

Kids Need Education Cambodia (KNEC)

Curriculum and Class Schedule Village 15-16 School

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KNEC's Mission Statement:

The Mission of *Kids Need Education Cambodia* is to provide free education to impoverished children so they will someday be able to find meaningful employment.

KNEC's Philosophy:

- The School is free to students and their families.
- The School does not teach religion.
- The School provides equal opportunity for girls and boys.

KNEC provides free education to impoverished Cambodian children. Instruction is in K'ami (Cambodian language) by Khmer teachers. Books, writing tablets, pens, pencils, rent, utilities, and teacher's salaries are all provided. KNEC's program begins with kindergarten and continues through grade 6. To advance to the next grade, students must pass a comprehensive examination at the end of their current grade.

Program and Class Schedule:

Monday	Mathematics	7:30 - 10:20 am	and	1:30 - 4:20 pm
Tuesday - Friday	K'ami Literacy	7:30 - 10:20 am	and	1:30 - 4:20 pm
Saturday	Science and Social Studies	8:00 - 8:50 am	and	2:00 - 2:50 pm

Monday through Friday, KNEC has ten classes (kindergarten through grade 6 - with 2 classes of grades 1, 2 and 3). Each class is 50 minutes in length. By the end of 3rd grade, most students have basic reading and calculating skills. Without a doubt, this gives the students an advantage in the job market later in life.

KNEC's annual budget for the Village 15 - Village 16 School is approximately 14,000 USD. The School has 150 students. Classes are conducted September through July. There is no school in August.

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is open to children 5 years old and older. The kindergarten curriculum consists of learning to read, at random, the 33 standard K'ami consonants, the 25 vowels, the ten K'ami digits and the 10 Arabic digits. Kindergarten is 3 months long. At the end of the three months, students are given a 'final exam'. If they pass the exam they are promoted to grade one. If they do not pass the exam - - no problem; kindergarten starts again the next Monday. It takes most 5 year olds three times through the program (one year) before they are able to pass the exam.

Grade One:

Grade One concentrates on writing the 33 consonants, the 25 vowels, the 10 K'ami digits and the 10 Arabic digits. Vocabulary building, both reading and spelling, is also included. Addition is introduced in the mathematics instruction. Listening skills are also introduced. In a 1 on 1 setting with the teacher, the teacher reads a story and the student must be able to tell the general content back to the teacher.

Grade Two:

Grammar instruction is introduced in Grade Two. Vocabulary building (reading and spelling) is a big part of the program. Reading instruction is also a big part of the program. To pass the final exam, students must be able to read a story and then tell the general content back to the teacher. Math instruction continues with addition and an introduction to subtraction.

Grade Three through Grade Six:

Grammar, vocabulary and reading make up the major part of the instruction. Math takes the student through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. No doubt, having basic mathematics and reading skills give the students the opportunity to attain meaningful employment later in life.

Science and Social Studies:

Topics include health and hygiene, personal and social relationships and respect for their parents, their peers, teachers, elders, leaders and the rule of law. Saturday's Science and Social Studies classes are optional and the material covered is not on the student's final exam.