

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 158/2024

From: Permanent Secretary for Education

To: Supervisors/Heads/Teachers of all government and aided (including special schools), caput schools and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme – for action

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Promotion of Reading Grant for the 2024/25 School Year

Summary

This circular memorandum announces the revised amounts of the Promotion of Reading Grant for all public sector schools for the 2024/25 school year. This circular memorandum should be read in conjunction with the EDBC No. 10/2018 on Promotion of Reading in Schools.

Details

2. Starting from the 2018/19 school year, the Education Bureau (EDB) has disbursed the Promotion of Reading Grant to all public sector schools to support them in strengthening the promotion of reading and encourage students to develop a good reading habit from a young age. The grant is adjusted in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index each year. The amounts of the grant for the 2024/25 school year have been adjusted upward by 1.5%. The revised amounts of the grant are as follows:

Primary Schools

No. of Approved Classes*	Amount of Grant
12 or below	\$22,059
13 to 24	\$33,088
25 or above	\$44,116

* “Intensive Remedial Teaching Programme in Primary Schools” is not taken into consideration in the calculation of number of approved classes.

Secondary Schools

No. of Approved Classes	Amount of Grant
18 or below	\$55,147
19 to 24	\$66,176
25 or above	\$77,205

Special Schools

	Amount of Grant
All special schools [^]	\$33,088

[^] A special school with both primary and secondary classes is counted as one school.

3. Please refer to Appendix 1 and 2 for the updated details on the usage of the Promotion of Reading Grant, funding disbursement and accounting arrangements, surplus retention and accountability. The EDB will continue to launch measures to provide support for reading and disseminate the latest reading-related activities and information via the EDB website via the following path:

EDB Webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Curriculum Development and Support > Cross Disciplinary Subjects/Areas > Reading to Learn / Reading across the Curriculum



Enquiry

4. For enquiries, please contact Ms NG Pui-ki of the Curriculum Resources Section of the Curriculum Development Institute of the EDB at 3698 4425.

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