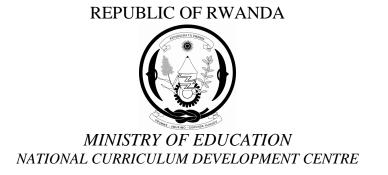


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INTRODUCTION

Information and communication technology (ICT) covers all the tools and resources used for the treatment and transmission of information and their use. These technologies include computers, audio visual systems, broadcast receiving systems and telecommunication systems, media such as compact disks and video disks, Internet, networks, instructional software, printed media, television, telephone, e-mail, communication satellite, conventional and interactive radio etc. These technologies can best achieve the potential for interactive and mutual learning. However, ICT cannot replace teachers; it rather contributes to the system of knowledge diffusion and effective learning by providing a great deal of advantage in the delivery of equitable and quality education. It is essential that MINEDUC expose students and teachers to ICT to improve the quality of Education.

This curriculum focuses on three main themes:

- Introduction to computers to familiarise learners with the computer architecture.
- Microsoft office to familiarise learners with the use of ICT tools in daily office activities.
- Internet explorer to familiarise learners with the Web communication and Research.

Some curriculum contents are repeated and emphasized at different levels to facilitate their mastery.

GENERAL ORIENTATION:

The MINEDUC recognises that most of schools have no IT qualified teachers to deliver the subject of ICT. However the subject ICT consists on familiarising students to the Information (and communication) technology tools, therefore, any science teacher, if well trained in the content of the subject, should deliver it efficiently. To this end, the Ministry of Education has trained a sufficient number of teachers, and we plan to train other teachers so that each school will have at least two teachers trained on the use of ICT tools. Of course, teachers will use the modules developed to this end, as well as various resources available in the library and Internet. This curriculum supposes that every school has laboratory equipped with computers with an Internet connection (one computer for two or three students will be sufficient), hence, teacher should focus on practical exercises rather than theoretical concepts that are quickly forgotten. Practical exercises in groups will be completed by individual homework to enhance the competencies of students.

Due to the rapid evolution of ICT, some contents of this curriculum may become obsolete before their delivery, therefore, we recommend teachers to use the Internet and physical libraries to be informed on the evolution of Information Technologies.



EVALUATION APPROACH

During day to day evaluation and after each chapter, practical exercises will be done to help learners understand the lesson. After a certain number of chapters, teachers will organise situations with experience integration. At the end of a term, a year or even a cycle, there will be a general evaluation which will include practical exercises and some theoretical concepts. All these forms of evaluation should focus on practices that relate to daily life situations.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

By the end of Lower Secondary Education, the learner should be able to:

- Create, organise and manage files in a folder
- Edit and print simple documents using a Word Processing Package
- Edit documents including mathematical calculations
- Navigate between Web pages, send and receive e-mails.



DETAILED CURRICULUM

SENIOR 1

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Define computer related terms	Computer related conceptsITICTCOMPUTER SCIENCE	In groups, Students define the different concepts using a dictionary and other available resources
Give examples where computers are used	Use of computers in : • Schools • Home • Banks • Shops • Libraries • Etc.	Group discussion or brainstorming
Identify information & communication technology tools that are useful in daily life	IT tools: • Computers • Mobile phones • Land lines • Etc.	Brainstorming and observation of different tools



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Identify the main components of a computer Distinguish hardware and software parts	 Components of a computer Hardware (monitor, keyboard, mouse, CPU, etc.) Software (System and application software) 	Students observe computer's components in the laboratory.
Identify different types of computers	 Types of computers Supercomputers Mainframes Minicomputers/Servers Micro-computers (PC) Desktop computers Laptop 	Show available types of computer physically and through pictures or images (where unavailable).
Identify various connectors and ports	Connectors & ports Definition Types of connectors USB Keyboard Mouse VGA 	Observe and get acquainted with connecting appropriate hardware to different connectors and ports
Start up and shut down the computer	Switch On/Off button Steps of starting up the computer Steps of shutting down the computer Turn off, stand by, restart	Practical exercises on starting up and shutting down the computer



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Use different peripherals	 Peripherals CD/DVD-ROM drive Diskette drives Monitor Printer Scanners Digital Cameras 	Practical exercises on connecting the monitor, printer, scanner Scan a document, a picture
Use the mouse	Mouse Click Double click Right click 	Familiarize with the mouse
Identify keyboard keys	 Keyboard Alphanumeric keys Arrow keys Shift Caps Lock Space bar Enter Back space Delete 	Familiarize with the keyboard.
Explain what software is	SoftwareOperating systemApplication software	Group discussion and individual research to make a difference between OS software and application Software.



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Use desktop's elements	 Windows and its components: desktop Task bar Start menu My Computer etc. 	Use the desktop, the tasks bar and the start menu Launch programs using start menu

CHAPTER II: MICROSOFT WORD

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Explain what Ms Office is	Microsoft Office Definition Role	Group discussion & brainstorming
Launch and close Ms Word	Launch by using start menu Launch by using a shortcut	Practical exercises on launching and closing Ms Word
Describe what Ms Word does	The features contained in Ms Word: (Text, Illustration, Graphics, Charts, headers and footers, footnotes etc.)	Open an existing document and get the feedback from the students.



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Identify title bar, menu bar, toolbars, ruler, the scroll bar	Word environment The title bar The menu bar Toolbars The standard toolbar The Format toolbar Drawing toolbar Scroll bar	Practical exercises on the insertion/hiding of the toolbars, ruler
Create, Save and Close a new Word document	New document	Practical exercises
Exit Word	File - exit	Practical exercises
Type a text	Keybord	Practical exercises on creating documents, typing, saving and closing documents.
Use paragraphs	ParagraphDefinitionParagraph alignmentLine spacing	Exercises on paragraph alignment, line spacing
Insert borders and shading	Borders and shading Border and shading Dialogue box	Practical exercises



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Change case of a text	Changing case • Upper Case • Lower case • Title case	Practical exercises on changing case
Open an existing document	Localization of a file/folderFolderFile	Practical exercises on opening a document as indicated by the teacher.
Switch between different page layout views	 Page layout view Normal view Web layout view Print layout view Outline view 	Display a same document between different views and discuss the use of each.
Cancel a command	« UNDO » command	Exercises on the « UNDO » command
Insert words in the middle of a text	Insertion pointArrow keys	Practical exercises on adding words in the middle of a text
Format a text	 Formating a text Correcting and deleting/inserting text Copying and moving text Text formatting : Font, font size, font colour, Bold, Underline, Italic Paragraph alignment: justify, right, centre, left 	Practical exercises



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Edit a text	 Text editing Selecting a part of text using a mouse Select all Copy Cut Paste Drag and drop 	Practical exercises
Move around a text	 Moving around a text Getting to the start of the text Getting to the end of the text Scrolling through the text Clicking on a text 	Practical exercises
Insert and edit a table	 Tables Inserting a table Inserting a column Inserting a row Deleting table Deleting row Deleting column 	Create, modify and handle a table using MS Word. Exercises on tables
Define his/her own table borders, shading colour	Border colourShading colour	Faire des exercices sur les bordures et couleurs



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Perform simple calculations	Mathematical calculations Sum Product Maximum Minimum Average 	Familiarise with simple calculations
Sort a list	Ascending OrderDescending Order	Practical exercises on Sorting
Add/remove shading to a paragraph	Border and ShadingShading colour	Familiarise with borders and shading
Insert a chart from a Word table	Chart	Practical exercises on word charts
Insert an Ms Graph chart	ChartDatasheetLegend	Practical exercises on Ms Graph charts
Protect computer against viruses	 Virus Definition Types of viruses Antivirus Scan antivirus 	Scan a floppy disk
Print a Word document	Print button	Students print documents using the Print button of the main toolbar



CHAPTER III: INTERNET

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Define Internet	Internet Definition Browsers	Group discussion
Use Web environment	 Web Environment address bar URL Web site back/forward buttons hyperlinks etc. 	Open Web pages and Web sites Browse the Web environment and use the different Web tools. Perform various exercises to browse through web pages
Create an e-mail account	E-mail addressSign upAccount & password	Each student has to open his/her own account.
Send and receive emails	e-mails: • Inbox • Write • Read • Sent • Sign out	Familiarize with sending and receiving e- mails
Organize messages	Organising messages • adding/deleting folders • organising messages	Faire des exercices sur la création et la suppression des dossiers et le classement de messages
Search for news on Internet	Yahoo	



DISTRIBUTION OF LESSONS: SENIOR 1

1ST TERM

CHAPITRE 1: INITIATION A L'INFORMATIQUE

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
1	Define computer related terms	Computer related concepts	
	Give examples where computers are used	Use of computers	1
	Identify information & communication technology tools that are useful in daily life	IT tools:	
	Identify the main components of a computer	Components of a computer	
	Identify different types of computers	Types of computers	1
2	Identify various connectors and ports	Connectors & ports	1
	Start up and shut down the computer	Starting up and shutting down	1
3	Use different peripherals	Peripherals	2
4	Use the mouse	Mouse	1
	Identify keyboard keys	Keyboard keys	1
5	Identify keyboard keys	Exercises on the keyboard	1
	Explain what software is	Software	1
6	Use desktop's elements	Windows and its components:	2



Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
7	Use desktop's elements	Exercises on Windows components	2
8	Use desktop's elements	Exercises on Windows	2
		Sub total	16

CHAPITRE II: MICROSOFT WORD

Week	Specific objectives	Contents		Timing (periods)
9	Explain what Ms Office is Launch and close Ms Word	Microsoft Office		1
		Launching and closing Ms Word		1
	Describe what Ms Word does	The features contained in Ms Word		1
10	Identify title bar, menu bar, toolbars, ruler, the scroll bar	Word environment		1
	Create, save and close a new Word document	Creating, saving and closing documents		1
	Exit Word	File exit		1
11	Revision			2
12	Exams			2
	·		Sub total	8



2nd Term

<u>Ms</u> Word

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
1	Type a text	Familarising with the keyboard	2
2	Type a text	Familarising with the keyboard	2
3	Use paragraphs	Paragraph	1
	Insert borders and shading	Borders and shading	1
	Change case of a text	Changing case	1
4	Open an existing document	Localization of a file/folder	1
	Switch between different page layout views	Page layout view	
	Cancel a command	« UNDO » command	1
5	Insert words in the middle of a text	Inserting words in a text	1
	Format a text	Formating a text	1
6	Format a text	Familiarising with Formating a text	2
7	Edit a text	Text editing	2
8	Move around a text	Moving around a text	1
	Insert and edit a table	Tables	1
9	Insert and edit a table	Familiarising with tables	1



Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
	Define his/her own table borders, shading colour	Trames de fond, Couleur de la bordure d'un tableau	1
10	Perform simple calculations	Mathematical calculations	2
11	Sort a list	Sorting	1
	Add/remove shading to a paragraph	Border and Shading	1
12	Revision		2
13	Exams		2
		Sub total	26

3rd Term

1Insert a chart from a Word tableMs Word Graph Word22Insert an Ms Graph chartMs Graph23Insert an Ms Graph chartViruses and Antivirus24Protect computer against virusesExercises on scanning for viruses15EvaluationMs Word2	Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
2 Mis Graph 2 3 Insert an Ms Graph chart Viruses and Antivirus 2 4 Protect computer against viruses Exercises on scanning for viruses 1 Print a Word document Print button 1	1	Insert a chart from a Word table	Ms Word Graph Word	2
3 2 4 Protect computer against viruses Exercises on scanning for viruses 1 Print a Word document Print button 1	2	Insert an Ms Graph chart	Ms Graph	2
Protect computer against viruses Print a Word document Print a Word document Print button	3	Insert an Ms Graph chart	Viruses and Antivirus	2
	4	Protect computer against viruses	Exercises on scanning for viruses	1
5 Evaluation Ms Word 2		Print a Word document	Print button	1
	5	Evaluation	Ms Word	2

Sub total

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CHAPTER III : INTERNET

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
6	Define Internet	Defining Internet	1
	Identify Web environment	Web Environment	1
7	Identify Web environment	Web Environment	1
	Create an e-mail account	E-mail address	1
8	Send and receive emails	e-mails:	2
9	Search for news on Internet	Yahoo	2
10	Evaluation	Internet	2
11	Revision	All contents	2
12	Exams	All contents	2
		Sub total	14



SENIOR 2

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Use external memories	 External Memory (removable drives) diskette, flash disk CDs Role Advantage and disadvantage 	Practical exercises on Transferring files and folders from one computer to another using a diskette, flash disk, CD.
Use some text editors functions	Text Editor functions Select Copy/cut /paste Save /save as 	Practical exercises on copy/cut /paste Save/Save as
Manage and use files	File management File/folder Size New file New folder Copy/move file/folder from one location to another. Drag and drop objects. Renaming /deleting files and folders. Recycle Bin	Create files and folders Copy/move file/folder from one folder to another Practical exercises on creation of a hierarchy of files/Folders



CHAPTER II : MICROSOFT WORD

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Open an existing document	Localization of a file/folder • Folder • File	Practical exercises on opening a document as indicated by the teacher.
Type a text	Keyboard Keys	Practical exercises on Typing a text using Ms Word
Insert words in the middle of a text	Insertion pointArrow keys	Practical exercises on adding words in the middle of a text
Format a text	 Keys Combination Correcting and deleting/inserting text Copying and moving text Text formatting : Font, font size, font color, Bold, Underline, Italic Paragraph alignment: justify, right, center, left 	Practical exercises



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Edit a text	 Text editing Selecting a part of text using a mouse Select all Copy Cut Paste Format painter 	Practical exercises
Move around a text	 Moving around a text Getting to the start of the text Getting to the end of the text Scrolling through the text Clicking on a text 	Practical exercises
Manipulate paragraphs	Manipulating paragraphsSplitting a paragraphCombining paragraphsParagraph marks	Practical exercises
Select rows, columns or the whole table	 Inserting a table Selecting Rows Columns Table 	Practical exercise on selecting rows, columns, table



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Edit a table	 Tables Inserting a column Inserting a row Deleting table Deleting row Deleting column Merging cells Splitting cells 	Edit and handle a table using MS Word.
Perform simple calculations	Mathematical calculations Sum Product Maximum Minimum Average 	Familiarise with simple calculations
Insert an Ms Graph chart	ChartDatasheetLegend	Practical exercises on Ms Graph charts
Print a Word document	 Printing a Word document Print preview/Showing multiple pages File - print Print dialogue box Printer name 	Practical exercises under supervision of teacher



CHAPTER III : MICROSOFT EXCEL

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Explain the use of spreadsheet	• Introduction to spreadksheet	Using a spreadsheet, get feedback from students on the area of application of Ms Excel
Identify the title bar, menu bar, toolbars, ruler, the scroll bar, formula bar	 Microsoft Excel Environment Title Bar Menu Bar Toolbars Worksheet Formula bar Task bar 	Practical exercises on the insertion/hiding of the toolbars, ruler
Launch Ms Excel	New workbookLocating files	Practical exercises on launching Ms Excel
Create, save, close a new excel workbook	 Ms Excel Start menu Buttons Menu File name 	Practical exercises on Creating, saving and closing a new Excel workbook
Open an existing excel work book	New workbook Locating files • Folder • File	Practical exercises on opening an existing Excel workbook



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Work with worksheet	Data input	Practical exercises on entering data
Perform simple calculations	Operations Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division Auto sum 	Practical exercises on addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and auto sum



DISTRIBUTION OF LESSONS: SENIOR 2

1ST TERM

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Week	Specific objectives	Contents		Timing (periods)
1	Use external memories	External Memory (removable drives)		2
2	Use some text editors functions	Text Editor functions		2
3	Manage and use files	File management		2
4	Manage and use files	Familiarising with file management		2
5	Evaluation			2
	•		Sub total	10

CHAPTER II : MICROSOFT WORD

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
6	Open an existing document	Localization of a file/folder	1
0	Type a text	Keyboard Keys	1
7	Type a text	Keyboard Keys	2
8	Type a text	Keyboard Keys	2
9	Type a text	Keyboard Keys	1



Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
	Insert words in the middle of a text	Inserting words	1
10	Evaluation		2
11	Revision		2
12	Exams		2
L		Sub total	14

2nd TERM

Ms Word

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
1	Format a text	Formatting a text	2
2	Edit a text	Text editing	2
3	Edit a text	Text editing	2
4	Move around a text	Moving around a text	2
5	Manipulate paragraphs	Manipulating paragraphs	2
6	Select rows, columns or the whole table	Selecting rows, columns or the whole table	2
7	Edit a table	Editing tale	2
8	Perform simple calculations	Mathematical calculations	2



Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
9	Insert an Ms Graph chart	Ms Graph chart	2
10	Print a Word document	Printing a Word document	2
11	Evaluation		2
12	Revision		2
13	Exams		2
	•	Sub total	26

3rd TERM

CHAPTER III : MICROSOFT EXCEL

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
	Explain the use of spreadsheet	Introduction to spreadsheet	1
1	Identify the title bar, menu bar, toolbars, ruler, the scroll bar, formula bar	Microsoft Excel Environment	1
2	Launch Ms Excel	Microsoft Excel Environment	1
	Create, save, close a new excel workbook	Creating a workbook	1
3	Open an existing excel work book	Locating files	1
5	Work with worksheet	Data input	1



Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
4	Work with worksheet	Data input	2
5	Work with worksheet	Data input	2
6	Perform simple calculations	Mathematic calculations	2
7	Perform simple calculations	Exercises on simple calculations	2
8	Perform simple calculations	Exercises on simple calculations	2
9	Perform simple calculations	Exercises on simple calculations	2
10	Evaluation		2
11	Revision		2
12	Exams		2
			24

Sub total

24



SENIOR 3

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Manage and use files	 File management File/folder New file Copy/move a file/folder Drag and drop objects Rename/delete files/folders Recycle bin 	Familiarise with creating, copying, moving deleting files and folders
Use Windows explorer	 Windows explorer Definition Opening windows Explorer Adding an item located in Windows Explorer to the Start menu 	Practical exercises on opening Windows Explorer
Create shortcuts	Shortcuts	Students create shortcuts of various icons
Play games	Games	Students play games
Change date and time	Date and time Task bar	Students change date and time from the task bar
Cancel print task	Printer name	Exercises on stopping, cancelling and restarting print jobs
Temporarily stop and restart printing jobs	Printing jobs	



CHAPTER I: MICROSOFT WORD

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Insert office objects	 Insert objects Clip Art 	Practical exercises on inserting office objects such as Clip Art, Word Art, etc
Edit a table	 Word Art Tables Merging cells Splitting cells Formula Table properties Specify row height Specify column width 	Exercises on editing tables
Print a document	 Print preview Print dialog box : Printing a copy or multiple copies Printing in white /black or color Printing a range of pages Printing current page Cancelling printing tasks 	Print one or more copies of a colored document, then in black and white Perform various exercises



CHAPTER II: MICROSOFT EXCEL

Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Format cells	 Formatting cells Font, font size, font color Adjusting Column width Adjusting row height Inserting columns Inserting row Creating borders Merging cells Patterns 	Practical exercises
Delete the content of the cell	DeletingDelete allDelete the contents	Practical exercises on deleting cells
Sort a list	Ascending OrderDescending Order	Practical exercises on Sorting
Copy data	Copying data byFilling methodCopy - paste	Practical exercises on copying data



Specific objectives	Contents	Teaching / learning activities
Perform mathematical operations	Numbers and mathematical Calculations	Practical exercises
	Addition	
	Multiplication	
	Division	
	Subtraction	
	AutoSum	
	• Average	
Edit a worksheet	 Select Copy Cut Paste Search/Find and replace 	Practical exercises on Selecting, copying, cutting, and pasting data.
Come back on command	• Command "UNDO" and "REDO"	Practical exercises on deleting and restoring the contents of a group of cells
Insert or delete lines, columns and cells	Inserting and deleting lines, columns and tableInserting and deleting cells or group of cells	Practical exercises on inserting and deleting lines, columns, cells and groups of cells



DISTRIBUTION OF LESSONS: SENIOR 3

1st TERM

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
1	Manage and use files	File management	2
2	Use Windows explorer	Windows explorer	2
3	Use Windows explorer	Familiarise with Windows	2
4	Create shortcuts	Creating short cuts	1
4	Change date and time	Date and time	1
5	Play games	Games	2
6	Play games	Games	2
7	Play games	Games	2
8	Cancel print task	Printer name	2
9	Temporarily stop and restart printing jobs	Printing jobs	2
10	Evaluation		2
11	Revision		2
12	Exams		2
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Sub total

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2ND TERM

CHAPTER II: MICROSOFT WORD

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
1	Insert office objects	Office objects	2
2	Insert office objects	Exercises on Office objects	2
3	Edit a table	Table	2
4	Edit a table	Exercises on tables	2
F	Edit a table	Exercises on tables	1
5	Print a document	Print preview and Print dialog box	1
6	Print a document	Exercises on printing	2
7	Evaluation		2
		Sub total	14



CHAPTER III: MICROSOFT EXCEL

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
8	Format cells	Formatting cells	2
9	Format cells	Exercices sur le formatage d'un texte	2
10	Format cells	Exercices sur le formatage d'un texte	2
11	Delete the content of cells	Deleting contents, cells and contents	1
11	Sort a list	Sorting (ascending, descending order)	1
12	Revision		2
13	Exams		2

3RD TERM

Ms Excel

Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
1	Copy data	Copying data by Filling method, Copy - paste	2
2	Perform mathematical operations	Numbers and mathematical Calculations	2
3	Perform mathematical operations	Exercises on numbers and mathematical Calculations	2
4	Perform mathematical operations	Exercises on numbers and mathematical Calculations	2
5	Edit a worksheet	Editing tools (Select, Copy, Cut, Paste, Search/Find and replace)	2
6	Edit a worksheet	Exercises on editing tools	2



Week	Specific objectives	Contents	Timing (periods)
7	Evaluation		2
0	Come back on command	Command "UNDO" and "REDO"	1
8	Insert or delete lines, columns and cells	Inserting and deleting lines, columns and table	1
9	Insert or delete lines, columns and cells	Inserting and deleting cells or group of cells	2
10	Evaluation		2
11	Revision		2
12	Exams		2
		Sub total	26



Subject	Senior 4	Senior 5	Senior 6
Religion or Ethics	1	1	1
Kinyarwanda	2	2	2
French	5	5	5
English	5	5	5
Maths	6	6	6
ICT	2	2	2
Physics	2	2	2
Chemistry	2	2	2
Biology	2	2	2
Geography	2	2	2
History	2	2	2
Artistic initiation (Music & Drawing)	1	1	1
Initiation to Economy (Commerce & Accounts, Domestic Economy, Agri livestock)	2	2	2
Political Education	2	2	2
S.P.E.	1	1	1
TOTAL	37	37	37

APPENDIX: Weekly time – Allocation for Lower Secondary Education



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