Mwalimu Ease vs Zeraki vs CBE Analyzer: Which is Right for Your Kenyan School?

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A focused comparison of Mwalimu Ease, Zeraki, and CBE Analyzer — three tools Kenyan schools often consider — and the strengths that make Mwalimu Ease the complete choice.

Comparing the top tools for Kenyan schools

Kenyan schools today have three popular types of software to choose from: full school management systems, exam-analysis platforms, and CBC assessment tools. The three names that come up most often are **Mwalimu Ease**, **Zeraki**, and **CBE Analyzer**.

Each serves a different need. This post compares them fairly and explains why Mwalimu Ease is the only all-in-one option that combines the strengths of the other two while adding the everyday operations a school needs.

Mwalimu Ease — the complete school operating system

Mwalimu Ease is a locally built school management platform that covers the entire life of a student and the day-to-day work of teachers, bursars, librarians, and administrators.

Key strengths of Mwalimu Ease

- **All-in-one architecture** — admissions, attendance, marks, report cards, finance, library, timetabling, teacher and parent communication in one login.
- **Built for the Kenyan curriculum** — supports both 8-4-4 and CBC/CBE grading and report cards out of the box.
- **Automated timetabling** — generates conflict-free teacher, subject, and room timetables and lets you review before publishing.
- **Library management** — catalogue, borrow, return, and track overdue books and fines.
- **Finance & fee tracking** — fee structures, payments, balances, and statements without a separate accounting tool.
- **Branded reports & transcripts** — report cards, broadsheets, rankings, and year-end transcripts with school logo and signatures.
- **Local support & pricing** — made for Kenyan schools, with M-Pesa-friendly workflows and local customer care.

Zeraki — strong on exam analysis

Zeraki is best known for exam analysis, item mapping, and KCSE / KCPE performance dashboards. Many secondary schools use it to drill into past-paper performance and compare results across subjects and years.

Where it shines:

- Powerful exam analytics and question-level analysis.
- Strong KCSE / KCPE reporting for secondary schools.
- Graphs and dashboards that help principals understand subject performance.

Where it is not a full SMS:

- Not a daily school management tool for attendance, fee collection, or library.
- Timetabling, admissions, and parent communication are typically handled elsewhere.
- Schools still need a separate platform to run the school, not only exams.

CBE Analyzer — built for CBC assessment

CBE Analyzer is designed around Competency-Based Education assessment. It helps schools record learner outcomes, track CBC strands, sub-strands, and rubrics.

Where it shines:

- CBC-specific assessment capture and mastery tracking.
- Helps teachers align grades with CBC learning outcomes.

Where it is not a full SMS:

- Focused on CBC assessment, not the whole school operation.
- Does not cover finance, library, timetabling, or 8-4-4 report cards.
- Schools often pair it with another system for administration.

Side-by-side comparison

Feature

Mwalimu Ease

Zeraki

CBE Analyzer

Admissions & student records

Yes

Limited

Limited

Attendance

Yes

No

Limited

Assessment / marks entry

Yes

Yes

Yes (CBC)

8-4-4 report cards

Yes

Yes

No

CBC report cards

Yes

Limited

Yes

Finance & fees

Yes

No

No

Library

Yes

No

No

Timetabling

Yes

No

No

Exam analytics / KCSE analysis

Built-in rankings & trends

Very strong

Not the focus

CBC mastery tracking

Yes

Limited

Strong

Branded transcripts

Yes

No

No

When should you choose each one?

- **Choose Mwalimu Ease** if you want one platform for the full school — academics, finance, library, and administration — without buying three or four different tools.
- **Choose Zeraki** if your only pain point is advanced exam analytics and item-level KCSE analysis, and you already have another system running the school.
- **Choose CBE Analyzer** if you only need a dedicated CBC assessment tracking tool and are happy to handle administration elsewhere.

Conclusion

Zeraki and CBE Analyzer are excellent at what they do — exam analytics and CBC assessment. But Mwalimu Ease is the only platform that gives Kenyan schools the full picture: admissions, finance, library, timetabling, assessments, report cards, and transcripts in a single, affordable system built for the local curriculum.

Try Mwalimu Ease today and run your entire school in one place →

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