

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 149/2021

From: Permanent Secretary for Education To: Supervisors and Heads of Kindergartens, Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres and Schools with Kindergarten Classes Joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme

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Promotion of Reading Grant for Kindergartens for the 2021/22 School Year

Summary

This circular memorandum announces the revised amounts of the Promotion of Reading Grant for Kindergartens for the 2021/22 school year. This circular memorandum should be read in conjunction with the EDBC No. 21/2019 on Promotion of Reading Grant for Kindergartens.

Details

2. Starting from the 2019/20 school year, the EDB has provided the Promotion of Reading Grant for Kindergartens for all kindergartens, kindergarten-cum-child care centres and schools with kindergarten classes (collectively referred to as KGs hereafter) joining the Kindergarten Education Scheme to support them to continue the promotion of reading so as to further nurture children's reading interest and help them develop a reading habit. 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 2021/22 school year has been adjusted upward by 0.7%. The revised amounts of the grant are indicated in the table below:

Tier	Approved No. of Students (Total number of students holding a valid "Registration Certificate for Kindergarten Admission" according to the figures on 4 October 2021 ¹)	Grant rates (\$) (for a school year)
1	80 or below	10,140
2	81 to 300	15,211
3	above 300	20,281

¹ The EDB will determine the amount of grant for each KG according to the total number of students holding a valid "Registration Certificate for Kindergarten Admission" on 3 October every year as captured in the Kindergarten Education Scheme System. If 3 October falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the following school day will be taken as the basis for determining the amount of grant for a KG.

3. Details on the usage of the Promotion of Reading Grant for Kindergartens, funding disbursement, accounting and audit arrangements, reserve ceiling and clawback, 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, Measures Supporting the Promotion of Reading in KGs (Annex 1) (updated in September 2021), Guidelines on the Use of the Promotion of Reading Grant for KGs (Annex 2) (updated in September 2021) and templates for the Plan and Report on the Use of the Promotion of Reading Grant for KGs (Annexes 3 & 4) have been uploaded to the EDB Website (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/kgreadinggrant/en>) for schools' easy reference.



Enquiry

4. For enquiries, please contact the Kindergarten and Primary Section of the Curriculum Development Institute of the EDB at 2892 5832.

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