

# CHRISTIAAN DE WET



## GEKOMBINEERDE SKOOL • COMBINED SCHOOL

### **Language policy**

#### **1. Introduction**

This document is the language policy of Christiaan de Wet CS, as approved by the school governing body. 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 Free State 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:

- 2.1 The interests of the learners
- 2.2 The interests of the school community
- 2.3 The interests of the community in which the school is located
- 2.4 The capacity of the school
- 2.5 The resources and staff available to the school
- 2.6 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

4.1 The school is a double-medium institution.

4.2 The medium of instruction (LOLT) is Afrikaans and English from Grade 00 to Grade 12.

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 Sotho as fully-fledged language subjects at the school besides the medium/media of instruction.

5.1 This occurs as follows:

5.1.1 Dual-medium school:

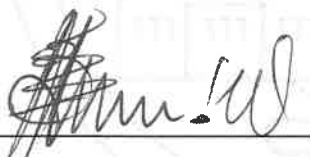
5.1.2 Afrikaans/ Sotho/ English as Home Language

5.1.3 Afrikaans/ Sotho/ English as First Additional Language

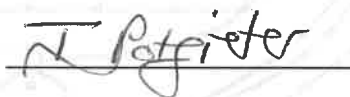
5.1.4 Afrikaans/ English as medium of instruction

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.

This Policy was accepted at a meeting of the governing body of Christiaan de Wet CS at Dewetsdorp on \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.



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