

## ***Language policy***

### ***MELKBOSSTRAND HS***

#### **1. Introduction**

This document is the language policy of **Melkbosstrand HS**, as approved by the school governing body in 2019. 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 medium/media of instruction.

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

The school is a dual-medium institution.

The media of instruction are English and Afrikaans in grades 10 to 12.

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The school is a parallel-medium institution.

The media of instruction are English and Afrikaans in grades 8 and 9.

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

### **5. Promotion of multilingualism**

The school promotes multilingualism by also presenting Afrikaans, English and as fully-fledged language subjects at the school besides the medium/media of instruction.

This occurs as follows:

Languages offered as fully-fledged subjects:

Afrikaans Huistaal,

English Home Language,

Afrikaans Eerste Addisionele Taal,

English First Additional Language.

Every educator at the school takes 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 Melkbosstrand on this 07<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021



Governing body chair