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Implementation of Language Policy in all public schools.

In terms of the Language in Education Policy (1997), National Curriculum Statement for GET Band (2002) and National Curriculum Statement for Further Education and Training Band (2003) read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996), the following provisions apply with regards to languages offerings in all public schools:

1. GET BAND
   1.1. All learners from Grades 1 shall offer ONE official language at Home Language level. A Second Official Language shall be offered at First Additional Language level. One of these TWO languages must be the Language of Teaching and Learning. No Foundation Phase class may offer a third language at any level.
   1.2. In Grades 4 to 9, a THIRD language may be offered at Second Additional Language level and this language can be an official language or a non-official language. This therefore makes provision for the offering of any other language. Schools are hereby reminded that offering of this Language cannot be made compulsory for the learners (whether official or non-official).

2. FET BAND
   2.1. In Grades 10 to 12, a THIRD language may be offered at either Home, First Additional or Second Additional Language level. Such a language may either be an official or non-official/foreign language.
   3. This Circular must be brought to the attention of all public schools and any deviation from it will definitely not be condoned as it will not be an official policy.

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