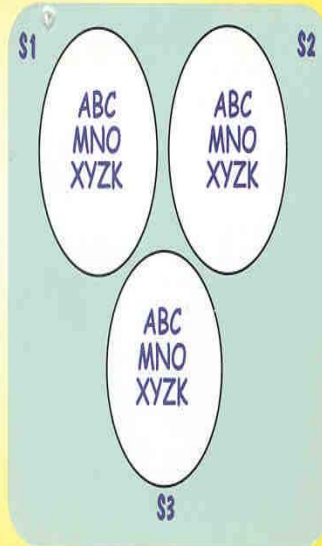


The Cluster Concept

Diagram of unclustered schools

Labs: ABCMNOXYZK

S = SCHOOL



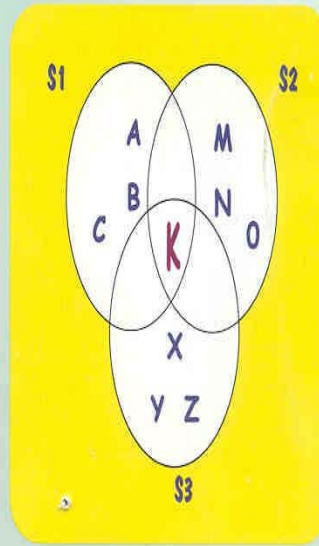
Total = 30 LABS

Diagram of clustered schools

Labs: ABCMNOXYZ(K)

S = SCHOOL

K = CONSTANT

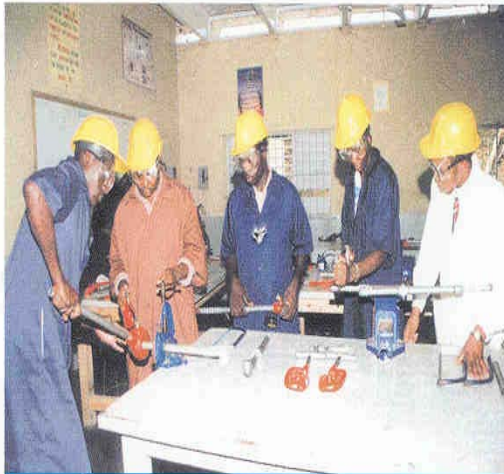


Cluster Total = 10 LABS

The 13 Programmes

- Agriculture
- Auto Mechanics
- Business Education (Secretarial)
- Clothing & Textiles
- Cosmetology
- Electrical & Electronics
- Food & Nutrition
- Home Management
- Information Technology
- Machine Shop & Welding
- Plumbing & Pipe Fitting
- Visual Arts
- Woods/Building Technology

Model and Character of Rationalization



PLUMBING & PIPEFITTING
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- Lab School ↔ Home School Concept
- Integrated Time Tables
- Shuttle System
- Optimal Mix of Programmes
- Centres of Excellence

Some Benefits



COSMETOLOGY
(TECH/VOC RATIONALIZATION PROJECT)

To Students

- Greater access to modern equipment & technology.
- Improved scope for individualized learning.
- Social interaction with other students within their school cluster.
- Better preparation for post secondary training.
- Enhanced fit for the world of work.

To Parents & Community

- Access to further education & training via evening classes.

To Teachers & Instructors

- Programme delivery with modern equipment
- Opportunities for professional development
- Increased job satisfaction.

To The School

- Acquisition of upgraded programmes.
- Greater focus on selected programme
- Modernized school environment.

To The Education System

- Greater cost effectiveness in the delivery of Tech/Voc Programmes.
- Conversion of redundant lab spaces to classrooms.

To The Wider TVET System

- Freeing up of capacity for programmes at higher levels.

To Jamaica

- A competent and motivated workforce better prepared to meet the challenges of globalization.
- Greater scope for economic development

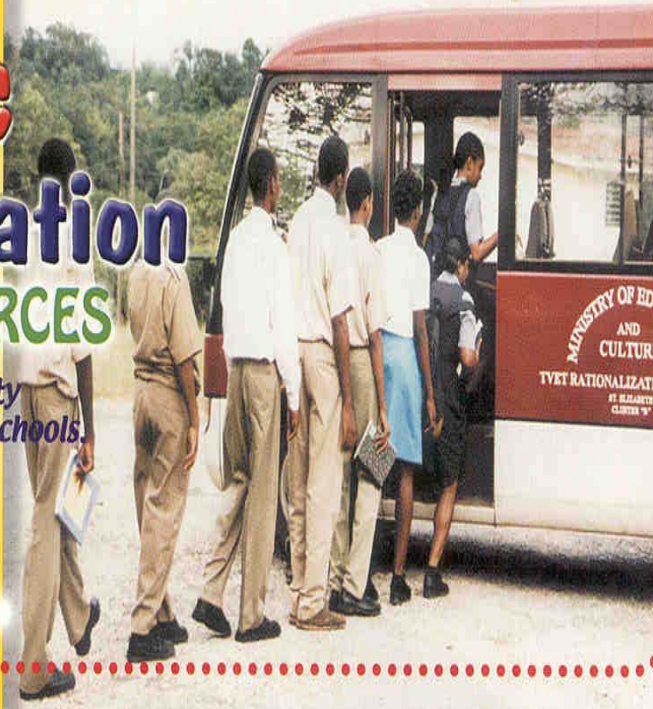
VISUAL ARTS
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AUTO MECHANICS
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Tech/Voc Rationalization

SHARING RESOURCES

Improving Access, Equity, Quality & Relevance in Jamaican High Schools.



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Why Tech/Voc RATIONALIZATION?

Based on the findings of a Technical and Vocational Education study carried out in Secondary schools in Jamaica, shortcomings were identified in terms of Access, Equity, Quality of labs and instruction, and Relevance of programmes to National Development.

The Ministry's response was to embark on a partnership with the HEART Trust/NTA to implement a pilot Tech/Voc Rationalization Project in the seventeen (17) high schools located in the parishes of Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth. Central to the success of this project is the sharing of resources, whereby students may move to another school within their geographic cluster for their preferred options, at least twice per week.

The Project is part of the reform of upper secondary education (ROSE II).



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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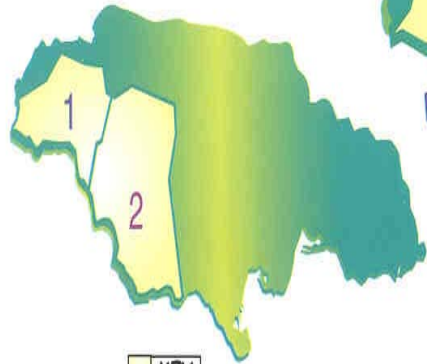
Primary Objectives

- To promote excellence by offering well developed Tech/Voc programmes to academically qualified students.
- To provide secondary school students with relevant and marketable competencies which can be utilized nationally as well as in their communities.
- To provide for better articulation with programmes offered by tertiary institutions.
- To assist in promoting the NVQJ as the national certifying exam for Technical/Vocational Training in Jamaica.

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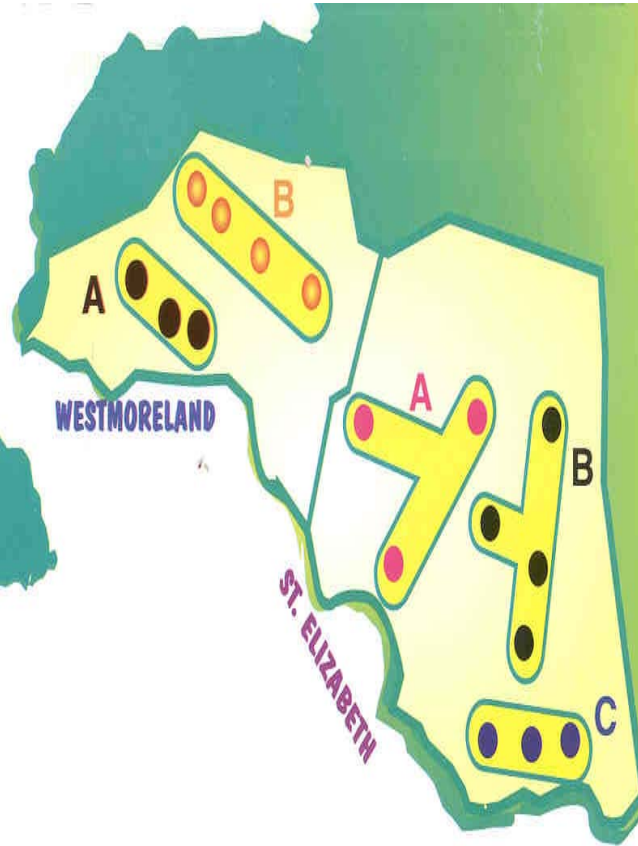
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Pilot Domain



KEY

- 1. WESTMORELAND
- 2. ST. ELIZABETH



School Clusters

Westmoreland

CLUSTER "A"

- Little London
- Godfrey Stewart
- Mannings

CLUSTER "B"

- Grange Hill
- Frome Technical
- Petersfield
- Maud McLeod

St. Elizabeth

CLUSTER "A"

- Lewisville
- Maggotty
- Black River

CLUSTER "C"

- Newell
- B.B.Coke
- Munro

CLUSTER "B"

- Lacovia
- Balaclava
- Hampton
- St.Elizabeth Technical

AGRICULTURE
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