

EDUCATION IN MWANZA

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Generally describe the education system.

OVERVIEW:

Mwanza City council follows The Tanzanian educational system that operates on the 7-4-2-3 system: 7 years of primary school, followed by 4 years of secondary school (Ordinary Level) leading to 2 years of Advanced Level. After the 13th year of secondary school students may take the Advanced Certificate exam and attend college for 3 to 4 years. While the national language in Tanzania is Swahili, English is taught, along with Swahili, Math and Science, in Primary Schools. Secondary School students are only taught in English in most of their subjects.

PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Primary School, teach all subjects in Kiswahili, the education is free, but the costs covered by students are school uniforms and some school supplies. Students begin in standard one at age 7 and start learning English in standard 3.

National exams are required to move forward beginning after standard 4 and a passing score on the standard 7 exams determine where the student will be placed in secondary school.

New Curriculum for Primary School Starting from 2024, All Public Primary schools in Tanzania will begin to operate under a New Curriculum which will take shape as follows:

- 1st Stage – Pre Primary School: This will recruit pupils from Age 1-5 and will be for a period of 1 year. Pupils will be taught how to Read, Write and Count/Simple Math. On top of this pupils will be taught How to build relationship between themselves and their parents, learn how to interact in the society, Patriotism, Simple ICT basics.
- 2nd Stage- Standard One: This will comprise pupils of 6-7 years and it will for one years after Pre Primary Stage. They will be enhanced on Reading, Writing and Simple Maths. English subject will be added and they will be taught simple English basis like Greetings and Personal Introduction. ICT and Patriotism will also be enhanced with a purpose of becoming a better citizen.
- 3rd Stage Standard 3-6: This stage Pupils will start learning subjects like English, Math, Swahili, Science and Technology, The History of Tanzania and other languages like French, Arabic, Chinese(if available). Moreover pupils will also be taught Vocational Training like Mechanics, Music and Arts, Sculpturing, Use of Sewing machine. When this stage is completed, pupils will then join Secondary School, and if a pupil will ascend well in Vocational studies, he/she will Major in vocational studies with an addition of English, Swahili and Math.

SECONDARY SCHOOL:

Secondary school is divided into ordinary, Form 1 -4, and advanced, Form 5-6 and subjects are taught in ENGLISH!

Students who pass form four exams may move onto Advanced Secondary School which are mostly boarding schools, passing students will go to public schools where education is free except few students' necessities like Uniforms, bed mattress, extra circular supplies and learning materials like exercise books.

The exam results dictate the school the student may attend which is chosen by the government. Students who pass form 6 (division 1 being the highest and division 4 the lowest) may continue onto University. Student then will have to apply for University

education within the country and as well apply for Student education loan from the Government Institution of High Education Student Loan's Board (HESLB). The board will then assign percentages of loan to student who qualify. The Student loan will cover for Tuition fees, meals, and education supplies. The University tenures 3years except for some programs that go up to 4 or 5 Years like Medical Science, Law and Engineering

Students who fail form 4 or form 6 National exams happens to join Advanced Vocational School.

2) Is English taught in schools, and if so at what levels? What other languages are taught in the schools?

As mentioned above, the language of communication in Primary School is Swahili and English is being taught as a subject, this is for Swahili Medium Public Schools while English Medium Public School, English is the medium of communication and Swahili is taught as a subject

In Secondary to University all subjects are taught in English while French, Chinese, Arabic or Korean are languages taught in some secondary schools but not compulsory. English is mandatory.

3) Is there a library system?

Few public schools have Library systems well established. Most of Long existing secondary schools have been running Library systems but not at satisfying standards for students to utilize efficiently. The government places this agenda as a major priority for all schools, while the challenge is inadequate resources to develop the system effectively. Library systems are well developed at University level given the nature and trend of University education where students are required to put extra efforts on the personal studies and findings not to rely on one source of information.

4) Are there tech-trade schools?

The institution that offers tech – trade education in Mwanza is called VETA- Vocational Education and Training Authority under the Ministry of Education Science and Technology. Several tech trainings are offered to students based on the field of their interest such as Mechanics, engineering, Art works, sculpturing, construction, ICT etc.

Another institution is not specifically a university/college but an organization responsible for training small entrepreneurs by capacitating them with skills and knowledge to develop small factories. This organization is called SIDO- SMALL INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

5) List all junior colleges/four-year colleges/universities, and/or technical schools.

LIST OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

1. [Saint Augustine University of Tanzania](#) (SAUT)
2. Catholic University of Health and Allied Science (CUHAS)
3. Mwanza University
4. Open University of Tanzania
5. TANDABUI College of Health
6. National College of Tourism
7. Bank of Tanzania Training Institute.
8. Fisheries Education Training Agency

9. Butimba Teachers College

LIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS (Public and Private) :

1. Azimio A	28. Kileleni
2. Azimio B	29. Lake A
3. Azimio C	30. Lake B
4. Igogo A	31. Maendeleo
5. Igogo B	32. Makongoro
6. Malulu	33. Nyakabungo A
7. Lwanhima	34. Nyakabungo B
8. Sahwa	35. Nyakabungo C
9. Bugayamba	36. Nyakahoja
10. Claud	37. Lake Eng. Medium
11. Kisiwani	38. Tambukaleli
12. Musabe	39. Iseni A
13. Nyanza Eng. Medium	40. Iseni B
14. Nyanza B	41. Butimba A
15. Nyanza C	42. Butimba b
16. Mirongo	43. Amani
17. THAQAF A	44. Advent
18. Nyakato A	45. Bugando
19. Nyakato B	46. Bugarika
20. Nyakato C	47. Sahara
21. MHANDU	48. Mlimani
22. MHANDU D	49. Moringe
23. KASOTA	50. Sokoine
24. SHIGUNGA	51. Mongela
25. ISLAMIYA	52. Miembeni
26. RODAM	53. Kishiri
27. MZIGU	54. Bukaga
	55. Kanenwa
	56. Kanindo
	57. Bujingwa
	58. Mgala Elite
	59. Zayuni Eng. Medium
	60. Dream Big Montesori
	61. Davoo Eng. Medium
	62. Buhongwa A
	63. Buhongwa B
	64. Bulale
	65. Amina Makilagi
	66. Ng'wang'alanga
	67. Kawthar
	68. Luchebele
	69. Nyamalango
	70. Sweya
	71. Victoria
	72. Ibanda
	73. Mkolani
	74. Nyasubi
	75. Majengo
	76. Igelegele
	77. Mahina
	78. Mwananchi
	79. Nyangulugulu

	80. Mkuyuni A 81. Mkuyuni B 82. Mkuyuni C 83. Nyakurunduma 84. Pamba A 85. Pamba B 86. Pamba C 87. Mabatini A 88. Mabatini B 89. Kakebe 90. Samia 91. Nyerere 92. Mandela 93. Igoma C 94. Shamaliwa 95. Igoma A 96. Uhuru 97. Nyamagana A 98. Nyamagana B 99. Nyanshana
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LIST OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

01	MUHANDU
02	KASESE
03	IGOMA
04	MLIMANI
05	NYAKURUNDUMA
06	BUGARIKA
07	FUMAGILA
08	BUHONGWA
09	IGELEGELE
10	MBUGANI
11	NYAKABUNGO
12	LUCHELELE
13	MIRONGO
14	LWAN'HIMA
15	IGOGO
16	OLE NJOOLAY
17	PAMBA
18	SHAMALIWA
19	NYEGEZI
20	NYAMAGANA

21	MTONI
22	MWANZA
23	MKUYUNI
24	MAHINA
25	BUTIMBA DAY
26	CAPRI POINT
27	MAPANGO
28	NYABULOGOYA
29	MKOLANI
30	BULALE
31	STANSLAUS MABULA
32	SAWHA