



Start of the 17th school year at TANAT

Secondary school: a very well organised start



Good results in the June 2025 exams

TANAT's pass rates for the various exams in June 2025 are as follows:

Primary School Certificate: 84.4% (12 out of 14 boys, giving a pass rate of 86%, and 15 out of 18 girls giving a pass rate of 83%), compared to a national average of 54.6%.

BEPC (Junior High School Certificate): 57.7% (19 out of 31 boys, a pass rate of 61%, and 11 out of 21 girls, a pass rate of 52%), compared to a national average of 46%.

Baccalaureate: An overall pass rate of 76%, broken down as follows:

Series A (Literature): 83.9% (7 out of 11 boys, a 64% pass rate, and 19 out of 20 girls, a 95% pass rate).

Series D (Science): 63.2% (8 out of 13 boys, a 62% pass rate, and 4 out of 6 girls, a 67% pass rate). The national pass rate is 33%.

All the sponsored students passed their Baccalaureate and their BEPC exams.

According to the principal, these results, which are lower than in previous years, particularly for the BEPC, are due to the recruitment of external students, both in the exam classes and in the intermediate grades.

Dear godparents,

I am honoured to present the arrangements for the start of the school year at CSP Tanat, initially scheduled for October 1st and ultimately postponed to October 15th.

To ensure a smooth return to classes, a preparatory meeting was held beforehand, bringing together all the academic staff and the Teaching Units (TU). This meeting allowed us to:

- clearly define the distribution of classes and teachers,
- organise the timetables,
- identify urgently required resource materials,
- harmonise teaching guidelines for a coherent start to the year,
- review the student reception and supervision procedures.

Thanks to this collaboration, all the necessary measures were put in place to guarantee an

orderly and effective start to the school year.

The resumption of classes took place smoothly. Student numbers quickly stabilised over the first few days and classes are now continuing normally in all grades.

According to the school calendar, the first term's assessment is scheduled for early December. Teachers are already working to ensure smooth academic progress and prepare students for this deadline.

Dear godmothers and godfathers, on behalf of all the students of CSP Tanat, I would just like to express my immense gratitude. They are very fortunate to have you in their lives; your support is and remains a tremendous help.

Moussa Samaila, Secondary School Principal



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Primary school: Good teacher training before the start

TANAT Primary School officially opened its doors on October 15, 2025 in accordance with government regulations, and has an enrolment of 243 students, including 115 girls.

To ensure a smooth start for the children and with class assignments agreed during a prior meeting with staff, each teacher took the time to prepare their classroom by forming groups and decorating the space. This allowed each child to begin school effortlessly and without difficulty.

A good student needs a good teacher. Therefore, the school, with the support of the Abalak Primary Education Inspectorate with whom we have a very good working relationship, organised a week-long training session to review teaching techniques and methods that facilitate learning and, above all, to achieve better results.

During this training session we covered general issues relating to the pre-school curriculum, the revised primary school curriculum, classroom organisation, lesson planning, preparing teaching materials and lastly, assessment and remediation.

From a health perspective, there are some absences due to illnesses such as malaria as well as coughs and colds, given that we are currently in the dry/cold season.

Agaouhouande Lazare, Primary School Principal



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Sponsor a class or a pupil of TANAT school

Sponsorships are essential to offer schooling to underprivileged children (pupil sponsorship) or to balance the running costs of the school (class sponsorship). TANAT School needs you and your friends to give even more children the opportunity to take charge of their future.



What has become of TANAT's high school graduates?

Since June 2017, when the first Baccalaureate candidates from TANAT sat the exam, 178 students (96 boys and 82 girls) have obtained the coveted diploma.

TANAT school administration has tried to follow their students as best it can after they received their Baccalaureate.

90% of the 140 Baccalaureate graduates between July 2017 and July 2024 have pursued higher education.

Of the 58 girls, 30% are studying in the field of Health (including one in medicine and another in pharmacy) and 20% in Education. The others are studying in various fields such

as: Human Resources Management (7%), Communication (7%), Management (9%), and Administration (9%).

Four are primary school teachers at TANAT. We have no information on others who have found employment.

For the 75 boys, the fields of study are more varied: 13% are pursuing a Law degree, 10% Accounting, 10% Administration, 10% Human Resources Management, 3 are studying Medicine, 3 Electromechanical Engineering, 3 Marketing, and 2 Agronomy.

Two have gone to study (Civil Engineering and Law) in Grenoble, France, where they now have jobs while waiting to return to Niger.

We only have information on two boys who have found employment in Niger (Police officer and Customs officer).

President Tiani's Visit to Abalak

During the President of the Republic's visit to Abalak, the CSP (Private School Complex) Tanat had the honour of extending a warm welcome to him. This visit was a significant moment for the school community and enhanced the institution's visibility.

Health Update

This period of school reopening coincides with our malaria season, which often affects the health of many students and teachers, as well as with the increased risk of bushfires around Abalak. CSP Tanat urges everyone to be vigilant in order to prevent these events and protect the school community.

Ghissa Hamed Alyakib, Secondary School Superintendent



Tuareg Wisdom

Among the Tuareg, proverbs are preceded by a preliminary phrase, such as "people of the word say" or "the Kel Tamasheq say", to indicate that the proverbs are attributed to people of the past, the custodians of wisdom passed down through the ages...

"Even the desert is never completely deserted."

"The desert is that 'less' which makes you think 'more.'"

"However long a winter night may be, the sun follows it."

"It is better to walk without knowing where you are going than to sit idly by."

"Turn your lament into a song of love so that you no longer know you are suffering."

"Camels do not mock each other's humps."

"Let he who has a home ensure that the passerby does not underrate him."

"Man invented the watch, but God invented time."

"He who does what his father did not do will see what his father did not see."

"He who lives long knows much, but he who has travelled much knows more."

"Living with a beautiful woman increases a man's lifespan."

"When you travel, take two bags: one for giving, the other for receiving."

"Do not forget the good done to you; do not speak of the good you have done."

At the creation of the world, God asked Man to choose between eternal life without clothes and a limited life, but with clothes. Man went for the second option.

This choice signifies that Man could not conceive of living without honour because, among the Tuareg, clothing symbolises a person's dignity. The ultimate dishonour is to be naked and, even worse, to be exposed.

This helps us to better understand the role of the turban for men, and the "taking of the veil", which corresponds to the passage to adulthood for women.



TANAT School

Given the state of the education system in the Abalak region of Niger, residents banded together in 2008, within the ONODEP association chaired by Mayor Billou Mohamed Mactar, to create and run a school that would cater for pupils from nursery school to final year graduation, in partnership with the French TANAT association.

The educational aim of Tanat School is to:

- Welcome boys and girls regardless of social, cultural or religious background.
- Give young people entrusted to them not only a solid school education but relevant training to prepare them for life as responsible men and women.
- Maintain a family atmosphere that allows young people to feel loved, recognised, supported and listened to.

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