

Bosmansdam High School Language Policy

Adopted by the Governing Body
In terms of Section 6 (2) of the South African Schools Act No. 84 of 1996.
[and any amendments to it while taking into account any national and provincial policy guidelines]

1. Introduction

The language policy has been drafted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996; the South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996 ('SASA'); the National Education Policy Act, Act 27 of 1996; applicable provincial legislation on school education; judgments of the South African courts; the International Convention on the Rights of the Child; the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children; the Norms and Standards for Language Policy in Public Schools, 1997 (GN 1701 dated 19 December 1997) and the guidelines of the Pan South African Language Board.

2. Factors considered

In drafting this policy, the following factors have been considered:

- 2.1 The interests of the learners
- 2.2 The interests of the school community
- 2.3 The interests of the community in which the school is located
- 2.4 The capacity of the school
- 2.5 The resources and staff available to the school
- 2.6 International best practice with regard to class sizes and language in education, with specific reference to the importance of mother tongue education

3. Language(s) of Learning of Teaching (LoLT)

All teaching and taking of tests and examinations shall occur in the school's medium/media of instruction.

In 2022 the medium of instruction will be English in Grade 8 to 10

In 2023 the medium of instruction will be English in Grade 8 to 11

In 2024 the medium of instruction will be English in Grade 8 to 12

The school will remain a parallel-medium institution until Afrikaans Home Language is phased out in 2024. Upon applying for admission to the school, learners will be required to take English Home Language and Afrikaans First Additional Language.


4. Language(s) of Instruction and Communication

- 4.1 Correspondence with Parents / Public The languages in which the school is managed and administered are Afrikaans and English. The school's correspondence will not be done according to a preferred language. The situation, receiver, and author of any document determine the language used in correspondence and writing, be in either English or Afrikaans. Suppose there are parents whose Home Language is not the same as the language of communication. In that case, care will be taken to ensure that the level of language in school communication will not be such that it creates barriers for any parents.
- 4.2 Staff Meetings / Briefs The languages in which the school is managed and administered are Afrikaans and English.
- 4.3 Learner Assemblies The school remains a parallel-medium school until 2024. The language of instruction during formal assemblies is English and Afrikaans.
- 4.4 Learners Reports The language of instruction for learner reports is English.

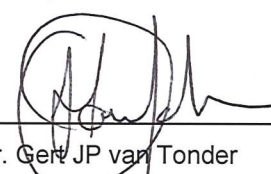
5. Promotion of Multilingualism

Every educator at the school takes reasonable steps to inform learners of the importance of multilingualism and to promote respect for other languages besides the home language and/or medium of instruction.

Signed at BETHASIG on 26/07/2022 2022



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TITLE OF POLICY	School Language Policy
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DATE APPROVED BY SGB	25 July 2022
EFFECTIVE DATE	01 August 2022
EXPIRY DATE	This School Language Policy remains in force until amended or replaced and approved by the SGB.
REVIEW DATE	Three years or sooner from the date of adoption. Each SGB should review this policy at least once during its term of office.
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