

## Data Specification for Senior Secondary Subject Information

The Education Bureau (EDB) conducted the “*Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information: 2022/23 School Year*” from October to November 2022 and invited all government and aided secondary schools, caput schools, and secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme offering the local senior secondary curriculum to submit the information on the senior secondary subjects offered at Secondary 4 (S4), Secondary 5 (S5) and Secondary 6 (S6), as well as subjects taken by S4 and S5 students in the 2022/23 school year.

Data is provided by the EDB. This web service returns up-to-date data in CSV, XLSX format.

### Number and percentage of (A) schools’ offering; and (B) students’ taking of senior secondary subjects in 2022/23

| Item                                 | Description  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Senior secondary subject             | Senior secondary subject name                      |
| S4 - Schools offered (No.)           | Number of schools offering the subject at S4       |
| S4 - Schools offered (%)             | Percentage of schools offering the subject at S4   |
| S4 - Students enrolled (No.)         | Number of S4 students enrolling in the subject     |
| S4 - Students enrolled (%)           | Percentage of S4 students enrolling in the subject |
| S5 - Schools offered (No.)           | Number of schools offering the subject at S5       |
| S5 - Schools offered (%)             | Percentage of schools offering the subject at S5   |
| S5 - Students enrolled (No.)         | Number of S5 students enrolling in the subject     |
| S5 - Students enrolled (%)           | Percentage of S5 students enrolling in the subject |
| S6 - Schools offered (No.)           | Number of schools offering the subject at S6       |
| S6 - Schools offered (%)             | Percentage of schools offering the subject at S6   |
| S6 - Students registered HKDSE (No.) | Number of S6 students enrolling in the subject     |
| S6 - Students registered HKDSE (%)   | Percentage of S6 students enrolling in the subject |

#### Notes

- 1: S6 student data was not collected from schools direct in this Survey but extracted from the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination registration data provided by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (data extracted only for schools included in this Survey).
- 2: Information on other Chinese language curricula (e.g. adapted Chinese Language curriculum for non-Chinese speaking students) is not included. In the 2022/23 school year, two schools participating in the Survey did not offer the local Chinese Language curriculum (leading to the HKDSE Examination) for S4, S5 and S6 students.
- 3: Liberal Studies is replaced with Citizenship and Social Development starting from S4 in the 2021/22 school year.
- 4: Combined Science and Integrated Science are being phased out starting from S4 in the 2021/22 school year.
- 5: Information as at 3 November 2022. Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) was not included.
- 6: A student can take a maximum of two Applied Learning courses (excluding Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students)). “Subjects entered” refers to the total number of Applied Learning courses enrolled (by S4, S5 students) / HKDSE Applied Learning subjects registered (by S6 students).

### Number of elective subjects taken by senior secondary students in 2022/23

| Item   | Description   |
|--|---|
| No. of elective subject(s) taken             | Number of elective subjects taken by students                     |
| S4 - % of students                           | Percentage of S4 students taking this number of elective subjects |
| S5 - % of students                           | Percentage of S5 students taking this number of elective subjects |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data) - % of students | Percentage of S6 students taking this number of elective subjects |

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### Cross-Key Learning Area (KLA) elective subject-taking by senior secondary students in 2022/23

| Item   | Description  |
|--|--|
| No. of KLA(s)                                | Number of KLAs   |
| S4 - % of students                           | Percentage of S4 students taking cross-KLA elective subjects |
| S5 - % of students                           | Percentage of S5 students taking cross-KLA elective subjects |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data) - % of students | Percentage of S6 students taking cross-KLA elective subjects |

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### Number of elective subject combinations in 2022/23

| Item   | Description  |
|--|--|
| No. of elective subject(s) taken   | Number of elective subjects taken by students                    |
| S4 - Subject combination (No.)   | Number of elective subject combinations at S4                    |
| S4 - Subject combination (%)   | Percentage of elective subject combinations at S4                |
| S5 - Subject combination (No.)   | Number of elective subject combinations at S5                    |
| S5 - Subject combination (%)   | Percentage of elective subject combinations at S5                |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data) - Subject combination (No.)                               | Number of elective subject combinations at S6                    |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data) - Subject combination (%)                                 | Percentage of elective subject combinations at S6                |
| S4 - Average no. of elective subject combinations per school                           | Average number of elective subject combinations per school at S4 |
| S5 - Average no. of elective subject combinations per school                           | Average number of elective subject combinations per school at S5 |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data) - Average no. of elective subject combinations per school | Average number of elective subject combinations per school at S6 |

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- 2: All Applied Learning courses are grouped as a single subject in calculating the subject combination. Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) is not included.

## Top 30 most popular elective subject combinations taken by senior secondary students in 2022/23

| Item  | Description  |
|---|--|
| Rank  | Ranking  |
| S4 - Subject combination                                  | Elective subject combination at S4                                       |
| S4 - Students enrolled (No.)                              | Number of S4 students enrolling in this elective subject combination     |
| S4 - Students enrolled (%)                                | Percentage of S4 students enrolling in this elective subject combination |
| S5 - Subject combination                                  | Elective subject combinations at S5                                      |
| S5 - Students enrolled (No.)                              | Number of S5 students enrolling in this elective subject combination     |
| S5 - Students enrolled (%)                                | Percentage of S5 students enrolling in this elective subject combination |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data)<br>- Subject combination     | Elective subject combinations at S6                                      |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data)<br>- Students enrolled (No.) | Number of S6 students enrolling in this elective subject combination     |
| S6 (HKDSE registration data)<br>- Students enrolled (%)   | Percentage of S6 students enrolling in this elective subject combination |

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### Remarks:

APL – Applied Learning

BAFS – Business, Accounting and Financial Studies

BIO – Biology

CHEM – Chemistry

CHI\_HIST – Chinese History

CHI\_LIT – Chinese Literature

ECON – Economics

GEOG – Geography

HIST – History

ICT – Information and Communication Technology

PHY – Physics

THS – Tourism and Hospitality Studies