

EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 165/2023

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
2023/24 School Year**

Summary

This circular memorandum announces the revised amounts of the Promotion of Reading Grant for Kindergartens for the 2023/24 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 Education Bureau (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 2023/24 school year has been adjusted upward by 1.9%. 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 3 October 2023¹)	Grant rates (\$ (for a school year)
1	80 or below	10,519
2	81 to 300	15,779
3	above 300	21,038

¹ 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. EDB will continue to launch enhanced measures to provide support for reading and disseminate reading-related activities and information via the Reading Information Website. KGs are encouraged to visit the following Reading Information Website regularly for the latest information: EDB Webpage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Curriculum Development and Support > Cross Disciplinary Subjects/Areas > Reading to Learn / Reading across the Curriculum

4. Besides, Measures Supporting the Promotion of Reading in KGs (Annex 1) (updated in September 2023), Guidelines on the Use of the Promotion of Reading Grant for KGs (Annex 2) (updated in September 2023) 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

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

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