



A place of good hope

Hope Springs Eternal

Foundation Phase to FET Phase | Primrose, Germiston

Ithembelihle LSEN is a Special School supporting learners with physical disabilities and related support needs. Academic learning, therapy and daily care help learners participate, develop their potential and grow in independence.

Registered under its current name in April 1998, the school grew from the former J.C. Merkin School in Soweto. It is a state-aided school, supported by a government subsidy, fundraising and donations.

Our vision

Every learner feels valued and inspired in our innovative education system

Our mission

We are committed to provide a specialized, supportive and fun learning environment for physically disabled learners through a team of highly spirited, qualified and creative personnel. Our mission is to facilitate holistic development and academic growth, ensuring our students gain the independence and 21st century skills necessary to thrive and become contributing members of the society

Academic learning across all phases

Foundation Phase	Grades R-3
Intermediate Phase	Grades 4-6
Senior Phase	Grades 7-9
FET Phase	Grades 10-12

Contact the school for current grade availability, subject choices and individual support arrangements.



Learning, care & opportunity

Support departments

Physiotherapy; speech therapy and audiology; occupational therapy; remedial support; the school clinic; administration; and transport. Families can ask the office about current services, boarding facilities and arrangements.

Sport, culture & skills

Activities include wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, boccia, soccer, swimming, body building, table tennis, CP soccer, choir, marimba, chess and athletics. Skills development includes coding and robotics learning opportunities. Ask about current programmes and participation.

Admissions through the District

Registration and placement go through the Gauteng Department of Education District and its District-Based Support Team. Contact the District about referral and assessment. The school office can explain its programmes and guide families to the process.

Prepare the learner profile, available school and support records, and relevant assessments as requested by the District. The blank DBE 126 Health and Disability Assessment Form is available on the website and must be completed by an appropriate health-care professional.

Donations, partners & funders

Individuals, businesses, trusts and foundations can discuss financial support, practical resources, professional services or skills development projects. Agree current needs and the donation process with the school office.

NPO registration: 041-695. Request the NPO certificate, applicable SARS tax exemption documents and confirmation of donation receipt arrangements from the office. NPO registration and tax approval are separate.

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