

EDB announces release of Primary Education Curriculum Guide (2024)

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (July 15) announced the release of the Primary Education Curriculum Guide (PECG) (2024) prepared by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) for schools' implementation in the 2024/25 school year with a view to further optimising the whole-school curriculum planning and promoting students' whole-person development.

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In line with the following major developments in education, the Ad Hoc Committee on Primary Education Curriculum Guide (AHC) has further enriched the relevant contents of the PECG (2024), striving to better suit the needs of schools and students, and keep abreast of the times:

• Fostering values education: echoing the optimised 12 "Priority Values and Attitudes";

• Promoting patriotic education: enriching the recommendations related to patriotic education;

• Introducing primary humanities (PH) and Primary Science (PS): updating the suggested lesson time allocation for each Key Learning Area/subject and the flexible lesson time; and providing new examples of good use of learning time to tie in with the introduction of PH and PS in the 2025/26 school year; and

• Optimising the recommendations related to school assessment and assignment policies.

An EDB spokesman said, "In order to create more space for fostering the balanced physical and psychological development of students, the PECG (2024) specifically puts forward recommendations to optimise school assessment and assignment policies, such as giving appropriate self-learning tasks instead of written assignments during long holidays; avoiding arranging tests or examinations immediately after long holidays; arranging a tutorial session in the afternoon as far as possible; collecting views of stakeholders on the school assessment policy at least once per school year; and formulating a mechanism in school to co-ordinate the time arrangement of assessments as well as the amount of homework."

Since the release of the PECG (Pilot Version) in September 2022, the EDB has been collecting views from the sector and reviewing the piloting in schools through various channels, such as questionnaire surveys and onsite workshops. Schools generally agree with the updated Seven Learning Goals and have incorporated the major renewed emphases of the PECG into their whole-school curriculum planning according to their development priorities.

The EDB is very grateful to the CDC for their professional advice during the drafting process of the curriculum guide, and also for the contribution of the AHC under the CDC in updating the PECG as well as their participation in its promotion. The AHC has conducted an ongoing review during the piloting

period, and further enriched the contents of the PEGC to tie in with the latest developments of the country, society and education, striving to better suit the needs of schools and students and keep abreast of the times.

To promote the PEGC, the EDB continues to develop diversified modes of resources, including the PEGC video series, the "Little Seedling" comics series, the school resources packages, and featured articles in "Smart Parent Net". A new promotional video will be launched in the coming school year. The EDB will also keep on organising onsite workshops for teachers to support schools' implementation of the major renewed emphases of the PEGC.

The PEGC (2024) and related resources are available on the EDB webpage (www.edb.gov.hk/pecg) for schools' reference and use.