

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 176/2025

From:	Permanent Secretary for Education	To:	Supervisors/Heads of all government, aided (including special schools with senior secondary classes), caput, and Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools
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Diversity Learning Grant for Senior Secondary Students – Other Languages (Hindi) (2025/26 school year)

Summary

This circular memorandum (CM) invites schools to apply for the Diversity Learning Grant – Other Languages (DLG-OL) to offer Hindi as an OL subject for Secondary 4 (S4) students in the 2025/26 school year. This CM should be read in conjunction with the EDBCM No. 82/2025 on Diversity Learning Grant for Senior Secondary Students – Other Languages and Other Programmes (2025/26 school year) (<https://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM25082E.pdf>).



Details

2. Six Category C (Other Languages) subjects (including French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Urdu) are offered starting from the 2026 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) and beyond. The details of which are available on the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) website (www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/HKDSE/assessment/subject_information/category_c_subjects/).

Schools were invited to apply for the DLG-OL via the EDBCM No. 82/2025 to offer relevant language courses as elective subjects at the senior secondary (SS) level.



3. The HKEAA announced on 1 December 2025 (please refer to the same website mentioned in paragraph 2) that the number of Category C subjects offered would increase from six to seven in the 2028 HKDSE and beyond, adding ‘Advance Diploma in Hindi Examination’ which will be administered by the Consulate General of India, Hong Kong and Macau SARs. Schools intending to offer Hindi as an SS elective subject for S4 students in the 2025/26 school year are invited to apply for the DLG-OL. The subsidy rates for Hindi and the other six Category C subjects are the same (\$4,300 per SS student studying OL per year). Schools should observe the modes of delivery, accounting arrangements, usage of the subsidy and other points to note as stipulated in the EDBCM No. 82/2025 (including its annexes). The EDB will expedite the processing of the applications and advise schools on the disbursement arrangements.

Application Submission

4. Schools wishing to apply for the grant should complete and return the attached reply slip to the EDB by email on or before **11 December 2025**.

Enquiries

5. **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** and relevant information are available at the designated webpage of the DLG (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/major-level-of-edu/secondary/learning-teaching-resources/DLG.html>). For enquiries, please contact Ms Candice CHAN of the Council and Secondary Section 1 of the Curriculum Development Institute at 2892 6327.



Ms Virginia LEE
for Permanent Secretary for Education

c.c. Heads of Sections – for information

Reply Slip

(Please return on or before 11 December 2025)

To: Permanent Secretary for Education
(Attention : Ms Candice CHAN
Council and Secondary Section 1, Curriculum Development Institute)
(Email : cdocs21@edb.gov.hk)

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Our school has read the EDBCM No. 82/2025 and No. 176/2025 and understands the content therein. Our school intends to apply for the captioned grant to offer Hindi as an SS elective subject for S4 students in the 2025/26 school year. The estimated number of students to be enrolled is _____ **(please fill in the number of students).**

Name of School : _____

School Code : _____

School Telephone No. : _____

Teacher-in-charge : _____

Name of Principal : _____

Signature of Principal : _____

Date : _____



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