

Overview of Senior Secondary Curriculum



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Foster Whole-person Development & Diverse Talents

Student-centred

Broad and balanced curriculum with open and flexible design

Cater for students' diverse interests, aspirations and abilities

Advancing with times

Optimise the four core subjects
Fine-tune elective subjects

Create space & cater for learner diversity

Whole-person Development

Abundant learning experiences within & beyond the classroom

Broaden students' exposure & cultivate diverse talents



Qualification Recognition

Articulation to Multiple pathways

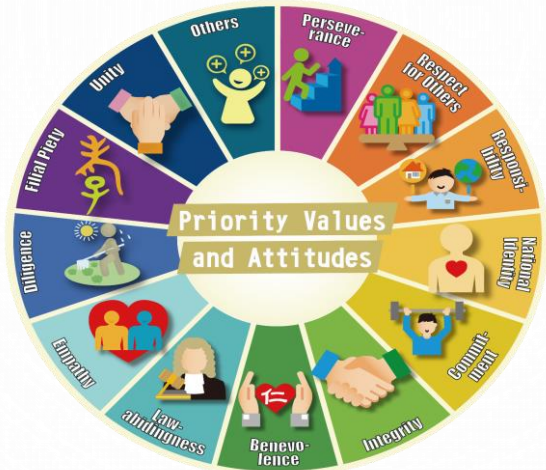
HKDSE qualifications widely recognised by local & worldwide tertiary institutions

Seven Learning Goals



Source: "Secondary Education Curriculum Guide" (2017)

Priority Values and Attitudes



Source: https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/VE_promo_material.html

Senior Secondary (SS) Curriculum

Core Subjects

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

Elective Subjects

- SS Elective Subjects (Category A)
- Applied Learning Subjects (Category B)
- Other Languages Subjects (Category C)

Other Learning Experiences

*The Mathematics curriculum also comprises an Extended Part (Module 1: Calculus and Statistics and Module 2: Algebra and Calculus)

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Senior Secondary (SS) Elective Subjects

Key Learning Area	(Cat. A) SS Elective Subject
Chinese Language Education (Ed)	Chinese Literature
English Language Ed	Literature in English
Personal, Social and Humanities Ed	Chinese History
	Economics
	Ethics and Religious Studies
	Geography
	History
Science Ed	Tourism and Hospitality Studies
	Biology
	Chemistry
Technology Ed	Physics
	Business, Accounting and Financial Studies
	Design and Applied Technology
	Health Management and Social Care
	Information and Communication Technology
	Technology and Living

Key Learning Area	(Cat. A) SS Elective Subject
Arts Ed	Music
	Visual Arts
Physical Ed	Physical Education

(Cat. B) Applied Learning Course (Areas of Studies)	
Creative Studies	Services
Media and Communication	Applied Science
Business, Management & Law	Engineering and Production
ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students)	

(Cat. C) Other Languages Subject			
French	German	Spanish	
Japanese	Korean	Urdu	

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General Admission Requirements of the 8 UGC-funded Universities

- Attained '332A' in 4 SS core subjects
(i.e. Level 3 in Chinese Language and English Language,
Level 2 in Mathematics, and
'Attained' in Citizenship and Social Development) ; and
- Attained Level 2 or Level 3 in at least 2 elective subjects*

*The results of the Extended Part of Mathematics (M1/M2) are considered equivalent to that of an elective subject by all universities above. Some universities also accept Applied Learning course as an elective subject. For details, please refer to their websites.

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Senior Secondary (SS) Curriculum

4 Core
Subjects



2 or 3
Elective
Subjects



Other
Learning
Experiences

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



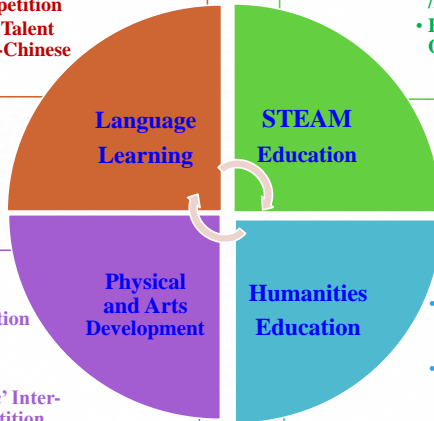
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Abundant Learning Experiences to Unleash Students' Potential



- Putonghua Public Speaking Competition
- Poetry Remake Competition
- Chinese Writing and Talent Competition for Non-Chinese Speaking Students...

- International Olympiad in Informatics/ Mathematics /Physics
- Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad...



- WorldSkills Competition
- GalaMusica · School Creative Works
- 'Fabulous China-chic' Inter-school Design Competition...

- Accounting and Business Management Case Competition
- Stories of the Hong Kong Palace Museum Treasures – Animated Picture Book Creating Competition...

e-gallery



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Advice & Support to Parents



Consult school teachers about the latest curriculum and assessment requirements of each subject, as well as subject options and allocation criteria offered by the school

Ask post-secondary institutions for programmes available and admission requirements

Explore with children the programme details and discuss the possibility of different combinations of elective subjects

Encourage/ accompany children to do more exercise for leading a healthy lifestyle



To Lead a healthy lifestyle

World Health Organisation's Recommendation on Physical Activity for Children & Adolescents aged 5-17:
An accumulation of at least an average of 60 minutes daily of Physical Activities (PA) across the week at Moderate- to Vigorous-intensity (i.e. MVPA60)



Examples:

- PA: Physical Education lesson, competitive sports, fitness training, walking, cycling, housework, active play and recreation, etc.
- Moderate-intensity PA: brisk walking, jogging, stair climbing, hiking, leisure cycling, etc.
- Vigorous-intensity PA: fast swimming, ball games, fast dancing, jumping rope, etc.

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 學校示例 School Practices 資源目錄 Catalogues 通訊程式表情圖像 Instant Messaging Stickers

資源目錄 Catalogues

幼稚園 Kindergarten

幼稚園教育
Kindergarten Education

小學 Primary

中國語文教育
普通話科
English Language Education
數學教育
Mathematics Education
小學常識科
General Studies for Primary Schools

中學 Secondary

中國語文教育
English Language Education
數學教育
Mathematics Education
公民與社會發展科/通識教育科
Citizenship and Social Development/Liberal Studies
個人、社會及人文教育
Personal, Social and Humanities Education
科學教育(中一至中三)
Science Education(S1-S3)

其他 Others

價值觀教育
Values Education
STEAM 教育
STEAM Education
全方位學習
Life-wide Learning
其他學習領域/教育層面
Other KLAs/Levels of Education
家師/教師資源
Parent/Teacher Resources

EDB Website



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One-stop Portal on Articulation to Multiple Pathways· Transition to Senior Secondary and Post-secondary Education

[https:// amp.edb.edcity.hk/en/index.php](https://amp.edb.edcity.hk/en/index.php)

The screenshot shows the website interface with a navigation menu at the top. The "Multiple Pathways" menu is expanded, showing a list of options: "Completion of S3/S3 to Senior Secondary Level", "S4 to S6", "Beyond S6", and "Employment". A red arrow points to the "S4 to S6" option. The main content area features a large graphic of a tree and the text "One-stop Portal on Articulation to Multiple Pathways Transition to Senior Secondary and Post-secondary Education".

Overview | Info Updates | **Multiple Pathways** | Designated Webpage for S6 Students | FAQ

- Completion of S3/S3 to Senior Secondary Level
- S4 to S6**
- Beyond S6
- Employment

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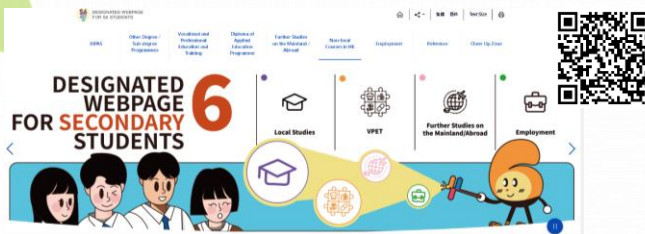
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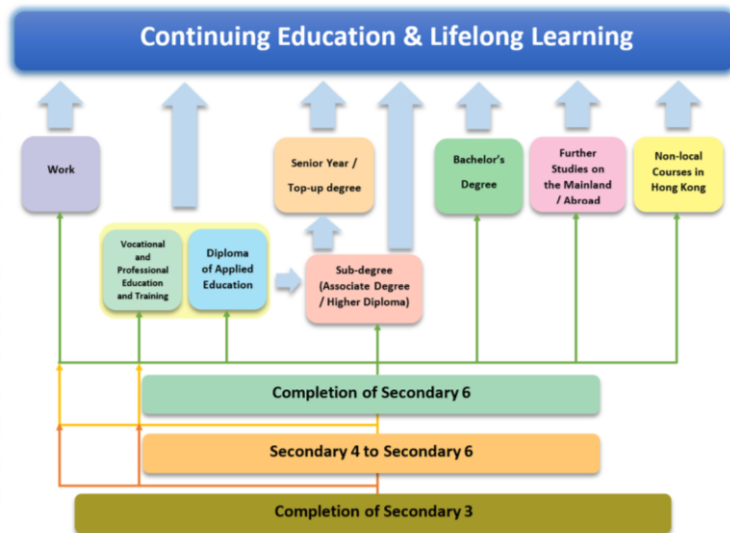
[Home](#) > Multiple Pathways (S3 to Senior Secondary Level) > Information Seminar on Subject Choices

Parents' Seminar on "Senior Secondary Curriculum and Subject Choices" 2025	
Target Audience:	Parents of Secondary 2 - 4 students
Code:	2420 (Onsite seminar) / 2421 (Online seminar)
Date:	22 February 2025 (Saturday)
Time:	2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Venue:	Lecture Theatre, 4/F, West Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre (19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong) (Not applicable to online participants)

Other EDB Resources on Further Studies/ Life Planning

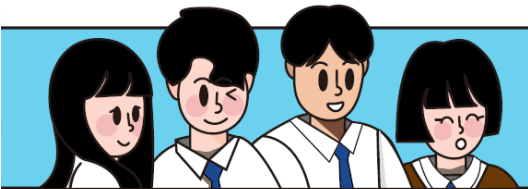


Multiple Pathways for Further Studies & Career Development



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Potential fully-developed
to shine brightly



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