

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 181/2019

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 2019/20 School Year

Summary

This circular memorandum announces the revised amounts of the Promotion of Reading Grant for all public sector schools for the 2019/20 school year. This circular 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 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 amounts of the grant will be adjusted in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index each year. The amounts of the grant for the 2019/20 school year has been adjusted upward by 3.3%. The revised amounts of the grant are indicated in the table below:

Primary Schools

No. of Approved Classes*	Amount of Grant/Year
12 or below	\$20,660
13 to 24	\$30,990
25 or above	\$41,320

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

Secondary Schools

No. of Approved Classes	Amount of Grant/Year
18 or below	\$51,650
19 to 24	\$61,980
25 or above	\$72,310

Special Schools

	Amount of Grant/Year
All special schools [^]	\$30,990

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

3. Details on the usage of the Promotion of Reading Grant, funding disbursement and accounting arrangements, surplus retention and accountability remain unchanged. The EDB will continue to launch enhanced measures to provide support for reading and disseminate reading-related activities and information via the Reading Information Website. (Reading Information Website: <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/reading-to-learn/index.html>). Besides, Guidelines on the Use of the Promotion of Reading Grant (Annex 1) (updated in September 2019) and templates for the Plan and Report on the Use of the Promotion of Reading Grant (Annexes 2 & 3) have been uploaded to this Reading Information Website for schools' easy reference.

Enquiry

4. For enquiries, please contact the Curriculum Resources Section of the Curriculum Development Institute of the EDB at 3698 4447.

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