

# Hoërskool Tygerberg High School

## Language policy



Approved by the SGB on: 5 February 2020

## **1. Introduction**

This document is the language policy of High School Tygerberg, as approved by the school governing body on *5 February 2020*. 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; judgements 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:

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

### **3. Teaching and examination**

All teaching and the taking of tests and examinations shall occur in the school's two languages of instruction, Afrikaans and English.

### **4. Policy on medium of instruction**

The school is a parallel- AND dual-medium institution in Afrikaans and English.

The languages of instruction in Grade 8 AND Grade 9 are Afrikaans OR English.

Learners are taught separately in their own home language, Afrikaans OR English

The languages of instruction in Grade 10 to Grade 12 are Afrikaans AND English. All the information is not repeated in both languages but is presented equally in the same class.

All teaching material will be available in Afrikaans and English. All assessments will be set in Afrikaans and English.

All the correspondence with parents and learners will be 50% Afrikaans and 50% English.

All assembly and parent meetings will be 50% Afrikaans and 50% English.

Upon applying for admission to the school, learners shall be required to choose a medium of instruction.


## 5. Promotion of multilingualism

Additionally, the school promotes multilingualism by presenting Afrikaans Home Language and Afrikaans First Additional Language as well as English Home Language and English First Additional Language as fully-fledged language subjects.

Besides English and Afrikaans as First Additional Languages the school also offers German as Second Additional Languages.

All educators at the school take reasonable steps to inform learners on the importance of multilingualism and to promote respect for other languages besides the home language and/or medium of instruction.

SIGNED AT PAROW ON THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020



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Governing body chair