



Expression of interest in IEB and ACER partnership for International Benchmark Tests from Grade 3 to Grade 10 in 2017

The IEB in partnership with Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is offering International Benchmark tests in 2017 as part of its strategy to ensure that learners that receive a South African education remain globally competitive. ACER is an established player in global research and assessment activities and their IBTs have been designed to offer a global programme of tests in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science. The IEB is again offering the opportunity to South African schools to participate in the programme.

Tests are available from Grade 3 to Grade 10 in English and Mathematics and from Grade 3 to Grade 8 in Science.

The 2017 cost for participating in the tests will be R150 (paper based) and R100 (computer based) per learner per subject test.

ACER's tests are valid, reliable and sound in respect of test design theory. The tests are designed to measure and recognise a learner's performance in a range of skills that underpin the teaching of each of the subject areas. Each test caters for a range of ability levels within a class group and the tests are based on an assessment model that enables results to be directly linked to a learner's learning in the classroom.

The service provides for an internationally recognised data analysis and reporting service.

- ✘ Teachers can use the information provided in the group reports from the programme to guide them in their teaching. The detailed group reports provide teachers with rich diagnostic information.
- ✘ Schools can use the information to compare their individual learner and class performance with others within the school or around the world.
- ✘ Learners can use the individual report on their performance to identify their own strengths and weaknesses in key concepts and skills, enabling them to focus their efforts to improve.
- ✘ Parents can monitor their child's performance and progress through an independent and internationally recognised tool.
- ✘ If you are interested in being part of this year's cohort, please complete the enrolment form (for high schools or primary schools) at <http://www.ieb.co.za/School/benchmarking.php> and return to Mrs S Nundkumar at the IEB by 31 March 2017.
- ✘ If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs S Nundkumar at nundkumars@ieb.co.za.

Looking forward to working with you in the interest of providing South African learners with a globally benchmarked education!