



The new MBSSE Senior Secondary School Curriculum transforms what is learnt after basic education. With a much broader choice of subjects, SSS pupils can follow a learning path that reflects their interests and talents. So that our schools go beyond preparing pupils for the WASSCE exams. So that our classrooms produce engaged citizens with knowledge and skills that will:

- ✓ address national priorities for a modern workforce;
- ✓ meet expectations of parents, communities and employers;
- ✓ fulfil hopes and expectations of all learners with equal learning opportunities;
- ✓ uphold the rights and well-being of all in society, especially girls and women;
- ✓ inspire pupils with a passion for learning;
- ✓ contribute to the future success of the nation.

Key facts

Five new specialist streams – all schools offer at least three

Three sets of subjects in each stream: Core, Applied, Everyday

Subjects cover a wide range of interests and types of knowledge

Up to 76 subjects offered, each with a full syllabus outline & guide

All subjects can be offered at WASSCE



Structure of the new SSS curriculum

Level	3 Year of Post-Basic Education				
	SSS 1	SSS 2		SSS 3	
Five Streams	Senior Secondary School offers up to five Specialist Streams				
	Sciences & Technologies Stream	Languages & Literatures Stream	Mathematics & Numeracy Stream	Social & Cultural Studies Stream	Economics, Business & Entrepreneurship Stream
76 Subjects	Three Sets of Subjects are Generated for Each Specialist Stream				
	Core Subjects	Applied Subjects		Everyday Subjects	

In detail: Core, Applied and Everyday subjects

Core subjects

- Provide theoretical knowledge of a field.
- They focus on what we know and how we make knowledge in that field.
- Learners will study 3-4 Core subjects.
- Cannot be chosen by students from a different stream.

Applied subjects

- Use knowledge from a field to address real world issues and problems.
- Focus on how and why we make use of what we know in a field.
- Pupils will study 1-2 options from their specialist stream and 1-2 more options from other streams.
- Can be chosen by students from a different stream.

Everyday subjects

- Impart general knowledge and basic competencies in a field.
- Reflect what should be expected from 12 years of schooling.
- Pupils can study 1-2 Everyday subjects from outside their specialist stream.
- Cannot be chosen by students within the same stream.



SSS Streams	Core Subjects	Applied Subjects	Everyday Subjects
Sciences & Technologies	Integrated Science Biology Chemistry Computer Science Agriculture Science ICT Robotics Physics	Environmental Science Health Science Food Security Engineering Science Physical Health Education Climate Change Awareness, Preparedness Resilience	Adolescent Health & Life Skills Computer Literacy Popular Science
Mathematics & Numeracy	Fundamentals of Mathematics Further Mathematics Statistics & Probability Calculus	Mathematics for Business and Enterprise Mathematics Applications for Coding Mathematics for STEAM Computer Mathematics Math for other Disciplines	Introductory Statistics & Probability Functional Mathematics
Economics, Business & Entrepreneurial Studies	Principles of Economics Entrepreneurship Principles of Accounting Business Management Studies Principles of Commerce	Principles of Marketing Business Accounting Clerical Office Duties Insurance Management Business Economics	Business & Society Customer Relations Management Micro/Small/Medium Enterprise Management Business Ethics
Languages & Literatures	English Language African Language English Literature French as a Foreign Language Sierra Leone Literature Sierra Leone Languages (Mende, Kathemne, Hulimba, Krio)	Creative Writing Business English French for Tourism Technical Writing English for STEAM French for Business and Marketing	Everyday Basic French Popular Literature Appreciation Arabic Language Fula
Social & Cultural Studies	History of Sierra Leone African History Geography Music Dance & Drama Studies Politics & Governance Social Studies & Civics Religious & Moral Education (RME)	Geography & Environment Music as Applied Subject Entertainment Industry Derivatives of Religious & Moral Education	Dance Performance and Appreciation Mining Industry & The Environment Fishing Industry & The Environment Tourism & Conservation Living with Religious & Moral Education





Implementing the new SSS Curriculum in Schools

- ✓ All senior secondary schools offer at least three streams.
- ✓ A school may offer up to five streams if they have capacity, staffing, facilities.
- ✓ Each administrative district offers all five streams.
- ✓ Schools strive towards excellence in quality of teaching specialist streams and subjects, rather than seeking to offer more.
- ✓ Increased access to learning and teaching resources to support subjects taught.

Next steps

- ✓ MBSSE will map all schools to determine capacity for offering specific streams and subjects.
- ✓ MBSSE will align SSSC to WAEC system and intake requirements of universities.
- ✓ Town Halls will be held in all five regions to start to inform parents and learners of the new SSS Curriculum Framework.
- ✓ School leaders should inform their school community of the new SSS Curriculum and its features.
- ✓ School leaders will be supported to use the SSS Curriculum Framework and school mapping results to prepare School Improvement Plans for implementing the curriculum.

