

Eduplex NPO

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I. Organization Overview

1 About Eduplex

Eduplex is a mainstream, parallel-medium school and serves as a model for inclusive education internationally. The current enrolment is 810 children, of whom 70 are deaf. As the school receives no government funding, 40 of these deaf learners are supported entirely by private donors.

2 Our Journey: A Timeline of Impact

Eduplex's story is one of sustained, faith-driven growth, transforming a vision into a global model.



1992

The journey began with a God-given vision: *"To make a difference in deaf education."*

2002

The late President Nelson Mandela opened the **Eduplex Pre-Primary School**, capturing its essence with the words: *"What you are doing here is changing tragedy into triumph."*

2003

The **Eduplex Primary School** was established, expanding the model of inclusion.

2011

The **Eduplex High School** opened, creating a complete academic pathway from pre-school to graduation.

2014

The **Eduplex Training Institute (ETI)** – an online blended training platform – was founded to share the vision and model of inclusion with educators and other professionals worldwide.

3 The Eduplex Model of Inclusion

A common question is, “How is it possible for deaf children to have normal spoken language?” Our success is built on a program that develops deaf children’s listening and spoken language skills. In Eduplex three to four deaf children are included in every class and learn alongside their normally hearing friends – without the use of sign language. This is achieved through a dedicated process that includes:

- **Early Identification** of hearing loss.
- **Maximum Use of Technology** (hearing aids / cochlear implants / FM technology / classroom amplification).
- **Intensive Parent Guidance & Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT)** to support parents in developing their child’s listening and spoken language skills.
- **Full Inclusive Educational Model** in a mainstream school environment, that was purposefully designed and built to include three to four deaf children in every class.

This holistic approach ensures that each deaf child at Eduplex does not just learn, but thrives academically, socially, and spiritually, becoming independent adults with privacy (not dependent on signing interpreters) and choice of career.

View some of our deaf children’s stories below by clicking on or scanning the QR codes:





Above: Children doing group work after ETI's training.

4 The Eduplex Training Institute (ETI): Taking Our Vision to the World

ETI was specifically founded in 2014 to address the huge need for the training of professionals worldwide in our approach of deaf education.

Eduplex had to be developed from scratch, with no model as a reference anywhere in the world. What was not expected was the tremendous impact the model of inclusion had on the normally hearing children. The lessons learned from the emphasis placed on listening and language skills; classroom amplification systems; use of visual aids and differentiated teaching methods, led to the establishment of ETI. By having the advantage of a working model like the Eduplex schools, ETI capitalized on the lessons learned and incorporated it into their various online courses.

To date, ETI has trained professionals from 49 countries in how to include deaf children in a normal mainstream school.

A range of accredited¹ online and on-site courses, practical workshops, and training programs are offered. Our blended learning approach contains theoretical and practical elements, including hands-on practical training at our facilities.

¹**SACE** (South African Council of Educators) - 26 accredited courses
CHE (Council for Higher Education) accredited
HPCSA (Health Professions Council of South Africa)
SETA (Sector Education and Training Authority)

II. Grant Request

1 Project Title:

The Eduplex Empowerment & Bursary Initiative: Bursaries for deaf learners.

Bursary Program: 40 deaf children will receive full academic, therapeutic, and technological support, enabling them to thrive alongside their hearing peers. Eduplex also provides **Intensive Parent Guidance & Auditory-Verbal Therapy (AVT)** to support parents in developing their child's listening and spoken language skills.

2 Additional information about the bursaries:

Value of the project for all 40 bursary children = \$339 207 per annum

Eduplex is seeking bursaries for the duration of the child's education of the school which is normally 15 years. Our bursary learners enrol from age 3 through to 18.

3 Deaf Community Challenges in South Africa:

The deaf community in South Africa faces many challenges, including lack of access to education, limited access to healthcare, communication barriers, lack of support services, and discrimination and stigma.

Lack of access to education is one of the biggest challenges faced by the deaf community in South Africa. Many deaf children do not have the opportunity to attend mainstream schools and are often placed in special schools that are not equipped, frequently lacking the resources, trained personnel, and language access required to meet their educational needs. This lack of access to education can have severe long-term impacts, including employability, independence, and active participation in society.

Communication barriers: For many deaf individuals, the absence of accessible communication creates obstacles and barriers to opportunities for employment and hinder social integration, leaving many deaf individuals isolated within their own communities.

4 Problems faced in rural schools in South Africa:

Rural schools in South Africa face a multitude of challenges which include:

- **Lack of parental involvement:** Parents often do not participate actively in their children's education.
- **Insufficient Funding:** The government provides limited funding for rural schools, leading to lack of resources and support for teachers.
- **Limited resources:** Many rural schools lack basic amenities such as functioning toilets, electricity and essentials for effective teaching and learning.
- **Overcrowded classrooms:** Due to inadequate infrastructure, many classrooms accommodate a high number of students.
- **Underqualified teachers:** A significant percentage of teachers are underqualified for the subjects
- **Poor infrastructure:** Schools often lack basic amenities, and many still use outdated facilities like pit latrines, posing health and safety risks.

5 Eduplex Model of Inclusion:

Eduplex has become a model for inclusive education internationally. Our success is built on a program that develops deaf children's listening and spoken language skills. In Eduplex three to four deaf children in every class learn alongside their normally hearing friends – without the use of sign language. Over the past 23 years we have been continually amazed at how our focus, on teaching the small number of deaf children in each class, has had a profound impact on the normally hearing children in the class too. EDUPLEX brings more than just hope, it opens paths through education to self-confidence.



Above: Primary School learners building functional robots with robotics kits.

Within this context, the **Eduplex Bursary Programme** provides inclusive, high-quality education for deaf learners from disadvantaged backgrounds. Supporting Eduplex bursary learners enables international donors to make a **direct and lasting impact** —through education, inclusion, and opportunity.

6 Purpose of Funding:

The Eduplex Empowerment & Bursary Initiative seeks to transform lives of 40 deaf learners. Full bursaries cover the following:

- Eduplex Annual Tuition fees & Extracurricular activities and educational outings
- Eduplex Annual Aftercare Fees
- Eduplex Annual Registration fees
- School uniform
- Two nutritious meals per day – *Some of our deaf bursary children leave their homes at 04:30 in the morning to attend school.*

Audiological services which include:

- Speech Therapy sessions & Parental guidance and support
- Fitting and maintaining of donated Hearing aids and cochlear implants
- Annual hearing test and hearing aid verification
- Earmolds for hearing aids
- Batteries for hearing aids
- Cochlear implant batteries
- Bi-annual cochlear implant mapping sessions



Above: High School learners, Kgaogelo Moloatoa (left) and Naida Lottering (right), practicing their public speaking speeches together.

III. Demonstrated Effectiveness

1 Track Record of Impact

Eduplex has delivered measurable, life-changing results, creating a proven model for inclusive education. For over two decades, Eduplex has expanded its reach and influence. Here is some of our impact successes:

Sustained Academic Achievement

A 100% high school pass rate for the last decade, with graduates earning an average of 2.3 distinctions.

Breaking barriers for the deaf

Our alumni are pioneers, amongst others, South Africa's first deaf medical student, and many others who are thriving as independent, contributing members of the workforce.

Family Empowerment

We have empowered over 300 families with the tools, therapy, and guidance needed to support their children's development and build strong foundations for success.

Global Influence

Our model is a global benchmark, with professionals from 49 countries trained to replicate our success.

Faith & Character Development

Integrated faith-based programs, including daily devotionals and service opportunities, ensure students develop into well-rounded leaders of strong moral character.



Scan or click the QR code to read more on Eduplex's impact.



Above: Miss South Africa (2024), with Grade R children.

IV. Collaborative Funding & Partnerships

Eduplex relies on donations/ funding and partners supporting us annually to help us to look after the bursary deaf children. The breakdown of the financial support are as follows:

Individuals:	63.2%
Foundations:	25.4%
Self-Generated:	5.9%
Businesses:	3.6%
Churches:	1.9%



Above: Jonathan Coetzee, Head Boy for 2026 who is our second deaf Head Boy, working with his Grade 11 classmates in the Science Lab.

V. Funding Gap & Opportunity

While our sustainability model is robust, our primary funding gap is ensuring affordable access for deaf children from disadvantaged backgrounds. These families cannot afford the essential technology and specialized education their children require.

Many of our bursary deaf children come from poor homes / communities (e.g. squatter camps) and are often raised by single parents or grandparents. At Eduplex, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive and without the funding they cannot have an opportunity to be part of society at large.

VI. Evaluation & Reporting

We are committed to transparency and will provide clear, measurable evidence of impact.

Reporting Commitment

We will provide annual narrative and financial reports, plus an annual donors report detailing our progress against these objectives.

VII. Testimonials



[Drs. Hans E. Müller](#)
[Letter of Referral](#)



[Werner Suter](#)
[Reference for Eduplex NPC](#)

VIII. Conclusion

Eduplex stands as a living testament to the transformative power of faith, innovation, and compassion. Born from a God-given vision, it has grown into a global model for Christian-inclusive education—systematically turning the tragedy of hearing loss into a triumph of opportunity, dignity, and hope.

Your partnership will not only change the immediate lives of these 40 children but will also catalyze a global movement of inclusive, faith-based education for generations to come. Together, we will build a legacy that brings glory to God for future generations.

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