MwalimuEase vs Zeraki Pricing: Which Kenyan School System Saves You More?

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A transparent, side-by-side look at MwalimuEase and Zeraki pricing for Kenyan schools. See why one-time student licensing and waived Year 1 maintenance make MwalimuEase the cost-effective choice.

The Real Cost of School Management Software in Kenya

Choosing the right school management system is not just about features—it is about total cost of ownership. Two names often come up in Kenya: **MwalimuEase** and **Zeraki**. Both platforms help schools manage records, grades, fees, and communication. But their pricing models are very different.

In this post, we compare them honestly, using publicly available information. Our goal is simple: help you make a financially smart decision for your school.

MwalimuEase Pricing: Published, Predictable, and One-Time

MwalimuEase publishes its pricing openly on its website. For every new student you admit, you pay **Ksh 110 once**. Returning students are readmitted free. Your first year of server and database maintenance is **Ksh 0** (waived). From Year 2, you pay a flat **Ksh 5,000/year** maintenance fee, regardless of school size.

For a school admitting 50 new students, the first-year software cost is just **Ksh 5,500**. No recurring term fees per child. No setup costs.

MwalimuEase provides a clear, public pricing page so schools can budget before booking a demo.

Zeraki Pricing: Quote-Based and Demo-Driven

Zeraki is one of Kenya's best-known edtech companies, with a strong presence across thousands of schools and multiple African countries. Its products—Zeraki Analytics, Zeraki Finance, and Zeraki Learning—cover grading, fee management, and digital learning resources.

However, **Zeraki does not publish its pricing publicly**. Schools must book a demo or contact sales to get a quote. This usually signals a subscription or per-student recurring model, which can be harder to budget for year after year.

Side-by-Side Pricing Comparison

Factor

MwalimuEase

Zeraki

Pricing published online

Yes

No — demo required

Cost per new student

Ksh 110 one-time

Quote-based

Returning student cost

Free

Typically recurring fees

Year 1 maintenance

Ksh 0 (waived)

Paid from start

Year 2+ maintenance

Ksh 5,000/year flat

Quote-based

Setup/onboarding

Free

Often chargeable

Free trial

40 days full access

Demo-led

Target scale

Any Kenyan school

Large institutional deployments

Where Zeraki Still Wins

Objectively, Zeraki has strengths:

- **Scale:** 5,000+ schools and 2.5M+ students across 10 countries.
- **Multi-product:** Zeraki Learning adds digital content for students.
- **Brand recognition:** Well-known, especially in high schools.

Where MwalimuEase Wins on Cost

If your priority is **transparent, low, predictable costs**, MwalimuEase is the stronger choice:

- **No recurring term fees per student.** You pay once when a student joins.
- **Year 1 is free of maintenance costs.** You can prove ROI before spending on infrastructure.
- **Flat Ksh 5,000/year from Year 2.** This covers your whole school, whether you have 100 or 1,000 students.
- **Free setup, training, and data migration.**

MwalimuEase combines transparent pricing with full CBE & 8-4-4 grading, fee tracking, and cloud backups.

Final Verdict

Choose Zeraki if you need a large-scale, multi-product ecosystem with dedicated enterprise support and are comfortable negotiating a quote.

Choose MwalimuEase if you want a complete Kenyan school management system with a published, low, one-time cost, free first-year maintenance, and predictable Year 2 fees.

For most school heads, the ability to budget confidently is the deciding factor. MwalimuEase gives you that.

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