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Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

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Proverbs 16:16 "How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver." [NASB]

 America	Ages		Tanzania 
	US	TZ	
1 st Grade	6-7	7-9	Standard 1
2 nd Grade	7-8	8-10	Standard 2
3 rd Grade	8-9	9-11	Standard 3
4 th Grade	9-10	10-12	Standard 4
5 th Grade	10-11	11-13	Standard 5
6 th Grade (End of Elementary School)	11-12 The U.S. tests students every year from 3 rd -8 th grades, and again in High School.	12-14	Standard 6
7 th Grade No Child Left Behind Act in the U.S. (2002) U.S. tests students, but does not necessarily keep them from continuing on.	12-13 The Tanzanian educational system holds a strict standard to move forward to the next level.	13-16	Standard 7 (End of Primary School) *Required to Pass National Exam to Move on to Secondary School!
8 th Grade (End of Middle School)	13-14		Curriculum is integrated into Form 1-4
9 th Grade	14-15	14-16	Form 1
10 th Grade	15-16	15-17	Form 2
11 th Grade	16-17	16-18	Form 3
12 th Grade (End of High School)	17-19	17-19	Form 4 (End of Ordinary Secondary Education) *Required to Pass National Exam to move on to Advanced Secondary
Freshman in College	18-20	18-22	Form 5 Equivalent Junior College
Sophomore in College	19-21	18-22	Form 6 Equivalent Junior College (End of Advanced Secondary Education) *Required to Pass National Exam to Move onto University!!
Junior in College	20-21		University
Senior in College	21-23		University
			University (3 or 4 years)

In Tanzania, the national language is Kiswahili. Kiswahili is taught in Primary school. When students pass Standard 7 and move onto Secondary school, they are taught in English. This can be very confusing and a losing battle for some in the government schools. **However, Sluys/Anderson Primary School starts teaching English in Standard 1.** There are Vocational schools for students who cannot pass the National Exams after Standard 7, Form 4, and Form 6. Standard 1-7 is required in Tanzania, however, attendance in school is not enforced. If a student fails any of the National Exams, they are not allowed to move on to higher education, only Vocational schools. If a student passes the Exam after Form 6, they are scored according to Divisions.

Division 1-The best score! The government will select this student for a University, and may pay up to 75% of Tuition and Fees.

Division 2&3-continues on to University.

Division 4-moves on to vocational training elsewhere.

Grading System-5 Point Scale

TZ Grade	TZ Scale
A	5.00
B	4.00-4.99
C	3.00-3.99
D	2.00-2.99
E	1.00-1.99(Accepted)
S	0.50-0.99(Satisfactory)
F	0.00

We hope this helps to understand the Tanzanian school system better. God Bless!

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