

MERENSKY

Hoërskool

High School



Dear Parent

Thank you for your interest in applying at Merensky High School. We would like to share with you our admission policy, which is in accordance with the departmental circular 116 of 2013, as there is great pressure on the school for admissions.

According to the Tzaneen Task Team, applications for admission for 2018 will be treated as follows:

1. Learners from the feeder schools residing with their biological parents or legal guardian in the feeder area.
2. Learners from feeder schools residing outside our feeder area.
3. Learners not from feeder schools residing outside our feeder area.

Due to the fact that Ben Vorster and Merensky are the only Afrikaans medium high schools between Phalaborwa and Polokwane, our Afrikaans feeder area includes Hoedspruit, Letsitele, Tzaneen, Modjadjiskloof, Haenertsburg and Mooketsi and the surrounding areas. Our English medium feeder area is Tzaneen and Modjadjiskloof towns.

We also want to draw your attention to the following:

- Admission requirements take preference over order in which forms are submitted.
- Legal guardianship must be proven with death certificate of actual parent and/or court documents appointing a person as guardian. All these cases will be investigated by the Task Team.
- Merensky High School is a Quintile 5 school and thus a **fee paying school**. School fees are determined by the SGB.
- Merensky High School is a dual medium school and the Language of Learning and Teaching are **Afrikaans and English**. This means that both languages are used simultaneously in the same class.
- There will be no admission where fraudulent information of parents are discovered.

The closing date for application is 31 May 2017 not later than 13:00 at the reception desk. Parents must submit applications at the reception desk so that they can complete the register. No applications handed to the security guard at the gate can be considered. In accordance with the departmental circular, no late applications can be considered. All applications will be answered by 30 June 2017. Parents have to verify acceptance by the 31 August 2017.

Please attach the following:

1. **Passport photo of learner**
2. **Proof of legal residence of parents of learner**
3. **Most recent report of learner**
4. **Certified copy of birth certificate of ID of learner**
5. **Certified copy of ID of both parents**
6. **Certified copy of ID of person responsible for school fees**

Due to the limited number of places available, we urge you to also apply at other schools. Please find attached a shortened version of our admission policy on the reverse of this letter.

Plasie greetings.

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ABRIDGED ADMISSION POLICY MERENSKY HIGH SCHOOL

1. Merensky High School, hereafter referred to as (the school), will admit Afrikaans speaking pupils whose biological parents or legal guardians (proof of guardianship must be provided) reside in Tzaneen and surrounding areas (Hoedspruit, Letsitele, Modjadjiskloof, Giyani) as this is the Afrikaans feeder area. A few merit cases may be considered and exceptions made, depending on the specific education requirements of a pupil who resides outside the above mentioned feeder areas. This may be, for example, applicable where parents feel that the IT and Agriculture facilities may assist their child in a future career in either Agriculture or ICT.
2. The school will admit Gr 7 English speaking pupils whose biological parents or legal guardians (proof of guardianship must be provided) reside in our feeder area for the English medium i.e Tzaneen town and Duiwelskloof town. This includes pupils from Unicorn, Laerskool Duiwelskloof, Laerskool Tzaneen and Unity. If there is space, merit cases with special education requirements which have been communicated to the governing body, will be considered (the same as in paragraph 1 for the Afrikaans medium).
3. Proof of residential address (domicillium) will be requested from the various primary schools and the school reserves the right to investigate the authenticity of such information.
4. As the school's language policy is one of dual medium it means that the languages of learning and teaching are Afrikaans **AND** English - all pupils will be taught in both Afrikaans and English. All pupils in the English section must take Afrikaans on Additional Language level to be able to follow lessons from grade 10 – 12. Three classes will be admitted in the English section. These three classes will offer English Home Language and Sepedi Home Language or Xitsonga Home Language. This is in accordance with the education regulations of Limpopo.
5. Admissions will be administered in close co-operation with the Tzaneen Circuit Office.
6. The governing body feels very strongly that the school's capacity cannot be exceeded as this would not be in the interest of the pupils of the school. Thus, when the school is full, this will be communicated to the department which will then, most probably, facilitate admission at other schools or facilities.