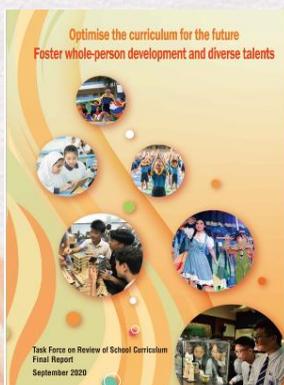


Overview of Senior Secondary Curriculum

Curriculum Development Institute
Education Bureau
2026

Foster Whole-person Development & Diverse Talents



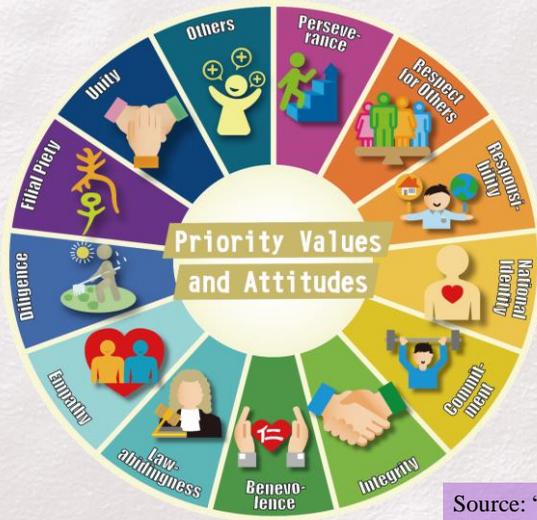
Student-centred
Broad and balanced curriculum with open and flexible design
Cater for students' diverse interests, aspirations and abilities

Advancing with the times
Optimise Senior Secondary curriculum progressively
Create space & cater for learner diversity

Whole-person Development
Abundant learning experiences within & beyond the classroom
Broaden students' exposure & cultivate diverse talents

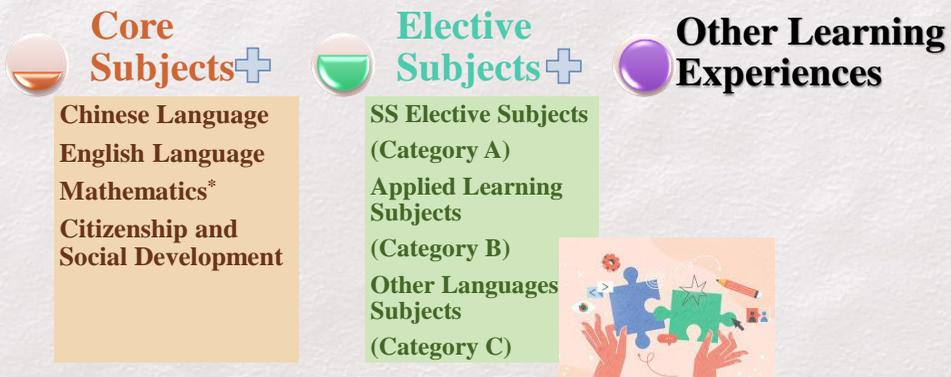
Qualification Recognition
Articulation to multiple pathways
HKDSE qualifications widely recognised by local & worldwide tertiary institutions

Priority Values and Attitudes



Source: "Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 183/2023"³

Senior Secondary (SS) Curriculum



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

Senior Secondary (SS) Elective Subjects

Cat. A

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

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Senior Secondary (SS) Elective Subjects

Cat. B

Applied Learning Course (Area of Studies)

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

Cat. C

Other Languages Subject

French German Spanish
Japanese Korean Urdu
Hindi (starting from 2028 HKDSE)

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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

Language Learning

STEAM Education

Humanities Education

Physical and Arts Development

SOW Inspiring Book Gifting Competition

2025/26 非華語學生中文才藝比賽

第42屆香港數學競賽

大灣區青少年人工智能及網絡安全挑戰賽2025

躍動校園活力人生計劃

學生視覺藝術作品展

理財教育學校獎勵計劃 (2024/25)

Advice & Support to Parents



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Consult teachers about the latest learning content and assessment requirements of each subject, as well as subject options and allocation criteria offered by the school
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Ask post-secondary institutions for programmes available and admission requirements
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Explore with children the programme details and discuss the possibility of different combinations of elective subjects
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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.



EDB Educational Multimedia (EMM)

<https://emm.edcity.hk/>



Path : Main Page > Catalogues > Secondary

資源目錄 Catalogues

幼稚園 Kindergarten	小學 Primary	中學 Secondary	其他 Others
幼稚園教育 Kindergarten Education	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)	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 家長/教師資源 Parent/Teacher Resources

科學教育(中一至中三)

EDB Website



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

The screenshot shows the Education Bureau website header with the logo and navigation menu. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Curriculum Development and Support > Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum. The main content area features the heading "Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum" with sub-links: Home, The School Curriculum Framework, Curriculum Guides (highlighted with a red box), Curriculum Related Reports, Optimising the Senior Secondary Curriculum, Professional Development Training Programmes, Task Force on Review of School Curriculum, and Useful Links.

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

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/amp/en>

The screenshot shows a website interface with a navigation bar containing: Overview, Info Updates, Multiple Pathways (selected), Designated Webpage for S6 Students, and FAQ. A dropdown menu under "Multiple Pathways" lists: Completion of S3/S3 to Senior Secondary Level, S4 to S6, Beyond S6, and Employment. A red arrow points to the "Completion of S3/S3 to Senior Secondary Level" option. The main banner features a tree graphic and the text: "One-stop Portal on Articulation to Multiple Pathways" and "Transition to Senior Secondary and Post-secondary Education".



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

<https://www.edb.gov.hk/amp/en>

Information Seminar on Subject Choices

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



Parents' Seminar on "Senior Secondary Curriculum and Subject Choices" 2026	
Target Audience:	Parents of Secondary 3 students
Code:	2516 (Onsite seminar) / 2517 (Online seminar)
Date:	7 February 2026 (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)

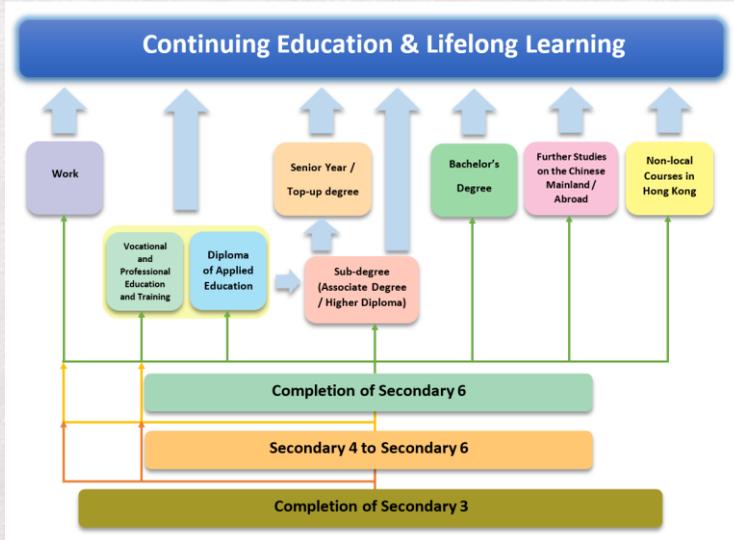
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Other EDB Resources on Further Studies/ Life Planning



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Multiple Pathways for Further Studies & Career Development



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Every Student's
potential fully-developed
to shine brightly



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