

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 137/2024

From: Secretary for Education

To: Principals of Secondary Schools
(excluding ESF and International
Schools)

Ref: EDB(RTD)1/82/1411/92 (24)

Date: 18 June 2024

Test Schedule for Pre-Secondary One Hong Kong Attainment Test 2025

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform schools of the tentative test schedule for the Pre-Secondary One Hong Kong Attainment Test (Pre-S1 HKAT) 2025 (the Test). Schools are requested to indicate whether they plan to conduct the Test in 2025.

Details

Test Schedule

2. The Pre-S1 HKAT facilitates secondary schools' identification of the strengths and weaknesses of their Secondary One (S1) entrants in Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics so that appropriate learning support measures could be introduced.
3. Starting from 2006, the sampled results of Pre-S1 HKAT have been used as the scaling tool in the Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) System to scale the internal assessment results of the coming cohorts of Primary Six students proceeding to S1. The EDB will collect sampled results of the test biennially in even-numbered years, and there will be no sampling arrangement in 2025.
4. The EDB will construct a set of test papers, together with marking schemes, for the subjects of Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics to be used by secondary schools on a voluntary basis in 2025. The Test is tentatively scheduled for the first Tuesday after the release of the SSPA results and registration of S1 entrants (i.e. 15 July 2025).

5. Pre-S1 HKAT 2025 is a secure test. The arrangements of distribution and return of test materials will be similar to those in 2024. If schools decide to conduct the Test in 2025, they will be required to arrange it for the three subjects in the order of Mathematics, English Language and Chinese Language on the tentative date stated in paragraph 4 at the specified times set by the EDB. Details of the test arrangements will be announced in the 2024/25 school year.

Expression of Interest in Conducting Pre-S1 HKAT 2025

6. To facilitate the planning of the Test, schools are requested to indicate whether they plan to conduct the Test and submit the completed reply slip (see [Annex](#)) to the EDB by fax (Fax No. 2574 0340 / 2904 7387) by **9 July 2024**. Alternatively, schools may choose to submit the e-version of the completed reply slip via the Fast Information Transmission System – School Messaging Module (FITS - SMM) (E-version of the reply slip will be sent to schools on 18 June 2024 via FITS – SMM for action). This expression of interest is **NOT** schools' final decision as they will be asked to confirm their option in the 2024/25 school year.

Enquiries

7. For enquiries, please contact Mr Alf HO at 2892 6603 or Ms Bobo CHAN at 2892 6630 of the Research and Test Development Section.

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c.c. Heads of Primary Schools
Heads of Sections – for information

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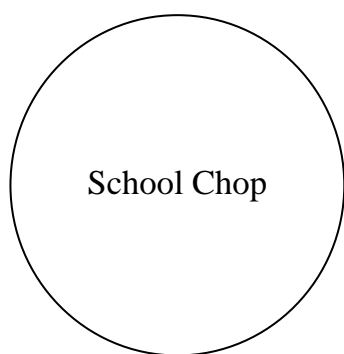
[Note: If schools choose to submit e-version of the reply slip via the Fast Information Transmission System – School Messaging Module, please do not make duplicate submissions using this paper form.]

Reply Slip
(To be returned by 9 July 2024)

Expression of Interest in Conducting
Pre-Secondary One Hong Kong Attainment Test 2025

Our school plans / does not plan* to conduct Pre-Secondary One Hong Kong Attainment Test 2025 tentatively scheduled for 15 July 2025.

We understand that expression of interest in this reply slip is **NOT** our school's final decision. We will confirm whether to conduct Pre-Secondary One Hong Kong Attainment Test 2025 with the Education Bureau in the 2024/25 school year.



Signature of Principal : _____

Name of Principal : _____

Name of School : _____

Date : _____

* Please put a “✓” in the appropriate box