

REPORT ABOUT THE MINQUIZ COMPETITION NATIONAL COMPETITION 2009

The MSTE sub –director under Curriculum Chief Directorate, coordinated the participation of six learners from the Eastern Cape, in a Minquiz National Competition held in Johannesburg on the 22 -25 July 2009. Minquiz™ is regarded as South Africa's premier annual National Science competition for Grade 12 learners, and has been running since 1988. The competition aims to encourage interest in careers in science, engineering and technology, especially in minerals and metallurgy, and to promote an awareness of the importance of minerals and metallurgy to South Africa.

Minquiz™ is entertaining for the learners participating, the accompanying educators and the audience, while at the same time the competition conveys the importance of Mathematics and Science as foundational subjects to a career in the minerals and metallurgy industries.

Participating learners write a preliminary multiple-choice question test individually, followed by competing as a team during a live, on-stage oral quiz, also with multiple-choice questions. Semi-finals were held in all nine provinces on the 14 May 2009 and the final held in Johannesburg on the 22 -25 July 2009. Questions are in the areas of the sciences, mathematics, minerals and metallurgy, and general knowledge in science and technology, and are in line with the National Curriculum Statement. At National, the competitors also compete about building a motor cart that can be the fastest and also travel a longest distance.

Eastern Cape came out position two, with total prize money of R13 500, 00 being beaten by a team from Limpopo Province which came out number one.

Below is the photo of the Eastern Cape team.



Figure 1: Eastern Cape team of learners who participated in the 2009 Minquiz Competition & an MSTE Coordinator

From left to right, they are: Sivenathi Nontshiza (Umtata High), Chris Bradshaw and Micheal Hatherly (Kingswood College), Viwe Ludididi (Indwe High), Maxine Malgraff (Gelvandale High) P. Mashalaba (Provincial MSTE coordinator) and Micheal Gossman (Harvest Christian School).