



# *Language Policy*

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The LOLT policy is informed by the following legal frameworks:

- a. Section 6(2) of The South African Schools Act, No 84 of 1996
- b. Language in Education Policy in terms of section 3(4)(m) of the national education policy act, 1996 (act 27 of 1996)

## **1. LANGUAGE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING**

The language of learning and teaching at Ethembeni Enrichment Centre is English except for isiXhosa HL lessons. The school is an English medium high school.

## **2. LANGUAGES OFFERED AND LESSON ALLOCATION**

The following languages are offered at the school.

Language	FET (lessons)	GET (lessons)
isiXhosa Home Language	12	11
English First Additional Language	12	11

## **3. PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF THIS POLICY**

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body.

## **4. PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF LEARNERS ALREADY ON THE ROLL SHOULD THE LANGUAGE POLICY CHANGE**

If at any stage the Governing Body alters the language policy of the school, the rights of those learners must be protected and the implementation of the new policy should be phased in to minimize the impact on learners.

## **5. LANGUAGE OF ASSESSMENT**

The Language of Assessment is English except for isiXhosa subject.

## **6. LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS**

This is English in all documents. In the case of verbal communication English is used. If a parent can only communicate in Xhosa or Afrikaans, the school has educators who could assist.

## **7. PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THE LANGUAGE OF LEARNING NEEDS OF MINORITY LANGUAGE GROUPS WITHIN THE SCHOOL**

7.1 Encouraging the use of learners' own language in the classroom in group activities/informal discussions where appropriate.

7.2 Developing a glossary of core concepts

## **8. PLANS TO ENHANCE THE STATUS OF ALL OFFICIAL SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGES AT THE SCHOOL**

8.1 Encourage through Life-skills

8.2 Encourage sign language usage

### **PLANS**

1. **PLANS FOR STAFFING:** The staff has four English First Additional language educators.

2. **PLANS FOR ALIGNING LANGUAGE CURRICULA WITH PRIMARY SCHOOLS:** No plans at this stage.

3. **PLANS FOR BUDGET OF LEARNING MATERIALS:** Currently all stationery and textbooks requirements for all languages are covered by the current LTSM annual budget.

4. **PLANS TO KEEP RECORD OF LANGUAGE REQUESTS:** This will be implemented depending on a justified request.

5. **QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR THIS POLICY:** This will be monitored by the Governing Body.