

HKCCCU Logos Academy

Language Policy

A. Language Development Framework

Language development is a very important aspect of students' education and is accorded to a high priority in the Academy. It is the basis for the acquisition of knowledge, development of high order thinking, as well as the construction and fine-tuning of an individual's personal knowledge, insights and values.

Language development should not be confined to simply the development of communicative skills such as listening, speaking, reading and writing, but should be perceived as a comprehensive development of a person's linguistic and literary competence in a three-level development framework; namely,

- (1) the development of effective communication skills (language);
- (2) the in-depth study of a culture in which that language is rooted (culture); and
- (3) the artistic appreciation of the wonders and elegance of the language (literature).

B. Language Environment

The "cultural root" of a person firmly lies in its mother tongue. Given that nearly all students in Logos are of Chinese ethnic origin, students in the academy should master the written form of Chinese, the mother tongue language. Students should also master Putonghua, the national spoken language, as well as the local dialect of Cantonese, the most common means of verbal communication among Hong Kong people.

To broaden students' horizons in both language use and their knowledge of different cultures in the world, all Logos students should acquire proficiency in English as a second language. As future global citizens, students should master this international language for appropriate interactions with native speakers of the language to develop intercultural understanding and respect, for developing understanding of cultures of nations using the language, for expanding their understanding of the richness and elegance of languages as well as for comparing and contrasting the specific characteristics of at least two distinctly different languages.

As an international language, English also provides a gateway for students to expand their knowledge and to broaden their horizons to the international body of knowledge. An English-rich environment is established for students to learn the language effectively both in and outside the classroom. Teachers and students are encouraged to use English to share their thoughts in school assemblies and to pray in morning devotion sessions.

C. Guiding Principles

Learning more than one language enriches personal growth and facilitates international understanding. The guiding principle underpinning the school language policy is to enculture our students to be confident and fluent biliterate trilingual users of English, Putonghua and Cantonese so that they are well-prepared to meet vigorous challenges in higher education and future workplace environments. With all these important rationales in mind, the Logos Language Policy requires students to be actively engaged in the study of these two languages from the very first year of the Foundation Stage, developing their capabilities to use them for self-directed learning throughout the course of study at different stages, and in particular utilizing English in the study of the IBDP or HKDSE programme in the latest years of the Logos curriculum.

D. Medium of Instruction

Suitable resources and practices are established in Logos Academy in terms of language provisions. The gradual increase in the use of English and Putonghua in the primary years ensures that students can speak fluent English and Putonghua when they start their secondary education. In the secondary campus, the “English as the Medium of Instruction” (EMI) policy is implemented in order to furnish a natural language environment for students to communicate using the international language. The medium of instruction for different subjects at different levels are summarized in Appendix 1.

E. Advanced Language Provisions

The more challenging “Language and Literature” options are offered in both Chinese and English for HKDSE as well as IBDP to offer interested students the opportunity of studying the artistic appreciation of language through the study of literature. Through these provisions, the language development of students in Logos is catered for comprehensively.

Subjects and Medium of Instruction for 2020-21

Main Teaching Language		Chinese			English							
Level	FS1	FS2	DS1	DS2	DS3	DS4	DS5	MS1	MS2	MS3	MS4	
Chinese	CHI/PTH	CHI/PTH	CHI/PTH	PTH	PTH	PTH	PTH	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
English	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
Mathematics	CHI	CHI	CHI	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
Liberal Studies								CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
Art	History							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Geography							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Economics							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Chinese History						CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
	Chinese Literature							CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
	English Literature							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Social Studies	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI / ENG	CHI / ENG	ENG/CHI	ENG/CHI				
Science	Physics							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Chemistry							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Biology							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Science	CHI	CHI	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG				
	CIT/IT			CHI	CHI	CHI	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
Others	BAFS							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Psychology (IB)							ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	TOK (IB)									ENG	ENG	
	Visual Arts	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Music	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	ENG	ENG	ENG	
	Physical Education	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
	Family Life Education	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
	Media Education	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI						
	Religious Studies	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	CHI	
	Mathematics M1									ENG	ENG	
	Mathematics M2									ENG	ENG	

Notes:

CHI / ENG / ENG / CHI: Chinese (Cantonese) will be used as the medium of instruction for topics related to Chinese Culture and Chinese History as well as Social Issues; English will be used for topics related to World History, Geography, Economics and Public Affairs etc. As the level of studies moves upward, students' learning medium will gradually shift from Chinese to English.