

THE NAMBALE



NAMBALE MAGNET SCHOOL 2023 IMPACT REPORT



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ABOUT NMS

WHO WE ARE

Established in 2009, the Nambale Magnet School (NMS) is a primary school located in the heart of Busia County, Kenya.

Our core vision is to be a beacon of hope and a symbol of sustainable development, where everyone harnesses their full potential.



OUR MISSION

At NMS, our mission is to provide quality, innovative, and lifelong education. We believe that through strategic partnerships we enhance livelihoods and create sustainable solutions. Our primary goal is to offer a nurturing haven for orphaned and vulnerable children in rural western Kenya, providing them with a unique opportunity to mitigate hopelessness and break the cycle of poverty.



Inclusive Education

We take pride in bridging gaps in class, social, and economic divisions. Our students learn side by side with local children whose families can afford their own school fees. Over the past decade, our school has grown remarkably, evolving from its 'pioneer' class in 2009 to serving a population of over 500 students today.



Diverse Student Body

Our student body ranges from three-year-old preschoolers to eighth graders, with over 33% benefiting from full scholarships, and another 7% on partial scholarships.

At high school under the Scholars' program, there are 61 students in various High Schools around the country and 30 who have joined tertiary colleges; and pursuing prestigious programs like aeronautical engineering, medicine, law, and computer science. A significant number have enrolled in middle level colleges to acquire artisan skills that plugs into the Kenyan job market.



Holistic Education

In addition to academics, NMS offers a vibrant array of co-curricular activities, including a Drama club, Football Club, Rotaract Club, Music program, and French Club. These activities ensure a well-rounded education for our students, fostering their personal growth and development.

FOREWORD FROM OUR FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

As we reflect upon the remarkable journey of Nambale Magnet School, we are filled with profound gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment, which has spanned an incredible 15 years.

It is with immense pride that we acknowledge the pivotal role each one of you has played in supporting orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) in our beloved Nambale community. Your dedication to our mission has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Through the years, your generous contributions and partnership have enabled us to provide quality education and nurturing environments to those who need it most. Your steadfast commitment to the cause of OVC at Nambale Magnet School has made a lasting impact that transcends generations.

As we celebrate this significant milestone in 2024, we want to express our deepest appreciation for the profound difference you have made in the lives of countless students and in our community as a whole.

Your belief in our vision and your continuous support have been the driving force behind our success. We look forward to continuing this extraordinary journey of impact and empowerment with you by our side. Together, we will forge ahead, breaking the cycle of poverty, and providing hope and quality education to the children of rural western Kenya.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rev. Evalyn Wakhusama
Founder and Director
Nambale Magnet School



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023

The Nambale Magnet School has become the center of academic excellence not only in Nambale Sub-County and Busia County but also in the entire Western Kenya region. The consistent and outstanding performance in the national examination has placed NMS at a pedestal where other schools have reached out for benchmarking.

As a school we have been able to set national standards in curriculum implementation this is evident through Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) results since the school began.

Results over the years since the school's first KCPE Exams in 2016

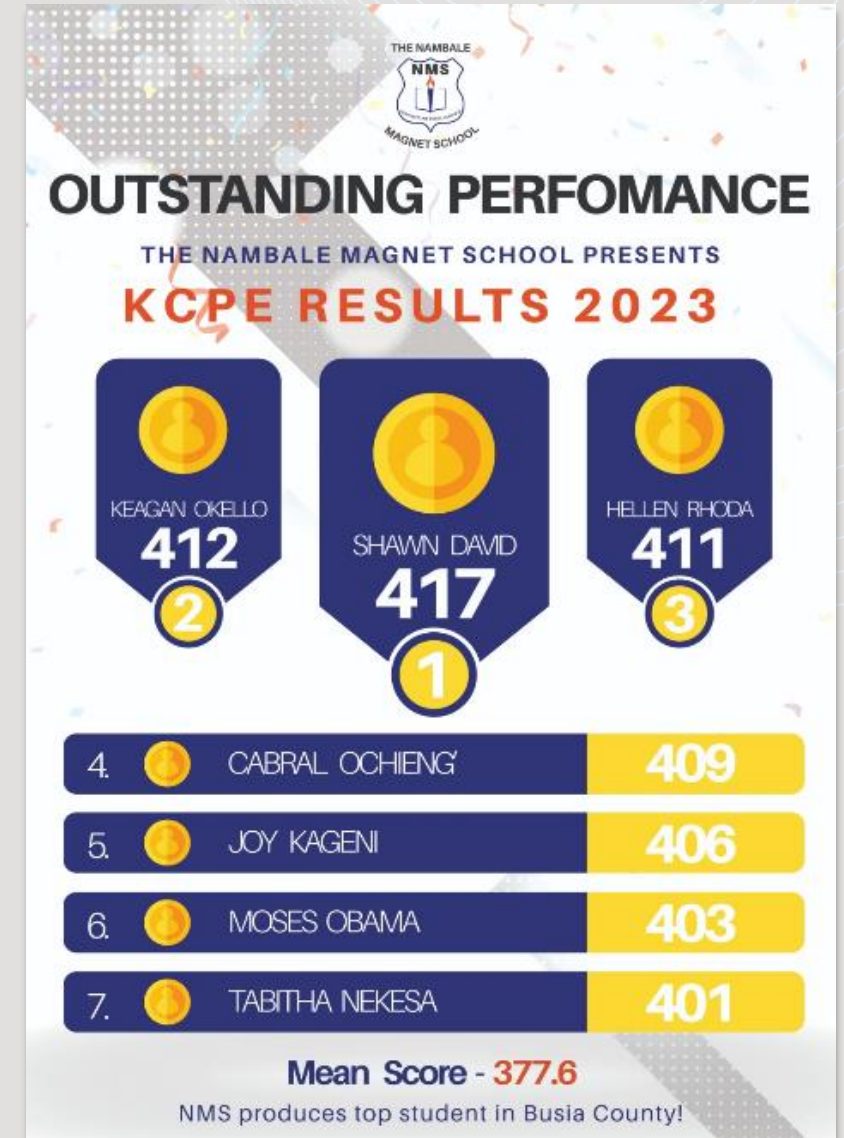
Year	Mean Score out of a possible 500	Number of Students
2016	361.9	27
2017	375.0	26
2018	379.0	23
2019	367.7	43
2020	373.2	40
2021	383.8	48
2022	378.8	40
2023	377.6	40



NMS's SUCCESS IN NATIONAL EXAMS

The Nambale Magnet School has once again achieved a remarkable milestone! In the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) results, more than 7 of our brilliant candidates scored over 400 marks out of 500, setting a new record and showcasing the incredible dedication of our students and teachers. The KCPE 2023 examinations mark the official end of the 8-4-4 system of primary education after 39 years. Nambale Magnet School has set a strong benchmark as we transition into the new Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) introduced by the Kenyan Government. The CBC places emphasis on practical and hands-on learning.

We take immense pride in our last batch of students, who have not only excelled in the traditional academic system but also paved the way for success in the evolving educational landscape of Kenya.



OUR PARTNERS IN PROGRESS AT NMS

In 2023, Nambale Magnet School (NMS) hosted two exceptional groups: dedicated champions from the NPC team and compassionate volunteers from St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Christ Church Los Altos & Ventana School. Their visits sparked collaboration prospects, filling us with inspiration and laughter. NPC has consistently been a solid support, unwavering in their commitment to our mission of providing quality education and nurturing environments.

During their visit, they engaged with our passionate educators, fostering lively discussions and sharing invaluable insights to enhance our teaching methods. St. Mary's Episcopal Church and Christ Church Los Altos & Ventana School partners embraced our mission, enriching our school community. Their dedication is crucial as we rely on volunteers to create a nurturing learning environment. With these exceptional partners, we move forward, united in our mission to break the cycle of poverty and provide hope and quality education in rural western Kenya.



ALUMNI IMPACT:

Oscar and Eugene's Return to Nambale Magnet School

We were deeply honored to welcome back two distinguished alumni, Oscar and Eugene, who were part of NMS's pioneering class of 2016. Their return to the Nambale Magnet School filled us with pride and gratitude as they generously dedicated their time to support our teaching staff in the fields of mathematics and English literature.

At NMS, we firmly believe in the transformative power of volunteers who bring their unique skills and knowledge to broaden our students' horizons. Through their involvement, our students gain valuable exposure to diverse experiences and perspectives, enriching their educational journey. Oscar and Eugene's dedication serves as a testament to the enduring impact of our school's mission and the sense of community that defines NMS.





FOUNDER'S WEEK HIGHLIGHTS: Fostering Unity and Making a Difference

During Founder's Week, we celebrated and fostered a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition within the NMS community through an inter-staff and inter-class sports activity. Sports had the power to bring people together, promote teamwork, and create a sense of unity within our community.

Learners and staff also came together for a tree planting session. The NMS fraternity visited Precious Virginia Home for persons with severe Cerebral Palsy, which is home to 35 individuals. During the visit, the NMS fraternity had the opportunity to clean, cook, and donate various items to the children. We had a wonderful time spending time with the children and caregivers of the school.



TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURE: NMS's Thriving Farming Ventures and County Recognition

The school has forged a path of remarkable success through its pioneering agricultural initiatives, which encompass a diverse range of endeavors including a thriving dairy unit, robust pig farming, poultry production, sustainable fish farming, and bountiful vegetable cultivation.

These agricultural undertakings have not only effectively met the school's self-sufficiency needs but have also garnered recognition and accolades beyond our campus borders. Indeed, the Nambale Magnet School's agricultural initiatives have earned the distinguished honor of being designated as a recognized learning center by the esteemed County Government of Busia. This recognition underscores our school's commitment to not only ensuring self-sustainability but also serving as a beacon of knowledge and expertise in modern, sustainable farming practices within the region.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Transforming Healthcare in Rural Nambale: The Telehealth Revolution

In the heart of rural Nambale, a new chapter is being written in healthcare. Thanks to the Los Altos Rotary Club, California, for the Rotary Global to the Nambale Magnet School in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Busia, the future of healthcare is arriving in our community through a groundbreaking telehealth project. Picture this: Nambale community has minimized exhausting journeys for specialized care. With telehealth, healthcare access is right at their fingertips. This transformative project connects healthcare systems, organizations, and providers, bridging geographical gaps, and enriching the healthcare experience. The Telehealth project is not just a convenience; it's a lifeline. It brings monitoring and interventions to the forefront, ensuring timely care. It fosters seamless communication within our healthcare system in Nambale constituency. We are grateful to Rotary Global, and the Rotary Clubs of Los Altos, and Busia for this new exciting partnership.



STRATEGIC FOCUS FOR 2024

Provide equal opportunity for students to access quality and holistic education.

Objectives

- a) To offer quality and accessible education to learners
- b) To offer opportunity for skills development for learners through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities
- c) To instill life skills/ soft skills among learners to cope with life's challenges

GOAL 1

Improve livelihoods and reduce climate change-related vulnerability

Objectives

- a) Contribute towards climate change mitigation
- b) Promote modern farming methods and technologies
- c) To provide artisan skills training for vulnerable women and youth

GOAL 2

Established and improved mutual partnerships with strategic stakeholders.

Objectives

- a) To strengthen partnerships engagement in NMS
- b) To expand the partnership base for NMS
- c) To create a sustainability fund to support sponsored learners

GOAL 3

Strengthened and sustainable NMS governance, coordination and institutional capacity

Key Result Areas

- a) Strengthen governance and management structures.
- b) Enhance the human resource capacity.
- c) Enhance and strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems.
- d) Enhance organizational branding.
- e) Enhance internal and external communications.

GOAL 4

Enhanced institutional capacity with relevant infrastructure for more efficient and effective learning.

Key Result Areas

- a) Expand the School Infrastructure.
- b) Acquire Land for physical expansion.
- c) Acquire relevant equipment for extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

GOAL 5

OUR PARTNERS

		 <p>Nambale Scholars Foundation</p>		 <p>NOROTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p>
 <p>AFK AMERICAN FRIENDS OF KENYA, INC.</p>	 <p>First Miami PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p>	<p>God is still speaking, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</p> 	<p>Rotary</p> 	 <p>KAPPA DELTA PI INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION</p>
 <p>LIGHT ACADEMY</p>	 <p>UKULIMA Sacco <i>United in Creating Wealth</i></p>	 <p>SIEMON™</p>	 <p>The Anglican Relief and Development Fund</p>	 <p>GOULD FAMILY FOUNDATION</p>
 <p>NEW CANAAN Saxe MIDDLE SCHOOL — MIDDLE SCHOOL — EST. 1934 CONNECTICUT</p>		<p>As we reflect on the past year and embark on new ventures in the year ahead, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible partnership we have shared with you.</p>		

ENGAGE WITH US

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