Guide for the Competitors

Teaching Skills Competition 2023

By Competition Organization Committee, SoED

Introduction

Welcome on Board. This is the 1st Teaching Skills Competition of its kind and is being introduced at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Education. This guideline has been prepared to provide clear instructions for the selected candidates who will compete in the Teaching Skills Competition.

After confirming your participation for the Teaching Skills Competition, please prepare yourself on your subject of specialization where you are expected to showcase your creativity and teaching skills to the judges. Please note that:

- 1. Teaching topic will be chosen randomly on the competition day from the list of topics selected from each subject. The topics are from the Ordinary Level Secondary Syllabus (Form 1 to Form 4).
- 2. Each competitor will have 40 minutes to prepare the lesson, and submit the brief lesson plan (see attached format) to the judge when entering the presentation room.
- 2. The competitor will be asked to deliver 10 minutes mock teaching and will be required to answer the questions related to the presented lesson. The whole process will take a maximum of 20 minutes.
- 3. The group of Judges will be experts from School Quality Assurers, Secondary School Teachers and Education experts from the University of Dar es Salaam.
- 4. Competitors are allowed to use available resources in the preparation room, no extra material will be available except for content of the topics, a copy of a lesson plan sheet, Marker pen, chalks, flip-charts, cello-tape, glue stick and manila sheet will be provided. Please bring with you your own pen and pencil.
- 5. Finalist will not be allowed to bring into the presentation room a cell-phone and other unauthorized materials into the preparation room.

Before the competition day, competitors will be informed on which specific session they are supposed to attend (Morning or afternoon session) and respective venue. On the competition day, please arrive at the waiting room based on your subject: morning session will start from 08:30, Afternoon session will start from 13:00. Please be punctual, Failure to arrive on time will lead to disqualification.

There are three main venues for the competition:

- **SoED** building for Math, Physics, and Chemistry.
- Confucius Institute for Chinese, English and Kiswahili language.
- Seminar Rooms near Nkrumah Hall (SR9 to SR16) for History, Civics, Geography, and Biology.

Each of the venue will have a (i) Waiting Room, (ii) Preparation Room and (iii) Presentation Room.

Waiting room:

Candidates allocated in the morning session will have to be there by 08:30am, afternoon session has to there at 13:00pm.

Once the candidates arrives at the waiting room, please register with your valid student ID, and draw from the lots to decide the sequence of the presentation and you will be directed by the volunteers where to sit .

Preparation room:

Choose the topic randomly from a container that will be handed to you by the volunteers, and start to prepare the mock teaching, you will have 40 minutes to prepare everything including lesson plan and teaching aid if you want.

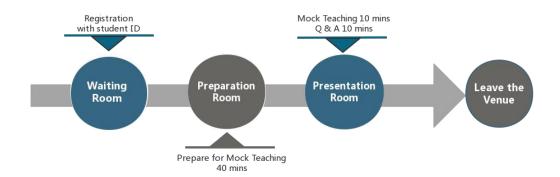
Presentation room:

Candidate will enter the presentation room and submit the lesson plan and other materials to the judges, start the mock teaching. Then answer the questions that will be asked by the judges. When you finish the session you will be ushered out by the volunteers on the ground.

TIPS on Competition day

- 1. Registration of the candidate will be done through **submitting student ID** outside the waiting room, and confirms the order by drawing lots, get the relevant Number sticker, that will be stuck on the left side near the shoulder. Candidates allocated in the morning session have to be there by at 08:30am, afternoon session has to there by 13:00pm.
- 2. The candidates will be ushered into a waiting room based on subject specialization, and follow the directions that will be provided by the team members. There will be volunteers to guide you transfer from one classroom to another. Please pay attention to the signs and the directions from the Volunteers.
- 3. When entering the presentation room, please submit the lesson plan and textbook materials, introduce yourself with your name and order, then start the mock teaching.
- 4. Once the competition is complete please leave the venue and do not bother other candidates.

The process of Competition



Time table for morning session

| Numbers | Waiting room | Choose topic | Preparation room | Presentation room |
|---------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) | 08:30 | 08:40 | 08:45 | 09:30 |
| 2 | 08:30 | 09:00 | 09:05 | 09:50 |
| 3 | 08:30 | 09:20 | 09:25 | 10:10 |
| 4 | 08:30 | 09:40 | 09:45 | 10:30 |
| 5 | 08:30 | 10:00 | 10:05 | 10:50 |
| 6 | 08:30 | 10:20 | 10:25 | 11:10 |
| 7 | 08:30 | 10:40 | 10:45 | 11:30 |
| 8 | 08:30 | 11:00 | 11:05 | 11:50 |
| 9 | 08:30 | 11:20 | 11:25 | 12:10 |

8:30am: competitors in the morning session gathering at the waiting room. Please follow the instructions sit based on the subject group. Based on the order, each competitor get their sticker number.

<u>8:40am:</u> First competitor enter the preparation room at 8:40am and draw lots to determine the topic. He or she started to prepare the mock teaching for 40 minutes, start from 08:45am. There are some needed materials for competitors to prepare the lesson.

<u>9:00am</u>: Second competitor enter the preparation room, and repeat the process.

<u>9:30am:</u> First competitor finishes the preparation and comes to presenting room at 9:30, a maximum 20 minutes for each competitor. The competition consist of two parts: teach the topic within 10 minutes, Questions & Answers for another 10 minutes.

Time table for Afternoon session

| Numbers | Waiting room | Choose topic | Preparation room | Presenting room |
|---------|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1) | 13:00 | 13:10 | 13:15 | 14:00 |
| 2 | 13:00 | 13:30 | 13:35 | 14:20 |
| 3 | 13:00 | 13:50 | 13:55 | 14:40 |
| 4 | 13:00 | 14:10 | 14:15 | 15:00 |
| (5) | 13:00 | 14:30 | 14:35 | 15:20 |
| 6 | 13:00 | 14:50 | 14:55 | 15:40 |

13:00pm: Competitors in the afternoon session gathering at waiting room. Please follow the instructions sit based on the subject group. Based on the order, each competitor get their sticker number.

13:10pm: First competitor enter the preparation room and draw lots to determine the topic, start to prepare the mock teaching at 13:15pm, finish it at 13:55pm, then go to presenting room with

the guidance from the volunteers.

13:30pm: Second competitor enters the preparation room, and repeat the process.

14:00pm: First competitor enters the presentation room, and start the mock teaching, then answer the questions.

14:00-16:00pm Continue the process until the final competitor completes the competition.

Lesson plan

| Subject: | | |
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| Competitor numbe | r: | |
| Name: | date: | |
| | | |
| Topic | | |
| Sub-topic | | |
| Specific competences | | |
| The main focus of this lesson | | |
| The most difficult point of this lesson | | |
| Teaching aids if any | | |
| Teaching methods | | |
| The process of teaching (Please note briefly on specific step of teaching, for example, how to introduce the new knowledge, how to reinforce, reflection, consolidation, etc.) | | |
| Assignments for student if any | | |