



EUNICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Language Policy

INTRODUCTION

In terms of the South African Schools' Act 84/1996 (Section 6) Eunice Primary School adopts the following language policy in line with the Constitution of the country and existing National and Provincial laws.

This policy aims at giving expression to the ethos of Eunice as a tradition filled school in line with the modern demands of non-racialism, cultural diversity, multilingualism and the facilitation of communication across the barriers of colour, language and religion.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

In keeping with the School's history and in terms of the wishes of the school community the language of instruction of Eunice Primary School from Grade R to 7 is English. Although the School attracts large numbers of girls whose home language is not English, Eunice confirms its policy, underwritten by its parents, to offer instruction in English only. It is thus regarded as an English Medium School.

Girls are encouraged to speak English at school and the school's staff are required to use English as their professional language, i.e., in their professional dealings with curricular and extra-curricular activities. School meetings, such as staff and parent meetings are always conducted in English.

LANGUAGES AS SUBJECTS

All Eunice learners are required to take English Home Language and Afrikaans First Additional Language.

SESOTHO SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Sesotho Second Additional Language is offered to learners from Grade 1 – 7 at present. Learners are taught basic vocabulary and communication skills. Sesotho is not formally assessed.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS:

- Always teach in English (repetition in any other language for new learners or immigrants is permitted).
- The School's Language of Learning and Teaching is English and must be upheld at extra mural activities, notes to parents, staff meetings, etc.
- Due to the fact that there are many Afrikaans speaking staff, we have a duty to speak English in professional situations i.e. whenever we are in earshot of parents or learners.
- All written communication to parents by educators must be proofread by the Head of the English Department.