



# Collegiate Junior School for Girls

## LANGUAGE POLICY:


1	<b>CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>This policy has been drafted by the Governing Body of COLLEGIATE JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS taking into consideration the following:</p> <p><b>Legal requirements:</b> as set out in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norms and Standards regarding language policy published in terms of section 6(1) of the South African Schools Act, 1996; Section 3(4)(m) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act 27 of 1996); Sections 6 and 9 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996); applicable provincial legislation [list this] on school education; relevant judgements of the South African courts.</li> <li>• <b>Guiding factors/principles:</b> This policy is based on the current learner language distribution. However, it is acknowledged that the school must always be responsive to changes in the language mix of the community; the resources and staff available to the school; the importance of mother-tongue education along with the need to promote multilingualism; a commitment to redress, inclusivity and non-discriminatory practices regarding race and language.</li> </ul>
2	<b>LANGUAGE/S OF LEARNING AND TEACHING (LoLT/s)</b>	<p>At Collegiate Junior School for Girls the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT) is English.</p> <p><u>Where the Home Language of some of the learners is not the same as the LoLT of the school:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For learners whose Home Language is not English, efforts will be made to assist those learners in overcoming linguistic barriers and [where applicable] to manage the transition to English as a LoLT.</li> <li>• While learners will be encouraged to use the language of teaching and learning in class lessons, this will not impinge on their right to use their Home Language in class with peers who speak the same language, provided this is not done in order to undermine educators or peers who do not speak their Home Language. Their right to use their Home Language outside of the classroom is also recognised.</li> </ul> <p>Should there be requests from learners to enrol at the school for instruction in a LoLT not offered by the school, the matter will be considered in terms of the Norms and Standards for Language Policy and any relevant legislation.</p>
3	<b>LANGUAGES OFFERED AS SUBJECTS</b>	<p>At Collegiate Junior School for Girls the Language of Learning and Teaching (LoLT) is English.</p> <p>The Home Language is English.</p> <p>The First Additional Language (FAL) is Afrikaans.</p>


4	<b>LANGUAGE/S OF ASSESSMENT</b>	The language of assessment is English, which will apply to all subjects other than assessments in the First Additional Language, which is Afrikaans.
5	<b>LANGUAGE/S OF COMMUNICATION</b>	The language of communication with parents will be English. Care will be taken to ensure that the level of language in school communications will not be such that it creates barriers for any parents.
6	<b>PROTECTION OF RIGHTS</b>	Any changes to this policy will be both negotiated and phased in so that the rights of any learners already enrolled will be protected.

This Language Policy for COLLEGIATE JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS was adopted by the Governing Body of COLLEGIATE JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS at a meeting held at the school on 22 February 2022.

SIGNED:

CHAIRPERSON  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 22/02/2022

PRINCIPAL  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 22/02/2022

SECRETARY  \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 22/02/2022

**POLICY REGISTER DETAILS**

TITLE OF POLICY	School Language Policy
DATE APPROVED BY SGB	22 February 2022
EFFECTIVE DATE	23 February 2022
EXPIRY DATE	This School Language Policy remains in force until amended or replaced and approved by the SGB.
REVIEW DATE	Three years or sooner from date of adoption. Each SGB should review this policy at least once during its term of office.
AMENDMENT HISTORY	Language Policy Amended December 2021 and circulate to the SGB to read through and make suggestions so that it can be consolidated at the first SGB meeting of 2022.