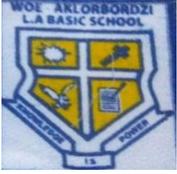


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## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF STUDENTS AT AKLORBORDZI SCHOOL**

Aklorbordzi School is located in the coastal town of Woe, which is a community in the Anloga District of the Volta region of Ghana. Aklorbordzi is predominantly a fishing and farming community. Aklorbordzi shares its boundary with Keta Lagoon. The school was founded in 1968 by the late AK Deku, a police officer, with a student population of just 25.

The school has a sand-covered playing field and lots of trees which provide shade. We use the shelter provided by the trees for some of our co-curriculum activities. Some of the co-curriculum activities we do include drumming, dancing, football, volleyball, and debating.

Although the school has enough classrooms, it is severely underfunded. There is no computer laboratory for ICT teaching and learning, and there is a lack of educational resources such as tables, chairs, exercise books and textbooks.

The following pages describe a typical school day for students at Aklorbordzi School.

**7:00am – 7:30am:** Some students begin arriving at school to clean the compound, as well as the toilet facilities. Teachers supervise the students as they do this. Students from Class One up to Junior High School help with this activity.

**7:30am – 7:45am:** Students enter their classrooms to observe a silent period. During this period, students sort out their learning materials and prepare for learning.

**7:45am – 8:00am:** A bell is rung for assembly. All students gather for the day's assembly. The assembly is led by teachers and senior students. Songs are sung to praise God, prayers are said, and announcements are made. Students then go to their various classrooms to begin the day's academic work.

**8:00am – 10:00am:** Lessons begin in all departments. Students and teachers engage in learning for the next two hours. Two subjects are taught within these two hours. On Thursdays, at this time, students and teachers in the Junior High School department

engage in Physical Education exercises. This takes place on Fridays for the Primary School department. On Wednesdays, the school holds Worship and Guidance & Counselling for pupils from 8:00am to 9:00am.

**10:00am-10:45am:** It is now time for breakfast. Students of the Primary department eat free meals provided by the school, but the Junior High students buy their own food at the school canteen. In rare cases, some students go home for breakfast because their parents have not given them money to buy anything.

**10:45am-12:45pm:** Breakfast break ends at 10:45am. Lessons continue for another two hours. During this period, two subjects are taught. Possible subjects include English Language, Social Studies, Citizenship, or Basic Design Technology. The heat at this time of day makes it difficult for students to concentrate. The classrooms are ventilated, but do not have electricity which would enable the use of fans. Both teachers and students hope that the cooling sea breeze comes.

**12:45pm-1:00pm:** It is time for lunch break. Students decide to eat, chat, and play games such as “ampe” or football. Some students run home for their lunch.

**1:00pm-2:00pm:** This is the last period of the day. Only one subject is taught during this period. Notes and assignments are also given to students to copy and submit the next day for scoring.

At 2:00pm, the bell is rung for assembly. All students gather under the trees. Closing hymns are sung and prayers are said in thanksgiving for a successful day.

Announcements from the teachers on duty and the headmaster are given to students and teachers alike. Students disperse to go home to their parents.

At home they complete any homework given to them at school. They also help to prepare the evening meal and assist with fishing and farming.

**8:00pm – 9:00pm:** Students sleep in order to wake up early for the next day's activities.