

# UNGANA ACADEMY

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NAKURU, KENYA

Ungana Academy is located in Nakuru County, near a market. Ungana was founded in 2011 by Catherine Abung'an'a. It started with one class of four-year-old children. Catherine is still the Director of the school today. The school now has a population of 250 pupils with 10 classes. Three classrooms are made of brick while the rest are made from iron sheets. All of the classrooms were constructed as part of African Adventures' volunteering programme. The school has 12 teachers and two non-teaching staff.

The classes are allocated according to the age of each student. They are as follows:

- Play Group: 4 years old
- Pre Primary 1: 5 years old
- Pre Primary 2: 6 years old
- Grade 1: 7 years old
- Grade 2: 8 years old
- Grade 3: 9 years old
- Grade 4: 10 years old
- Grade 5: 11 years old
- Grade 6: 12 years old
- Grade 7: 13 years old
- Grade 8: 14-16 years old

Though this is the recommended age for each class, you might find that some students are older due to late admissions.

This is how a typical day looks at Ungana Academy:

6:30am: Arrival of Grade 7 and Grade 8 students.

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7:00am-7:30: Arrival of the rest of the students.

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8:00-8:20am: Bell rings for assembly. On Mondays and Fridays it's time to hoist the flag, but on other days assembly is used to brief the students on what is expected of them on that particular day. They also sing and pray, and the students' appearance is checked.

8:20-9:30: Lessons commence. Two lessons are taught within the two hours. They may be two different subjects or a similar subject.

9:30am-9:50am: Time for a short break. Students engage in games and visit the restroom.

9:50-11:00am: The short break is over. Two lessons are taught. There may be two different subjects or a similar subject.

11:00am-11:35am: Breaktime. Students are excited because it's porridge time! Students eat their porridge, after which they engage in games.

11:35am-12:45pm: Two lessons are taught. The subjects taught may be different or similar.

12:45pm-1:45pm: Children are served lunch. Lunch is cooked at the school. Every student gets to eat, after which they engage in games. Some chat while others rest as they await the afternoon lessons.

2:00pm-3:10pm: Two lessons are taught. Sometimes it's hot or cold in the afternoons, depending on the time of the year. Despite the alterations in the weather patterns, the students and teachers are determined to go on with lessons.

3:10pm-4:00pm: Games time. During this time, the students are very rowdy as everyone is playing his or her own games. On Wednesdays, students have Guidance Counselling at this time, and are encouraged to talk about different topics. On Fridays, students have interclass debates.

4pm: The bell rings for evening assembly. Any necessary announcements are made to the students. They then say a prayer to wrap up the day. Every student is given homework to be submitted the following day.