

EBEN DÖNGES HIGH SCHOOL

LANGUAGE POLICY

The school governing body may, in terms of action 6 of the South Africa Schools Act, determine the language policy of a school. This language policy may not violate the constitutional rights of a learner, nor may racial discrimination be practiced.

1. In determining this policy, the school governing body has taken cognizance of the rights of pupils in terms of the constitution and the relevant sections of the South African Schools Act, with particular reference to section B and the policy guidelines of the national “Language in Education” policy of 1997.
2. Section 6 of the South African Schools Act:
 - 2.1 Subject to the constitution and this act, the minister may, by notice in the Government Gazette, after a consultation with the council of Education Ministers, determine norms and standards for language policy in public schools.
 - 2.2 The governing body of a public school may determine the language policy of the school subject to the constitution this act and any applicable provincial law.
 - 2.3 No form of racial discrimination may be practiced in implementing policy, determined under this section.
 - 2.4 A recognized sign language has the status of an official language for purposes of learning at a public school.
3. The language of learning and teaching (LOLT) of this school shall be English and Afrikaans. All instruction in this school, other than specific languages instruction, will take place through the medium of English and Afrikaans.
4. A child whose mother tongue is not English and Afrikaans, and who applies for admission to the school and who designates English and Afrikaans as his choice of LOLT, will not be disadvantaged in the school’s selection and admission process on the grounds that his home language is not the LOLT of the school.
5. Subject to its capacity to do so, and the availabilities of suitable qualified educators, the school will offer the following official languages as subjects (learning area) in addition to English Home language and Afrikaans Huistaal, which is a compulsory subject (learning area) for all learners who are enrolled in the school:

- English First Additional Language
- Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal

This offering will be reviewed annually, subject to the demand if the learners already enrolled in the school. It is the policy of this school not to offer elective subjects in a grade if fewer than 20 learners elect to take the subject (learning area) in a given year.

6. Language Choice. All learners are request to take one language in addition to English Home Language of Afrikaans Huistaal.