

# Overview of Senior Secondary Curriculum

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## Senior Secondary Curriculum

- ▶ **Framework:** broad and balanced, with diversified subjects, open and flexible in its design to cater for different students' interest, aptitudes and abilities
- ▶ **Aims:** fostering students' whole-person development and nurturing their lifelong and self-directed learning capabilities
- ▶ **Impact:** with the all-rounded learning experiences and the excellent HKDSE results, students are able to further their studies through multiple pathways or take up employment

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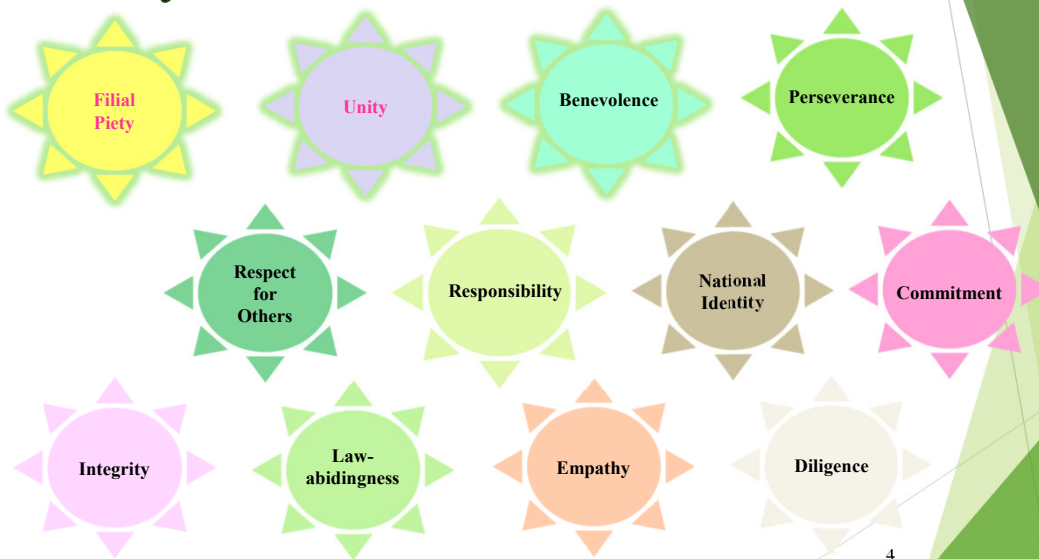
## Seven Learning Goals



Source: "Secondary Education Curriculum Guide" (2017)

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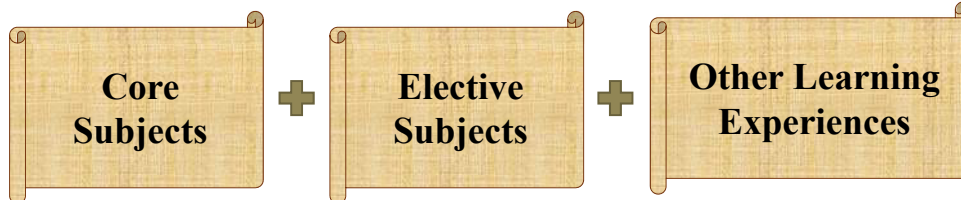
## Priority Values and Attitudes



Source: Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 183/2023 - Enriching the Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version) - Optimisation of "Priority Values and Attitudes"

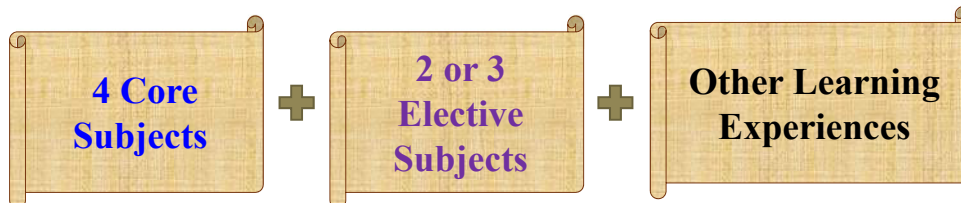
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- Chinese Language
- English Language
- Mathematics
- Citizenship and Social Development

- SS elective subjects
- Applied Learning subjects
- Other Languages subjects

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## Senior Secondary Elective Subjects

Key Learning Area	Subject
Chinese Lang Ed	Chinese Literature
English Lang Ed	Literature in English
Personal, Social and Humanities Ed	Chinese History
	Economics
	Ethics and Religious Studies
	Geography
	History
Arts Education	Music
	Visual Arts
Physical Ed	Physical Education
Science Ed	Biology
	Chemistry
	Physics

Key Learning Area	Subject
Technology Education	Business, Accounting and Financial Studies
	Design and Applied Technology
	Health Management and Social Care
	Information and Communication Technology
	Technology and Living

### Applied Learning Courses (Areas of Studies)

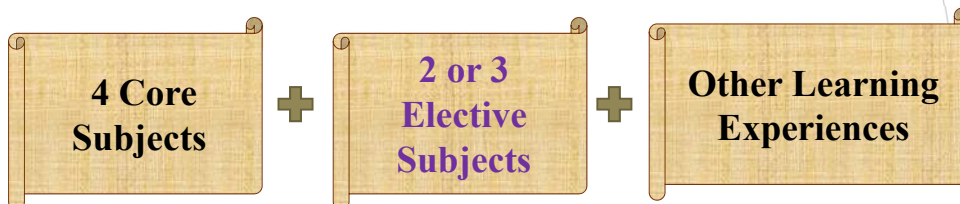
Creative Studies	Services
Media and Communication	Applied Science
Business, Management & Law	Engineering and Production
ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students)	

### Other Languages Subjects (from 2025 HKDSE)

French German Japanese Korean Spanish  
Urdu (from 2026 HKDSE)

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## Elective Subject Choices - 2 or 3 ?



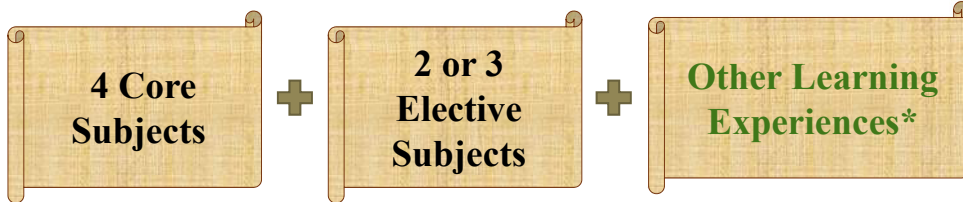
The admission requirements of the 8 UGC-funded universities on elective subjects for the 2024 entry and onwards :

- require results of at least **two** elective subjects
- count the Extended Part of Mathematics (M1/M2) as **equivalent to an elective subject**; and
- may **consider** Applied Learning courses as **equivalent to an elective subject** in individual programmes

For details, please refer to websites of post-secondary institutions.

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## Other Learning Experiences (OLE)



- Values Education
- Community Service
- Career-related Experiences
- Aesthetic Development
- Physical Development

\* Students **are not** required to count their own OLE hours or arrange their own OLE.

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## Student Learning Profile (SLP)

Let every student tell his/ her own story...



Schools assist their senior secondary students to build their SLPs which act as a summary to **demonstrate their personal qualities and whole-person development** for their application to post-secondary institutions or future employers.

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## Advice & Support to Parents



- ▶ Understand the **subject options** and **related criteria** provided by the school
- ▶ Learn about the **admission requirements** set by different post-secondary institutions
- ▶ Prepare a **backup plan**, and explore with children the possibility of different subject options
- ▶ **Listen** to children's needs
- ▶ **Respect** children's subject choices

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## EDB Website

Path: Main Page > Curriculum Development and Support  
> Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum

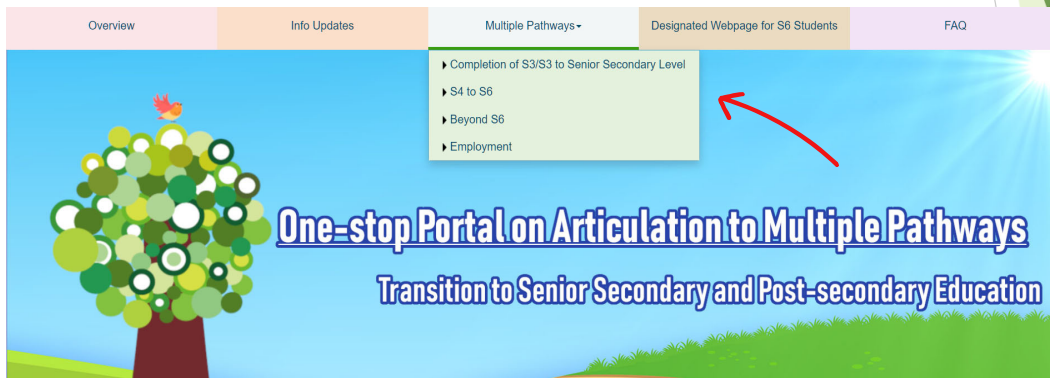


The screenshot shows the Education Bureau website interface. At the top, the logo and name of the Education Bureau are visible. Below the navigation menu, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Curriculum Development and Support > Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum. The main content area features a large image of an open book. Below the image, the heading "Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum" is displayed. Underneath this heading, a list of links is provided, with "Curriculum Guides" highlighted by a red box. Other links include "Home", "The School Curriculum Framework", "Optimising the Senior Secondary Curriculum", "School Leaders' Workshop", "Task Force on Review of School Curriculum", "Feedback Collection", "FAQ", and "Useful Links".

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## Enabling each student to

## develop his/ her potential & shine brightly



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