

## Crafting School Language Policies

This guide will help you consider your school's existing language policies and draft language policies that are aligned with your school values.

### Definition

**Language policy** refers to ways in which language is regulated in certain spaces. Policies can be official (formal, known, in writing) or unofficial (informal, assumed, unwritten).

Existing Language Policies
Does your school have any official language policies (e.g. No foul language in the cafeteria., only Spanish is to be spoken in upper-level Spanish classes)? If so, what are they?
Does your school have any unofficial language policies (e.g. after-school activities are conducted in English only., Non-standard varieties of English are not to be used in academic spaces)? If so, what are they?
Are these policies aligned with your school values? How or how not?

On the next page, draft three to five official language policies that are aligned with your school values. When you have agreed on final policies, put them in a public space and refer to them often.

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