

# NORMAN HENSILWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



## Language Policy

1	<b>CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>This policy has been drafted by the Governing Body of Norman Henshilwood High School taking into consideration the following:</p> <p><b>Legal requirements:</b> as set out in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norms and Standards regarding language policy published in terms of section 6(1) of the South African Schools Act, 1996; Section 3(4)(m) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act 27 of 1996); Sections 6 and 9 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996); applicable provincial legislation [list this] on school education; relevant judgements of the South African courts.</li> <li>• <b>Guiding factors/principles:</b> This policy is based on the current learner language distribution. However, it is acknowledged that the school must always be responsive to changes in the language mix of the community; the resources and staff available to the school; the importance of mother-tongue education along with the need to promote multilingualism; a commitment to redress, inclusivity and non-discriminatory practices regarding race and language.</li> </ul>
2	<b>LANGUAGE/S OF LEARNING AND TEACHING (LoLT/s)</b>	<p>List the LoLT/LoLTs: English Medium school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While learners will be encouraged to use the language of teaching and learning in class lessons, this will not impinge on their right to use their Home Language in class with peers who speak the same language, provided this does is not done in order to undermine educators or peers who do not speak their Home Language. Their right to use their Home Language outside of the classroom is also recognised.</li> <li>• Should there be requests from learners to enrol at the school for instruction in a LOLT not offered by the school, the matter will be considered in terms of the Norms and Standards for Language Policy and any relevant legislation.</li> </ul>
3	<b>LANGUAGES OFFERED AS SUBJECTS</b>	<p>English: Home language Afrikaans: First additional Language</p>
4	<b>LANGUAGE/S OF ASSESSMENT</b>	<p>English and Afrikaans</p>
5	<b>LANGUAGE/S OF COMMUNICATION</b>	<p>English Language of Communication</p> <p>Care will be taken to ensure that the level of language in school communications will not be such that it creates barriers for any parents.</p>
6	<b>PROTECTION OF RIGHTS</b>	<p>Any changes to this policy will be both negotiated and phased in so that the rights of any learners already enrolled will be protected.</p>

SGB Chairman: Mr Z Abbass

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\*\*Checked and / or updated:

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