

Data Specification for Senior Secondary Subject Information

The Education Bureau (EDB) conducted the "Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information: 2024/25 School Year" from October to November 2024 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 2024/25 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 2024/25

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) was not included.
- 3: Information as at 14 November 2024. Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) was not included.
- 4: 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 2024/25

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 2024/25

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 2024/25

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 were grouped as a single subject in calculating the subject combination. Applied Learning Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) was not included.

Top 30 most popular elective subject combinations taken by senior secondary students in 2024/25

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) - Subject combination	Elective subject combinations at S6
S6 (HKDSE registration data) - Students enrolled (No.)	Number of S6 students enrolling in this elective subject combination
S6 (HKDSE registration data) - 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
 DAT – Design and Applied Technology
 ECON – Economics
 ENG LIT – Literature in English
 ERS – Ethics and Religious Studies
 GEOG – Geography
 HIST – History
 HMSC – Health Management and Social Care
 ICT – Information and Communication Technology
 MUS – Music
 PE – Physical Education
 PHY – Physics
 THS – Tourism and Hospitality Studies
 T&L – Technology and Living
 VA – Visual Arts