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POLICY CHANGING OF SUBJECTS

SACAI has received numerous enquiries and formal requests in connection with learners who wish to change subjects. In this regard it is important to deal with such requests in terms of national policy as contemplated in “National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement (Grades R – 12)”

The policy states as follows:

35. CHANGING SUBJECTS IN GRADES 10, 11 AND 12

- 1) A learner may change a maximum of **two** subjects in **Grade 10**, provided this is done by the beginning of the third term, subject to the approval of the principal of the school where the learner is registered.
- 2) A learner may change **two** subjects in **Grade 11**, provided this is done before 28 February subject to the approval of the principal of the school where the learner is registered.
- 3) In exceptional cases a learner may change **one** subject in **Grade 12**, provided this is done before 31 January of the Grade 12-year.
- 4) Approval for changing a subject in Grade 12 must be obtained from the Head of the assessment body. The following documents are needed:
 - a. a letter of motivation from the learner’s parent or guardian;
 - b. a letter from the principal, either supporting or providing reasons for not supporting the change; and
 - c. a letter from the subject teacher, outlining the programme to be followed to assist the learner in covering those aspects of the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements of the new subject for the previous grades that were not completed.
- 5) A learner who changes a subject in Grades 10, 11 or 12 will be exempted from the School-Based Assessment requirement of the new subject for the period before the change was affected, provided that:
 - a. he or she has complied with all the School-Based Assessment requirements of the subject he or she wants to change for the period before the change is to be affected; and
 - b. he or she complies with all the remaining School-Based Assessment requirements of the new subject from the date the change was affected.
- 6) The learner, or the parent or guardian of the learner who changes a subject is in Grades 10, 11 or 12 and who encounters learning difficulties due to the subject change may not hold the assessment body responsible for changing a subject.

