



## Goodrell Language Policy



**Goodrell Middle School MYP Vision**  
*Educating the whole child, every way, every day.*

### **Goodrell Middle School MYP Mission**

We strive to empower our community to take pride in Goodrell by showing resiliency, flexibility, and open-mindedness.  
We exist to prepare our students to be globally aware, informed, and inspired members of our community.  
We accomplish this by building relationships and providing engaging opportunities for all community members.

### **Philosophy**

We believe that language is fundamental to learning, thinking, and communicating. Language is an integral part of each curriculum and the responsibility of all teachers. Goodrell takes a holistic approach to literacy by allowing students to demonstrate their language competency across all curricula. We aspire to:

- Challenge and inspire young minds by learning more than one language
- Create a caring and committed international community that promotes cultural awareness
- Achieve excellence through higher order thinking skills with multiple perspectives
- Instill a desire to become life-long learners to interpret and respond to ideas, attitudes, and feelings
- Celebrate all students' personal growth in language and communication

### **Guiding Principles**

We realize that students come to Goodrell from different language backgrounds and differing levels of language proficiency. With this in mind, staff at Goodrell:

- Honor mother tongue (a person's first language regardless of country of birth)
- Differentiate instruction to meet all students' needs and learning styles
- Support all students' learning by providing multiple strategies to develop their language skills
- Facilitate language learning through the global contexts and use students' background knowledge to inform daily instruction in all subjects
- Believe that engaging with literacy through inquiry leads to authentic experiences
- Provide all students the opportunity to learn a second language in an inclusive environment
- Assess all students in an ongoing manner using IB Language Acquisition standards
- Believe that parents and guardians are crucial partners in the development of language

### **Instruction**

#### **English**

All students at Goodrell receive instruction in English during all three years of the MYP. The goal of English language instruction in all content areas is to achieve proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and viewing while fostering social and academic growth.

#### **Spanish**

All students at Goodrell receive instruction in Spanish during all three years of the MYP. The goal of Spanish language instruction is to support students with increasing proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and viewing.

### **Mother Tongue Support**

To support students and families with mother tongue languages other than English, staff at Goodrell:

- Promote a school environment that welcomes all cultures and perspectives
- Provide course instruction in sheltered and co-taught classrooms
- Promote opportunities for students to celebrate diverse backgrounds and heritages
- Provide resources throughout the school that promote the languages and cultures of our students
- Provide communications in English, Spanish, and other languages as needed

#### **Goodrell Pride**

What we say and how we say it | What we do and how we do it | For the betterment of our community

*Policy Creation: October 2014*

*Policy Review/Revision: March 2019*