

REDCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Language Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

It is primarily by interaction through language that knowledge, skills, attitudes and values of groups and individuals within an institution are developed. The importance of language in the educational process can thus scarcely be over-emphasized. This 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; judgments 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 School, 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. LANGUAGE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING IN THE SCHOOL

While Redcliffe Primary School is an institution in which the medium of instruction and language of office is English, it nevertheless enrolls learners and appoints teachers with divergent linguistic capacities.

4. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNICATION

The medium of instruction and assessment in the school is English, with the exception of IsiZulu, in which case the medium of instruction and assessment will be IsiZulu. The Language of communication with parents shall be English and IsiZulu.

5. LANGUAGES OFFERED AT THE SCHOOL

- English will be offered as a subject at Home Language level only.
- IsiZulu will be offered at First Additional Language level in all grades.

5.4 English Home Language and IsiZulu First Additional Language will be compulsory official languages in all grades.

6. OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP MULTILINGUALISM

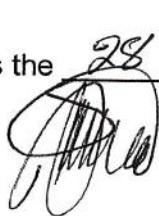
6.1 The school will, wherever practicable, arrange extra support classes for learners with poor language skills.

6.2 A number of awards at the School's Annual Awards Ceremony which recognize and reward proficiency in all languages will be offered by the school subject to availability of funds.

6.3 An award for bilingualism shall be introduced subject to the availability of funds.

6.3 From time to time special events will be planned which draw attention to the rich cultural heritage of our country and the diverse languages of its people.

Thus signed on this the 28 Day of September 2022 on behalf of the SGB by MJ Buthelezi.



"Growing KwaZulu-Natal Together"

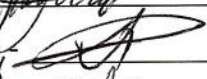
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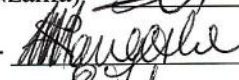
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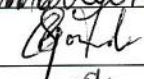
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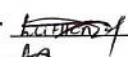
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