

EXCELSIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



LANGUAGE POLICY

(REVISED BY SGB IN 2024)

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1. Introduction

This document is the language policy of EXCELSIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL, as approved by the school governing body. This language policy has been drafted in accordance with:

- a. the provisions of the Constitution of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996;
- b. the South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996 ('SASA');
- c. the National Education Policy Act, Act 27 of 1996;
- d. applicable provincial legislation on school education;
- e. judgements of the South African courts;
- f. the International Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- g. the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children;
- h. the Norms and Standards for Language Policy in Public Schools, 1997 (GN 1701 dated 19 December 1997); and
- i. the guidelines of the Pan South African Language Board.

2. Factors considered

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

- a. The interests of the learners.
- b. The interests of the school community.
- c. The interests of the community in which the school is located.
- d. The capacity of the school.
- e. The resources and staff available to the school.
- f. International best practice with regard to class sizes and language in education, with specific reference to the importance of mother tongue education.

3. Policy on medium of instruction/Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT)

The school is a single-medium institution. The medium of instruction/LoLT is **English** from Grade R to Grade 7.

4. Languages offered as subjects

As required by the National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R - 12, the school offers the following languages as fully-fledged subjects:

- a. English as Home Language
- b. Afrikaans as First Additional Language
- c. IsiXhosa as a non-assessment introductory language currently in the Foundation Phase

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5. Teaching, Learning and Assessment

All teaching, learning and assessment shall occur in English, with the exception of the subjects, Afrikaans and IsiXhosa. In these subjects, teaching, learning and assessment shall occur in that particular language.

6. Communication with Stakeholders

- Learner assemblies will be conducted in English.
- Verbal communication with staff members will be either English or Afrikaans.
- Written communication with staff members will be in English.
- Staff meetings will be conducted in English and Afrikaans.
- Documentation for all meetings will be in English.
- Official written communication and correspondence with parents, including learner reports, will be in English.
- All community notices will be in English.

7. Promotion of Multilingualism

Every educator at the school takes the responsibility to inform learners on the importance of multilingualism, and to promote respect for other languages. Noting SASA (Section 6), no form of discrimination may be practised in implementing this language policy

This document may be amended by the compiling parties as and when deemed necessary.

Revised and approved by the School Governing Body of Excelsior Primary School.

Signed at **BELLVILLE** on this **28th** day of **MAY 2024**.

Chairperson: Mrs L. Taylor

School Principal: Mr E. Pio

Educator: Mrs M. Rose

Educator: Mrs C. Fourie

Non-educator: Mrs M. Crous

Parent: Mrs C. Broughton

Parent: Mrs V. Gilbert

Parent: Mr R. Maphike

Parent: Mr W. Stark