



Rand Park High School

(GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)

24 October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

2024 AGM: ADOPTED AND ACCEPTED RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

It has been agreed by the parents of Rand Park High School at the Annual General Meeting of the School Governing Body held on 23 October 2024 that:

1. Rand Park High School will be a **fee-paying** public school.
2. The Annual School Fees for the 2025 academic year shall be:
 - R57,500 per existing learner
 - R59,000 per new learner
3. School Fees for 2025 are payable either:
 - a) **In full by 31 January 2025**, less a 10% early payment discount or;
 - b) **Strictly: ten equal monthly instalments** commencing January 2025 up to and including October 2025 by way of:
 - Signing a monthly Debit Order mandate with the School
 - Direct Deposit into the School's bank account
 - Utilising the debit/credit card facility at the School
4. Fees are levied in terms of The South African Schools Act # 84 of 1996 section 38 and 39.
5. In terms of Section 40, parents have a legal obligation to pay school fees. The school does not have to enter into a contract with parents to pay school fees.
6. A parent's school fee debt (to the extent that he has been exempted) is a statutory obligation and thus takes priority over any other voluntary debts. In order to enforce this, all monies received by the school will be allocated to the oldest outstanding school fees, first.
7. The payment of School fees is a statutory duty, which a learner's parents must pay and the parents (married, unmarried or divorced) are jointly and severally liable unless and to the extent of them being exempted.
8. Certain extended payment dispensations will be allowed, as presented and approved by the Finance Committee, subject to the clear understanding that:
 - a) Should the school allow payment dispensations, these undertakings in no way change the fact that the payment of school fees is a statutory duty and not a voluntary agreement, particularly not a credit agreement as defined in terms of the National Credit Act No. 34 of 2005.
 - b) Should parent(s) default and fail to pay any single instalment by the due date, the full 2025 School Fee amount becomes due and payable immediately.
9. The School Governing Body may, by process of law, enforce the payment of school fees by parents who are liable to pay in terms of The South African Schools Act #84 of 1996 section 40.
10. The School Governing Body will follow Section 41 (5) when initiating legal action to enforce the payment of school fees.
11. The School Governing Body will list defaulting parents with the National Credit Bureau.

12. Exemption from school fees is available to qualifying parents in terms of the South African Schools Act #84 of 1996 Section 39.
13. Parents who wish to be exempted from the payment of school fees must apply annually to the SGB.
14. The criteria and procedures to be applied for the total, partial or conditional exemption from the requirement to pay school fees, will be governed by:
 - a) The South African Schools Act # 84 of 1996
 - b) Exemption Regulations 18 October 2006
 - c) National Norms and Standards for school funding 31 August 2006 (Gazette No. 29179)
15. The income of both parents, irrespective of their marital situation or the maintenance agreement, is used in the calculation of exemption.
16. The exemption amount granted is based on the Gross Annual Income of both parents/caregivers/guardians as defined in the Schools Act, and not affordability.
17. A maintenance agreement cannot be enforced on a third party being the school.
18. Admission of Immigrants to Rand Park High School will be governed by the terms of the Immigration Act No 13 of 2002, Immigration Regulation dated 22 May 2014 Section 12(1)(h).
 - No learner will be admitted to Rand Park High School, unless they are in possession of a valid study visa for the duration of the learner's studies at Rand Park High School.
 - In terms of the condition of the study visa, these parents may not apply for an exemption nor any payment dispensations, as this contravenes the conditions of the study visa.
19. Rand Park High School will offer the following education programmes:
 - a) Grade 8 and 9 will follow the General Education and Training programme.
 - b) Grade 10, 11 and 12 will follow the Further Education and Training programme.

These programmes include the following:

- All relevant learning area information and core notes, all relevant educational speakers with relevant information to the academic core syllabi, educational trips where specified as a compulsory element of the specific learning area, transport for learners who are selected to represent Rand Park High School for the extra-curricular programme.

Excluded from the programme are the following:

- Textbooks and stationery, all tours, excursions, plays or festivals offered by the school outside of the compulsory excursions as stipulated by the curriculum, personal needs for equipment-based clubs or societies, all personal items of sports uniform and sports kit, participation or entry for Olympiads, Eisteddfods, JSE Games and the like.

20. The SGB is empowered to pay additional remuneration to state employees. This amount is included in the Budget for 2025 and is to be submitted for approval by the Department of Education in terms of Section 38a of the South African Schools Act.
21. If a deviation of 10% or more of the initial budget or a re-allocation of funds within the approved budget arises, the SGB will convene a General Meeting of parents specifically for that purpose. Parents will be notified 14 days prior to the meeting.
22. The Governing Body is authorised to invest any surplus funds in an interest-bearing Investment Account subject to the specific constraint that the interest earned by the school will not be used for purposes of any unbudgeted, irregular or unauthorised expenditure.
23. That the Financial Budget for 2025 be accepted as presented.

Yours sincerely



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PRINCIPAL