



CHIVIRIKANI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL POLICY

Religion

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

REVISION HISTORY:

As amended on:

Constitution of South Africa (Act No. 108 Of 1996)
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Section 7 of the South African Schools Act, No. 84 of 1996
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INTRODUCTION

The Various Religions in our Country are Recognised by the Constitution of South Africa (Act No. 108 Of 1996) as Well as Section 7 of the South African Schools Act, No. 84 of 1996.

School Governing Bodies can Determine the Nature of Religious Celebrations and Allow These, Provided That They Take Place in a Fair Manner and Providing that Attendance is Voluntary and Free For All.

The Above Regulations Protect Individuals Against Discrimination on the Basis of Religion.

PURPOSE

As this is a democratic country, religious tolerance is encouraged in our school so as not to insult or upset anybody.

VISION

That everyone in the school community should respect religions other than their own.

OBSERVABLE RELIGIONS

The school should officially observe the following rules regarding religions and denominations:

- The inclusion of all religions and denominations.
- Religious principles of any one religion should not be forced on anyone else.
- Religious leaders from all denominations should be invited to lead religious assemblies held at the school.
- Christian ideology should be practised without discrimination against other religions.
- All religions' festivals should be respected and followers of these religions should be allowed to participate in the celebrations.
- Any person can lodge a complaint at the School Governing Body if they should feel their religion is being discriminated against or disrespected.
- The opening and closing of the school year can be done in a religious way which is acceptable to all.
- Each school day, except Mondays when there is general assembly in the school hall, should be started and ended with a communal prayer by learners and educators. Each educator should say grace together with the learners before the first lunch break
- Non-teaching staff, the School Governing Body and parents may attend the religious assembly in the hall at the beginning of each school year and school week, but non-teaching staff should organise the morning assembly.
- Any recognised preacher or other volunteer may be invited to lead religious assemblies.
- All other school functions may be opened and closed with a prayer.
- Educators should read from various scriptures and say a prayer every morning during the week on a rotation basis except on Monday mornings.

TOLERANCE

The school tries to encourage tolerance and understanding amongst learners from all religious groups as follows:

- weekly assemblies with reading from Scriptures, message and singing of religious songs.
- leaders of various churches invited to participate in the assemblies.
- observation of all religions.
- no discrimination against anyone.
- educators set the example.

Staff, learners and parents, accept that it is their responsibility to create an environment conducive to the acceptance of the Gospel.

