleadershipacademy.org/programs/biab/	
Introduction to Technopreneurship	Ш
Introduction to Computer Hardware and Software	Ш
Introduction to Applications of Computers and their social and economic Impacts	<u>IV</u>
Introduction to Computer operations and packages	<u>v</u>
Introduction to algorithm design and programming concepts	<u>VI</u>
Project based Technopreneurship	VII



Skills/Topic	Objectives Learners should be able to:	Content [Knowledge Skills, Attitudes]	Suggested learning Activities & Notes	Suggested Learning Resources
5.11	Introduction to BUILD in a box	Participant will be able to understand the BUILD model Participants will be able to utilize the BUILD model as a design thinking tool to create, explore solutions to address community challenges and learn how to communicate these ideas effectively	 Discuss Design thinking methodologies towards introducing the BUILD model. Discuss the Business model canvas Discus and explore case studies in the BUILD in a Box Build prototype models for the ideated solutions Idea pitching and practise. 	



Section 11: Introduction to Technopreneurship

Skills/Topic	Objectives Learners should be able to:	Content [Knowledge Skills, Attitudes]	Suggested learning Activities & Notes	Suggested Learning Resources
5.10 Techno- Preneurship	 Defining Entrepreneurship 	 Explain the principles and fundamentals of entrepreneurship 	Discuss Entrepreneurship from a broad perspective	
	Defining Techno- Preneurship	 Explore the interdisciplinary relationship of Technology and entrepreneurship 	 Identifying principles of entrepreneurship Groups attempt to tie Entrepreneurship to techno-Preneurship and possible example identifications 	
	Build perspective	 Explore the benefits of entrepreneurial thinking Environmental Technopreneurship 	 Discussing the uses 	
	into components of Technopreneurship	• Science parks	of Technopreneurship components	
		Incubation centersAcademic institutions		
		Research and development centers		



 $\underline{\textbf{Section}}\;\underline{\underline{\textbf{III}}}\textbf{:}\; \textbf{Introduction to Computer Hardware and Software}$

Skills/Topic	Objectives Learners should be able to:	Content [Knowledge Skills, Attitudes]	Suggested learning Activities & Notes	Suggested Learning Resources
6.10 Hardware and Software	 Identify Hardware devices Setup Hardware devices Identify software 	 Input devices Output devices Storage Devices Processing devices Software concepts 	 Demonstrate the use of hardware devices Identify different software Discussing the function of an OS 	PC and LaptopsPrintersOnline Tutorials
6.11 Hardware and Software	 Identify Application of Software Use utility software and tools 	 Application Software Off-shelf software Customized software Open source software System software utility tools 	 types of application software Classifying application software Performing system 	 OS- I.e. Linux, Windows, Mac Os System utility tools such as Tune-up, Disk Fragmentizer
6.12 Hardware and Software	 Identify various applications of hardware Compare different 	 Hardware devices Applications of Hardware devices i.e. Post. ATM, DTA 	Demonstrating the use of hardware devices	• Operating systems such as Linux, Windows,



	OS Explain the functions of OS	Capturing systems O_S PC operating system Mobile OS i.e.	 Identify different OS Discussing the functions of an OS 	Android • Mobile phones
6.13 Hardware and Software	Replace malfunctioning components Troubleshoot and Fix common software and hardware problems	 Hardware and software maintenance Common errors Software Keyboard Mouse Hard drive Memory 	 Maintaining hardware and software Building a functional PC 	 Hardware components Software tool kit Repair toolkit Internet Online tutorials

Skills/Topic	Objectives Learners should be able to:	Content [Knowledge Skills, Attitudes]	Suggested learning Activities & Notes
7.10 Applications of Computer science	Describe areas of computer applications	 Agriculture Banking Systems Education Social Networks Research and Development 	 Distinguish different computer applications Educational tours to technology centers



7.11 The range and
scope of computer
applications

- General applications
- Identify general applications using examples
- Explain a variety of computer applications
- State purposes, requirements, designs of the applications

- Communication and Information systems
 - □ VoIP
 - ☐ Fax
 - ☐ Email
 - □ Econferenc ing
 - Database systems
 - □ Social networks
 - Other internet services

Commercial and general data processing

- E-Banking
- POS
- Stock Control
- E-Commerce
- Record management systems

Industrial, technical and scientific Uses

- Weather forecasting
- CAD/CAM
- Simulation and modeling i.e. Flight simulation
- Image processing I.e. GPRs

Monitoring and control

- Research and reporting on general application areas of computers
- Discussing a variety of computer applications
- Conducting field trips to identify general computer application areas



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		 Traffic control Nuclear power stations Patient monitoring Expert systems and artificial intelligence Mineral prospecting Medical diagnosis Speech recognition Entertainment, Education, and training E-Learning E-Marking E-Registration Multimedia systems Animation and film 	
7.12 Social & Economic implications of the uses of computers	 Determine the social and economic implications of the use of computers on people and organizations Highlight the advantages and disadvantages of the use of computers across a range of application areas Justify the need for Data integrity and security 	Economic and social implications of the use of computers Privacy and data integrity Reliability Security Computer crime_Hacking_Vir uses Data protection legislation	 Researching on the social and economic implications of the use of computers on people and organizations Identifying new products and services brought by the use of computers Discussing the effects of the use of computers across a range of application areas



Computer ethics	
Advantages and disadvantages of the use of	Investigating changes in employment and retraining
computers across a range of application areas	Debating on the need for privacy and data integrity
	Discussing security measures

Skills/Topic	Objectives Learners should be able to:	Content [Knowledge Skills, Attitudes]	Suggested learning Activities & Notes
8.1MS_Word Introduction to Word	Explain the features of word processor	□ Word processor□ Word processor features	Describing the word processor environment
	 State the disadvantages and advantages of a word processor 	□ Word wrap□ Widow /orphan□ Soft return/hard return	Listing advantages and disadvantages of word processors
	List processor examples	☐ Pagination ☐ Hard space/ loft space	 Identify uses of word processors



Document creation	Use keyboard and mouse Type documents Save documents documents	□ Drop cap □ Word processor exam[les Keyboard and mouse □ Typing procedures □ Saving procedures □ Retrieving procedures	 Typing text which encompasses all letters on the keyboard Identifying keyboard keys and their functions discussing keyboard use Opening documents Saving documents
Text Formatting	Format text	Text formats Bold Italic Underline Subscript Superscript Borders Changing text color Font size changing Font type changing	 Discussing text formatting procedures Typing a short paragraph and text
Paragraph	Format paragraphs	Paragraph Justification Line spacing Drop cap Indentation Columns Tabulation	 Explaining the concepts of paragraph formatting Discussing areas of application of various paragraph formats Typing and effecting



		☐ Bullets and numbering	paragraph formatting
Page formatting	Format document pages	□ Page formats □ Page layout □ Water marks □ Headers and footers □ Page numbering and styles □ Boarders	 Discussing formats and formatting procedures Performing pages formats
Document Inserts	Insert objects into a document Insert objects Format objects Export and import objects	Document inserts Table Pictures Charts Word art Symbols Clip art Equations files	 Discussing procedures of insertions Practicing inserting objects Formatting objects
Document editing	 Using spelling and grammar checks Search and replace text Move text Delete text blocks 	Copy and paste Moving texts Cut and paste Drag and drop Delete Find and replace Spelling and grammar	 Moving text Copying and pasting Cutting and pasting Locating and replacing text Using spelling and grammar check facility
Printing	Print documents	Print dialogue box	Opening print dialogue box



Mail merge	 Create documents using mail merge Explain situations where mail merge is used. 	 □ Mail merge □ Mail merge applications □ Mail merge procedure □ Form letters □ Data sources □ Fields □ merging 	 Discussing print dialogue box options Producing print outs Discussing use of mail merge Explaining mail merge procedures Demonstrating mail merge process Creating mail merge documents Printing merged documents
8.20 Spreadsheet Introduction to spreadsheet	 Describe the spreadsheet package List the advantages and disadvantages of spreadsheets 	 Spreadsheet environment Spreadsheet I.e. MS excel Lotus 1-2-3 	 Discussing the spreadsheet environment Stating the advantages and disadvantages of a spreadsheet Identifying the uses of spreadsheets
8.21 Worksheet creation	Create a worksheet	□ Data entry □ Values □ Labels □ Formulas	 Entering labels Entering values Referencing data in a spreadsheet Saving a worksheet



8.22 Formulae application	 Create formulae Apply formulae Predict formulae outcome Copy formulae 	Cell Saving and retrieving Formula steps User-defined Functions logical Formulae copying methods Dragging Copy and paste fill	 Explaining the nature of formulae Entering formulae using an auto sum of Fix Functions Copying formulae using methods such as dragging Interpreting formulae
8.23 worksheet	• Format worksheet	 Data formatting Labels and values Currency format Decimal format Font size Font types Borders and shading 	 Changing appearances of data in a worksheet Displaying data in currency and decimal format Applying border and shading to data and worksheet
8.24	Edit worksheet	☐ Row and columns	Inserting rows and columns



Editing a worksheet		Data Worksheet Text panes	 Deleting rows and columns Adjust rows and column Naming worksheets Changing worksheet values Freezing panes
8.25 Graphs and charts	 Represent data using graphs and charts Import and export graphs and charts 	 Data selection Bar charts Column charts Line graphs Pie charts Graph formatting Import and export Data Graphs 	 Creating different charts and graphs using a set of data Importing and exporting graphs, charts, and data Labeling graphs and charts Printing worksheets graphs and charts
8.3 Databases Intro to databases	 Define the concept of a database list the advantages and disadvantages of databases 	 Database, field, record, file Database examples 	describing database concepts and using specific database packages such as MS Access Listing the advantages and disadvantages of



		☐ MS access ☐ Lotus approach ☐ Oracle ● Uses of databases	databases
8.31 File Structure	• create a file structure	☐ Fields ☐ data types ☐ field size ☐ data formats validation rules and input ☐ Masks ☐ tables	 Explaining file suture Opening a database program Creating a database signing database files Setting fields, data l)Pes, fonts, field sizes, validate'>n checks and input masks
8.32 Objects	design forms, reports and queries	 Forms Reports Types of queries delete Select 	 Creating forms signing queries Running queries Signing reports
8.33 Data manipulation	Manipulate records	• Records add delete edit search and filler sort print	 Adding records Deleting records Editing records Searching and filtering records Sorting records Printing records



8.40 Presentation introduction to presentation	 describe the features of a presentation package list advantages and disadvantages of presentation packages 	 Presentation Package environment Presentation packages MS PowerPoint freelance graphics 	 Explaining Presentation environment Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of presentation packages Discussing uses of presentation packages
8.41 Presentation authoring creation	 design slides add animation show slide 	 Features of presentation slides Charts presenter notes images slide transitions animation effects 	 Explaining Slide design procedures Opening a presentation program Designing slides Inserting. Arts and images Entering presenter notes Creating organograms Applying slide transitions and animations Saving slides Relieving Slides Demonstrating presentations Printing presentations



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9.10 Standard algorithms	Describe algorithms using pseudo codes and Flowcharts Apply searching and sorting to solve problems	 Algorithm: structures selection repetition/iter ation recursion linear Sorting algorithms quicksort Searching algorithms linear binary search 	 Designing algorithms using pseudocodes and flowcharts Solving searching and sorting problems
9.11 System design	Compare top-down and	System design approaches	Discussing top-down and bottom-up approaches to



approaches	bottom-up approaches to program design	top-down design bottom-up description	 program design Demonstrating the use of top-down and bottom-up approaches to program design
9.12 Programming languages	 Explain the features of programming languages describe the features of low levell languages describe the features of high-level languages compare high level and lo\v level languages 	Language features programming constructs Constants Variables Expressions statements control structure block structure Variables	 Discussing the features of programming language Describing characteristics or features of high-level languages and their proper use Analyzing high level and low-level languages
		☐ Low-Level language	



		 LLL types machine language assembly language HLL types imperative/procedural Declarative general purpose special purpose Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) 	
9.13 Visual Basic programming VB (6.0 or .net)	 define basic VB programming technics identify data types 	 The basic structure of a VB program Data types in VB integer real character string 	 Discussing basic VB programming terms Explaining data types
	• declare variables	□ string □ word □ Boolean	 Declaring variables correctly as they apply to VB programming Choosing correct



			identifier names
		 Variables 	Using correct operators
	 use operators and VB syntax 	• constants	and VB syntax
	correctly	• Syntax	
		□ statements	Designing VB interfaces
		expressions	using VB controls
		 Operators 	
	• explain the scope of a variable	☐ arithmetic	Discussing the scope of
		☐ Logical	variables
	 code simple VB programs 	☐ assignment	Coding VB programs
		☐ comparison	such as simple arithmetic problems: addition,
			subtraction, division, and multiplication of two or
		Variable scope	more variables, use of control structures
		☐ global	
		local	Programs_ that calculate (Area. roots of a quadratic
		VB control interfaces textbox	equation and grading of marks)
		command button	
		checkbox	D : VD 1
1		option button	Running a VB code
		list box	Dry run a VB code
		ist box	
		Control structures	Applying error handling techniques in the VB
		□ sequence	program
		repetition	
		☐ DoWhile	Debugging in programs



 Develop a CB code Identify types of errors Apply error handling techniques in a VB program Debug errors in programs 	 □ ForNext □ Do Until ■ Selection/decision □ case □ Else if □ Case of □ If then else □ Cascaded / Nested if ■ Errors in VB □ Types of errors □ Syntax □ Logical □ Runtime ■ Error handling techniques Try catch as an exception 	BB: Annotate statement and correct indentation
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10.10 Techno-Preneurship	Defining Entrepreneurship Defining Techno-Preneurship	 Explain the principles and fundamentals of entrepreneurship Explore the interdisciplinary relationship of Technology and entrepreneurship Explore the benefits of entrepreneurial thinking 	 Discuss Entrepreneurship from a broad perspective Identifying principles of entrepreneurship Groups attempt to tie Entrepreneurship to techno-Preneurship and possible example identifications 	
10.11 Techno- Preneurship	describe the Technopreneurship components	 Environmental Technopreneurship component Science parks Incubation centers Academic institutions 	 Discussing the uses of Technopreneurship components Attending to ICT Exhibition Expos 	



		Research and development centers		
10.12 Techno-Preneurship	Intro to the business aspect • describe the elements of intellectual capital • explain the attributes of business ethics • identify the marketing and business strategies element • explain the elements of marketing and business	 Elements of Intellectual capital Human capital Organization capital Social capital Business ethics (Unhu/Ubuntu/ Vumunhu) Marketing and business strategies e-commerce 	 Discussing the elements of Intellectual Capital Discussing the attributes of business ethics Creating an ICT based business plan Discussing the elements of marketing 	 Internet Print and electronic media such as journals Case study CZI
10.13 Techno- Preneurship	 outline financial resource components identify ideal conditions for the business location 	 Finance and funding Market research 	 Discussing finance and funding opportunities Discussing ideal conditions for the business location Conducting market surveys 	 Print and Electronic media ICT Tools



10.14 Techno-Preneurship	 identify laws that govern Technopreneurship 	Laws and policies on Technopreneurship	Discussing the laws and policies of Technopreneurship	
	 describe the intellectual property rights 	 Intellectual Property Rights 	 Describing the intellectual property rights Electronic and print media Expert Guest 	
		☐ Patents		
		☐ Copyrights		
10.15	Project-based Learning		Introduction to BUILD in a box	
Techno-Preneurship			• 48 HOUR Bootcamp	
			http://www.africanleadershipacademy.org/programs/biab/	