



ALBERTON MATRIC PROJECT

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POLICY ON RELIGION

1. Introduction

Alberton Matric Project/Part Time Study Centre (AMP/PTSC, also referred to hereafter as the School) is a secular school that does not follow the practices and beliefs of any religion.

However, the following principles are entrenched in the values and ethos of AMP/PTSC:

2. Principles

- a) AMP/PTSC accepts the Constitutional right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief, and opinion and its obligation to ensure this right is respected by all members of the school community.
- b) Recognising the diversity of religions, beliefs, opinions, and cultures of the school community, the school accepts its obligation to promote the core values of a democratic society.
- c) The School has no religious ceremonies, services, rituals, or assemblies as part of its regular timetable. Therefore no time in the school day is set aside for any kind of religious practice.
- d) The School will not tolerate discrimination against any person based on his/her religion, belief, or opinion.
- e) The School will act against any person who fails to adhere to this religion policy using appropriate strategies provided in terms of school policies and codes or South African law.
- f) No learner, staff member, parent or visitor may attempt to impose a religious belief or opinion on another person.
- g) AMP/PTSC does not offer any classes in religious instruction (a programme of instruction which is aimed at providing information regarding a particular set of religious beliefs with a view to promoting the inculcation and adherence thereto) or general religion education.
- h) Where students have opted to take the NSC FET subject Religion Studies, they will do so strictly according to the CAPS document and the relevant ATPs.
- i) This policy applies to all learners, parents, and staff of the school.
- j) Visitors to the school, including education department officials, are required to respect the Constitutional right to freedom of, and from, religion, belief and opinion and the principles of this policy while on the school premises or during a school day.
- k) The Principal is responsible for instituting action against any person who acts in contravention of the policy using the appropriate disciplinary and other legal remedies.
- l) Students who belong to a particular religious belief system, where their belief system has certain requirements, such as dress and time off school for observances, must indicate to the Principal, in writing, via their parents, of the way in which the School may need to accommodate them.

- m) As there is no school uniform at AMP/PTSC, students are free to wear clothing and religious symbols of their choice.
- n) As far as possible, teachers will not teach new work on religious holidays/holy days/festivals, if the School has been warned ahead of time of such holiday/holy day/festival. Teachers will inform the learners in advance of what will be covered and provide learning materials and reasonable assistance to help them catch up any missed work.
- o) As far as possible, formal assessments will not be conducted on religious holidays/holy days/festivals and testing, and examination timetables will take note of these days.
- p) Parents of learners and members of staff may request leave of absence to observe religious holidays/holy days/festivals. To assist with planning, this school requires all staff and parents to notify the Principal in the first week of the school year of the dates when they will require leave for religious observance. In the case where dates are not definite, the approximate dates must be provided.
- q) Students are required to produce an absentee letter on the day they return to school.

This existing policy was placed onto a letterhead, as per protocol required by ISD.

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