



**SCHOOL POLICY
EDUPLEX**

LANGUAGE POLICY

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In terms of Chapter 6, article 6 of the South African Schools Act (Act 84 of 1996), the Management of Eduplex has approved the following policy regarding language at the school:

1. Definitions

In this document, unless otherwise determined or the context indicates otherwise, words and expressions have the same meaning as in the South African Schools Act (Act 84 of 1996) and mean:

- a. "Constitution" the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996);
- b. "headmaster" the head of the school as referred to in the South African Schools Act, as well as an educator at the school who, with the approval of the headmaster and the Management, acts on behalf of the headmaster;
- c. "regulations" the norms and standards for language policy in public and private schools and the provisions of "language in education" as promulgated by the Minister of Education in the Government Gazette;
- d. "school" Eduplex;
- e. "language policy" includes the language policy contained in this document.

2. Starting point and basis

The starting point and basis of the language policy is that full effect must be given to all the fundamental rights regarding language of learners in relation to education as generally recognized in the Bill of Rights in Chapter 2 of the Constitution.

3. Language policy subject to other legal provisions: Interpretation of language policy

- 3.1 The language policy is subject to the provisions of the South African Schools Act (Act 84 of 1996), the School Education Act and the Regulations in so far as they are binding on the school.
- 3.2 The language policy is interpreted in such a way that it is compatible with other applicable and valid legal provisions on language use in education.
- 3.3 Without limiting the generality of article 2(1), it is the starting point of the language policy that the best educational interests of the learners and parents of the school must be served and that there is no unfair or unjust treatment against any learners or parents may not be discriminated against.

4. Language use at school

- 4.1 The school is a parallel medium institution (separate Afrikaans and English classes in each grade and learning area) as intended in article 29(2) of the Constitution.
- 4.2 Subject to the provisions of the language policy, the language of instruction at the school is Afrikaans and English (as referred to in article 6 of the Constitution).
- 4.3 The language in which the school is operated and managed is Afrikaans and English on the understanding that communication with outsiders can take place in any other language as required by the circumstances and which is reasonably feasible.

5. Promotion of multi-lingualism

- 5.1 The school promotes multilingualism by offering both Afrikaans and English as full-fledged subjects.
- 5.2 School subjects are offered in Afrikaans and English, as far as possible.

5.3 The presentation of parents' evenings or other events will take place in Afrikaans and English, as far as possible.

5.4 In general, the School Management and every educator at the school take reasonable steps to inform learners about the importance of multilingualism and to promote the learning and respect for other languages.

6. High School

Learners can take both Afrikaans and English at home language level.