



PRETORIA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

PBHS LANGUAGE POLICY

LANGUAGE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING (LOLT)

The Language of Teaching and Learning at the School shall be English. This language shall be taken by all students at Home Language level

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES OFFERED AT PBHS

Based on the number of students who wish to take the subject, the School shall offer the following subjects:

First Additional Language: FAL (compulsory for all Grades)

Afrikaans or Sepedi

Second Additional Language: SAL (compulsory in Grades 8 & 9)

Sepedi (if not taken as a FAL), French or German

Second Additional Language: SAL (optional in Grades 10 – 12)

French or German

MINIMUM NUMBERS OF STUDENTS

Class sizes should be no bigger than 30 students per language class. If there are fewer than 15 students who choose to take a particular language, the continuation of that language will be at the discretion of the Headmaster and subject to considerations that include financial feasibility, sustainability and teacher availability.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

Any changes to this policy will be both negotiated and phased in so that the rights of students already taking the language will be protected. Any changes to the policy must be made by the School Governing Body.

LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION

The language of communication with parents/guardians shall be English.

PLANS TO DEVELOP MULTILINGUALISM AND PROTECT MINORITY LANGUAGES

The school library shall purchase books incrementally to match the language learning needs of the school.

Teachers will encourage students to develop communicative competencies in unfamiliar languages.

While the predominant language in the School shall be English, the School shall celebrate and encourage multilingualism through assemblies or presentations at school, the publishing of creative writing in the school magazine and certain extra-mural pursuits.