

JOIN OUR EDUCATION REVOLUTION

At the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT), we know that education is the key to our country's future. By joining hands and focusing on education, we will make sure that there are more skilled youngsters who are able to find jobs and build South Africa.

The NECT is a joint effort between government, teachers' unions, business and civil society to improve education.

Our objective: That 90% of learners pass maths, science and language with at least 50% by 2030.

We need teachers, communities, parents and learners to participate actively in our education revolution – because without their active help we can't succeed.

SO WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

The NECT has huge plans for learners. Imagine not losing any sleep over exams. Imagine knowing you'll pass because, apart from studying hard, you have been adequately prepared in class. Imagine gaining access to any degree you want. Imagine a world where there are jobs for everyone. This is what we want for your future, and we invite you to join our revolution.

To achieve this, the NECT has identified six revolutionary areas of focus:

1 Give it your all! Teacher professionalisation:

Helping teachers to become – and to be seen as – the professionals they truly are, will help them do their jobs better and will encourage more brilliant people to become teachers too!

2 Be brave! Courageous leadership:

The NECT wants to support brave leaders who are not scared to stand up for issues that will lead to better education. These leaders may be politicians or businessmen, they may be principals, teachers or parents. They may even be you.

3 Orders from the top! Improve the capacity of the state to deliver quality education:

Here, we are talking about helping the state to make sure that they can deliver quality education. The Department of Basic Education has agreed with stakeholders that they can help in a number of key areas crucial to improving education if we work together.

4 Have what it takes! Improve school resourcing:

It takes a lot to run a school: buildings, leadership, teachers, books, nutrition, maybe a playground, toilets etc. We need to make sure that all schools have what they need to be the best they can be. Everyone can contribute something.

5 Get really involved! Parent and community involvement:

We want parents and the community to get involved and help. Attend parents' meetings, be a part of the SGB, support home work and reading clubs. Make an active contribution.

6 Take care of the revolutionaries! Learner welfare:

It isn't possible to improve education without helping you. We hope to see a future where learners know where to turn when they have any troubles. It takes a village to raise a child. My neighbour's child is my child – all children should be safe.



LET'S TALK ABOUT...

RESPECT

Respect your classmates, your school and yourself!

June 16 is Youth Day

Did you know?

Every June 16, we remember the brave students who joined the Soweto Uprising. These kids did not want to be taught in Afrikaans, they knew that it is disrespectful not to be considerate of other people's languages and that everyone should have the same rights.

Sadly, violence broke out and many students were injured and lost their lives but these students changed education for everyone – even us! We enjoy certain freedoms because of their brave acts. By remembering this day, we show those brave students that we respect them.

Treat others the way you would like to be treated and see what a difference it makes!



What does respect mean?

Respect means caring for other people:

your classmates, your parents and family members, and your teachers.

Keep other people's feelings in mind before you say something hurtful or act in a way that might make them uncomfortable.

Respect means caring for the places where you are:

don't litter, tidy up after yourself and help keep the school neat – this will make everyone's life a little easier.

Don't make a mess for other people to clean up, and help clean up where you can.

Respect means caring for yourself!

Do your best at school, be on time and do your homework.

If you are having trouble with schoolwork or at home, respecting yourself means that you will find a teacher or elder to help you. Most importantly: when you respect yourself, other people will respect you too.

Activity time!

Everyone can be a poet; maybe you just don't know it!

Put pen to paper and get creative.

Pen us a poem about respect, get creative, do your best!

Remember that no one is perfect, just hand it in and don't stress.

Your poem can be any form and any size, so try your hand at poetry guys!





ALL I'M ASKIN' IS A LITTLE RESPECT

What's the low-down on respect?

Respect means taking other people and their feelings into account. Respect means not harming people, places or things (your friend, your school or your books). Respect means taking pride in yourself, and always doing the right thing.

Respect yourself, your teachers, your classmates, your elders, your parents.

Youth Day: respect the class of '76!

Every June 16, we commemorate Youth Day. On this day, also known as the Soweto Uprising, students led a series of protests against the use of Afrikaans as the language of instruction.

Imagine the bravery of these young learners, between 10 000 and 20 000 of them, as they rose in unison to protect this right! These students bravely defended the right of every single youth to be taught in the language of your choice, or in your mother tongue. During this uprising, violence broke out between the police and the youth. The exact numbers are unclear, with estimations running between 176 and 700 lives lost.

Let's remember the youth of 1976: they deserve respect.

Seven super tips to show #respect:

Right on time! Help your parents, caregivers or teachers out by being on time for class, in the mornings, for mealtimes and other events.

Excellence! Be prepared. Pack your school things in advance and do your homework. Excellence comes from being prepared.

Smile! Be friendly, even if you aren't friends.

Pay attention! Paying attention in class means you will be more successful and you won't be disruptive.

Everyone matters! Treat everyone how you would like to be treated.

Come along! Participate in school activities and events when you can; it shows that you respect your school and teachers.

Thanks and yes please! Say please and thank you to elders, teachers, friends and parents. Seriously, don't forget your manners.

GET IN ON
THE ACTION!

Start a debate!

So you're not so tough and your kung fu isn't great? Well you can always win a battle with a good, old-fashioned DEBATE!

Say what?

This is an activity for two groups of three per side.

One side presents a well-researched and well-considered argument for point A and the other does the same for point B.

Point A: Respect is the most important value in life – you cannot succeed without it!

Point B: No! Other values are equally important, if not more important. Respect isn't everything!

Prepare your argument carefully! PRACTICE your debate with your parents, siblings or caregivers. Ask your teacher to help you!

#RESPECT

Respect your classmates and teachers, your school and your parents.

Be nicer and more considerate. Score bonus points with parents, teachers, caregivers and friends. #Don'tBeAFool

