
SPARK SCHOOLS ADMISSION POLICY

1. PREAMBLE

SPARK Schools is a network of private primary schools dedicated to delivering accessible, high-quality education that aligns with the CAPS Curriculum. SPARK Schools offers a unique individualised educational opportunity for scholars by focusing on each scholar's needs in the classroom and online learning. At SPARK Schools, we know that excellent education is as much about character development as academic achievement.

To that end, SPARK Schools emphasise the core values of Service, Persistence, Achievement, Responsibility, and Kindness in the classroom, in the Learning Lab, during sport, on the playground, and in the community. Every day, scholars repeat the SPARK Schools Creed, a daily promise that summarises these core values and reminds them that they are SPARK scholars at all times. SPARK teachers and tutors discuss these core values with scholars throughout the school day and work with families to implement them at home. Our core values are essential to setting our scholars on a learning path and personal success at SPARK and beyond!

2. ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

a. This admission policy, as adopted by the school from time to time, has been written per section 29 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 and the National Education Policy Act No. 27 of 1996.

b. The admission and enrolment of scholars to the school is at the discretion of the principal, who may refuse a scholar's admission to the school without giving reasons, therefore or may grant temporary or provisional enrolment to the school subject to such further terms and conditions which the principal may impose. At his/her sole discretion, the principal may cancel enrolment per the school's Parent Enrolment Agreement, the School Rules/Code of Conduct or Policies.

c. For the sake of clarity, this admission policy, together with the Parent Enrolment Agreement, regulates the scholar's enrolment and admission to the School, the relationship between the school, the scholar, yourself or the payer once the scholar is admitted and enrolled with the school.

d. You will only receive the Parent Enrolment Agreement if the scholar's online application, as completed on our website, has been accepted. The school, therefore, agrees to enrol the scholar for the duration of their school education, subject to the terms and conditions of the Parent Enrolment Agreement, and subject to your agreement hereto.

e. The scholar is only considered to be formally enrolled at the school when the Application Fee; the non-refundable fee payable by the parent/s upon online application to the school, as set out in the Schedule of Fees and relates to certain administrative costs involved in applying for a position for a student at the school, has been paid, this Agreement has been signed, and the Enrolment Fee has been paid.

f. You acknowledge that it is a privilege for the scholar to attend an independent school such as SPARK and not a right.

g. As such, you agree that you or the Payer; the person or entity who undertakes to be responsible for the payment of the scholar's fees, as the case may be, is responsible for the full payment of all fees as set out above and in the Schedule of Fees; which sets out all fees payable, annexed hereto.

h. In light of the above, you agree and acknowledge that failure to pay fees will terminate your agreement with the school and the scholar's enrolment at the school.

Matters Relating to the Immigration Act (2002)

All SPARK Schools fall within the ambit of a "learning institution", as defined in the Immigration Act. In terms thereof (S39), SPARK may not provide training or instruction to an illegal foreigner (a person whose presence in South Africa is in contravention of the Immigration Act), or a foreigner whose status does not authorise him or her to receive such training or instruction.

If the Immigration Act applies to you, please take note of the following:

Conditional admission:

- Where you are unable to provide documentation supporting the fact that your Child is permitted to study in South Africa (Supporting Documentation), we reserve the right to deny your Child's admission to the School, and/or his or her continued enrolment.
- In circumstances where Supporting Documentation is believed to be forthcoming in a reasonable period of time, we may admit your Child to the School on condition that you provide us with the Supporting Documentation within a period not exceeding 6 months.
- Supporting Documentation includes the following:
 - Valid Study Visa; or
 - Temporary Visa or Permanent Residency Visa; or
 - Proof of Application for above to the DHA

Medical aid cover:

- SPARK is obligated by the Immigration Act to ensure that your Child has medical aid cover for the duration of his or her studies at the School. Such medical aid cover must be recognised by the Medical Schemes Act (1998).
- Before SPARK may admit your child to the School; we require written confirmation from your Medical Scheme confirming that your Child has medical aid cover.
- You understand that SPARK must ensure, periodically, that your Child's medical cover is in force and effect. Failure to provide evidence of such cover may constitute grounds upon which we may terminate your child's enrolment at the School.

3. ADMISSION PROCESS

- a. The network's centralised enrolment team at SPARK Support is responsible for administering the admission of scholars into SPARK Schools.
- b. A non-refundable Application Fee & First Months School fees are charged for administration and must be paid at the time of application.
- c. The application form requires the parents to furnish the school with the following:
 - i. Complete online application form for enrolment
 - ii. An unabridged birth certificate for the candidate SPARK scholar (or an abridged birth certificate as well as a copy of the receipt for your unabridged birth certificate if you are still waiting for one)
 - iii. A vaccination/immunization certificate, with all pages and the scholar's name clearly visible, for the candidate SPARK scholar.
 - iv. A current report card for the candidate SPARK scholar.
 - v. Proof of residence for the parent/payer.
 - vi. A certified copy of the parent/payer's identity document.
 - vii. A signed copy of the parent enrolment contract including the parent/payer's initials on every page of the contract as well as scholar, parent and payee detail.

viii. Signed media release contract.

ix. Proof of payment (using Payer ID as a reference, this is provided to you during the enrolment process)

1. **2023 Primary School – Total R 3,272.00** Registration fee (R700) and the first month's fee (R2,572). Both fees must be paid for your child's space to be considered for the 2023 school year. The first month's fee will be reimbursed if there is no space for your child once we process your application.

2. **2024 Primary School – Total R 3,580.00** Registration fee (R750) and the first month's fee (R2,830). Both fees must be paid for your child's space to be considered for the 2024 school year. The first month's fee will be reimbursed if there is no space for your child once we process your application

Both fees must be paid for your child's space to be considered for the 2023 or 2024 school year.

a. First month's fee will be reimbursed if there is no space for your child once we process your application.

b. The parent/payer will be required to supply the school with full personal details of both parents and scholar/s.

c. Copies of the scholar's:

- i. 2 x ID Photos
- ii. Unabridged Birth Certificate or ID Document
- iii. Clinic Card / Immunization card.
- iv. Latest School Report (if currently attending another school).
- v. Transfer letter from previous school.
- vi. Complete Assessment Form

d. Copies of the parent/s:

- i. ID Document
- ii. 3 Months Proof of Income
- iii. 3 Months Bank Statements
- iv. A credit report reflecting your credit score. Free report can be accessed at mycreditcheck.co.za

The above documentation can either be attached to the online application form or emailed to applications@sparkschools.co.za

4. AGE NORMS

a. The scholar must be of an appropriate age for that particular grade.

SPARK will accept a scholar into a grade provided that the scholar has passed, in the reasonable opinion of the SPARK leadership team, and upon presentation of requisite documentation (report card), the previous grade at their last school.

b. SPARK Schools will enrol a scholar in a grade as follows:

Grade	Appropriate age	Age scholar may not exceed
R	4 years (scholar must turn 5 by 30 June of the school year)	5 years, turning 6 years old before 30 June
1	5 years (scholar must turn 6 by 30 June of the school year)	6 years, turning 7 years old before 30 June
2	6 years	7 years
3	7 years	8 years
4	8 years	9 years
5	9 years	10 years
6	10 years	11 years
7	11 years	12 years

c. School zoning is irrelevant for admission to the school.

5. ADMISSION OF NON-CITIZENS

Non-citizens will be admitted to the school provided that parents have a temporary or permanent residence permit and the scholar must have a study permit. A certified copy of the original permit must be submitted with the application.

6. ENROLMENT

Once a scholar is enrolled at SPARK Schools, they will:

- a. Receive blended tuition.
- b. Adhere to SPARK values.
- c. Be taught in the language of instruction, i.e. English, isiZulu and IsiXhosa.
- d. Adhere to the Code of Conduct for Learners and the Dress Code.
- e. Respect the school leaders and staff at all times.
- f. Refrain from bringing any illegal substances into the school grounds.

7. PARENTS'/PAYERS OBLIGATIONS

a. To fulfill our obligations we need your co-operation. Without detracting from any specific obligations contained in the Parent Enrolment Agreement, you are required to:

- i. Encourage the scholar in his/her studies and give appropriate support at home;
- ii. Keep the school informed of matters which affect the scholar;
- iii. Maintain a courteous and constructive relationship with school staff;
- iv. Attend meetings and otherwise keep in touch with the school where the scholar's interests require you to do so.

Placement will only become final when all of the above has been processed, signed by the enrolment department, and electronic notice is given to the applicants via email.

A full affordability check is undertaken, and the present school contacted (if appropriate) as laid down in the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa's Code of Ethical Practice. The application is screened for eligibility in terms of the criteria.

Policy approved by: Leandra Andrew (Customer Services Manager)

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