



→ Provincial Winner

Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (GET)

Name: Memory Dhiza
School: Manzomthombo Secondary School
District: Metro North Education District

Ms Dizha is currently a Senior Phase Mathematics teacher and subject head at Manzomthombo Secondary School in Mfuleni. She is passionate about teaching which is evident in her pursuing and obtaining her master's degree in Mathematics Education (M Ed.). Amongst her attributes is that she is also the holder of a post graduate diploma in Space Science offered by NASA with a bursary obtained from the United Nations.

She supports her students in developing their ability to solve problems, reason mathematically, and connect the Mathematics they are learning to the real world around them. She draws on and deepens her student's mathematical knowledge, skills, and understanding to develop their individual skills in using rigorous mathematical arguments and proofs and using mathematical models.

Ms Dizha thrives on the effective use of Information and Communication Technology and uses it innovatively to bridge learning losses brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The community that she serves has many challenges, yet she has developed a vast network of stakeholders to enhance reflective teaching practices within the school and the community. Ms Dizha's passion for the teaching profession has led her to develop systems that do not only benefit her learners, but the learners of schools within the surrounding areas as well.

She mentors experienced and novice teachers from other schools and encourages them to integrate all subjects, especially Mathematics and Science. She formulates professional learning communities through collaborative networking of primary schools and high schools. These networks transcend provincial and national borders. As a member

of professional bodies, she serves as a contributing presenter at conferences and seminars, both nationally and internationally. She is a beacon of light to the community of Mfuleni where she not only teaches, but involved in community feeding schemes, tree planting and HIV/AIDS campaigns.

She embodies the vision of the Western Cape Education

Department of quality education for every child, in every classroom, in every school in the province.