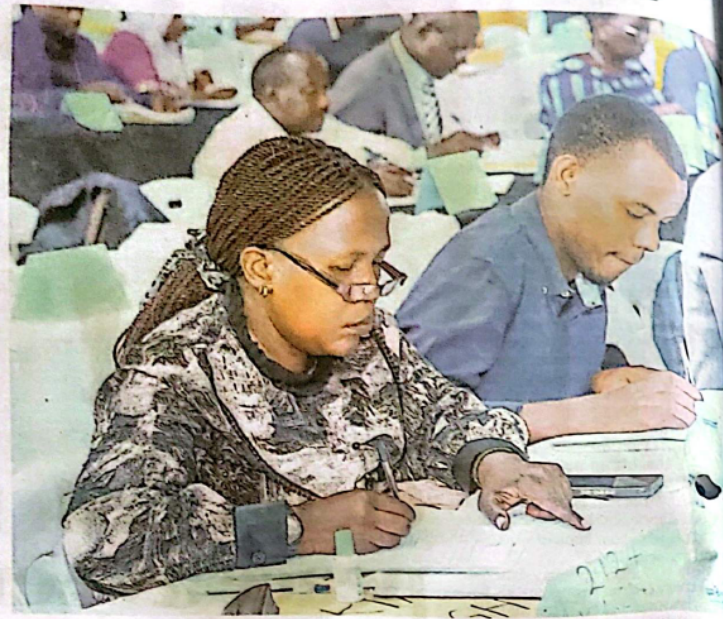


Govt tightens grip



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A head teacher of any school that will not submit the Continuous Assessment (CA) marks for student (s)

resulting in the latter's failure to be assessed and counted as absent by the Uganda National Examinations Board (Uneb), will be held accountable, the government warned yesterday. The warning was made by Dr

Kedraze Turyagenda, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Sports, while opening the 2026 Senior Five Selection and Placement Exercise in Kampala yesterday.

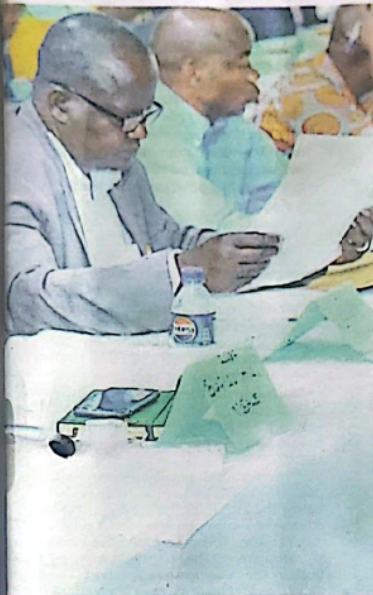
Dr Turyagenda said school head teachers who fail to submit students' project work will face penalties for any negligence that disadvantages learners.

"My heart sinks whenever I see students without project marks. Head teachers will be held responsible because a student should not be forced to repeat a

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on deadlines for students' projects



Mr Dan Odongo, said the achievement levels for each subject were arrived at through systematic and technical processes (statistical and psychometric) that combine the learner's score based on continuous assessment done at school, and end-of-cycle examination.

The proportion of the score is 20 percent for CA and 80 percent for the end-of-cycle examination.

Under the competency-based assessment, Uneb eliminated the grading of learners under divisions and replaced it with competency level grading, where a student qualifies for a UCE certificate if he/she obtains a competency level grade of D in at least one subject.

This, according to Mr Odongo, is indicated on the transcript and certificate as Result 1.

He added that the candidates who do not fulfill the conditions for the award of the UCE certificate will have Result 2 indicated on their transcripts. These are candidates who did not sit for some compulsory subjects or did not sit for a minimum of eight subjects or who have no Project Work scores.

Result 3 is indicated on the transcript of a candidate who has not met the minimum level in all the subjects; i.e. the candidate has only achievement Level E in all subjects taken.

Only students who have Result 1 are eligible for Senior Five, and the rest either repeat or enrol in vocational schools.

Dr Turyagenda said it's bad for the school management to be responsible

year due to the failure of a school administrator to submit project marks to Uneb," she said.

The continuous assessment forms part of the new format of reporting performance under the new Lower Secondary Competence-Based Curriculum (CBC).

This kind of grading students' grades ranging from grades A, B, C, D and E in a subject, unlike in previous grading, where they could score Distinction, Credit, Pass, or Failure.

The Uneb Executive Director,

School administrators select learners who meet their respective cut-off grades for Senior Five admission at UMA show grounds in Lugogo, Kampala yesterday. PHOTOS: GEOFFREY MUTUMBA



Headteachers and school administrators attend a briefing before the selection exercise started at UMA show grounds in Lugogo, Kampala, yesterday.

for a child's repeating of classes because of negligence.

"I will just ask for the name of the head teacher and I will hold you accountable. A child cannot spend four years in school and miss out on being assessed because some careless director of studies or head teacher did not submit their marks," she said.

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students enrolled in Senior Five across 2,205 secondary schools in the country.

Of these, 101,360 students will be enrolled in 769 government-aided secondary schools under the Universal Post O-Level Education and Training (UPOLET).

A total of 18,180 students will be enrolled in 97 government aided schools (non-UPOLET) and the remaining 164,280 students will be enrolled in 1,369 private schools

across the country.

A total of 428,628 candidates who sat for their Uganda Certificate of Education examinations last year achieved a certificate and qualified to be enrolled in Senior Five.

This number is part of the 432,163 candidates from 3,975 examination centres, who registered for the UCE 2025 examination, compared to 359,417 candidates in 2024, under the new Lower Secondary Level competence-based curriculum.

School	2026 -Boys	2026 -Girls
Kakiri HS	A-C	A-C
Kibatsi HS	A-C	B-C
Mbale SS	A-C	A-D
Faiha HS	A-D	B-D
Butaleja SS	A-C	A-D
Musese SS	A-C	A-C
Bungokho SS	A-C	A-C
Okapel HS	D	D



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