

Education Bureau Circular No. 5/2026

Updating of Learning Goals of Primary and Secondary Education

[Note: This circular should be read by —

- (a) Supervisors and Heads of government schools, aided schools (including special schools), caput schools, private schools and Direct Subsidy Scheme schools — for action; and
- (b) Heads of Sections — for information.]

(Please circulate this Circular to all members of the School Management Committee / Incorporated Management Committee and all teachers)

Summary

This circular is to announce the updating of learning goals of primary and secondary education.

Background

2. The seven learning goals for Hong Kong primary and secondary education provide an overall direction for schools, aiming to nurture students' whole-person development and enhance their lifelong learning and self-directed learning capabilities, so that they can cope with future challenges in life or study. The learning goals set out the qualities that students should possess upon completion of primary and secondary education. The learning goals of the two stages are coherent and interconnected, forming a continuous learning journey.

3. To keep pace with social changes and students' learning needs, the Education Bureau (EDB) keeps abreast of the times and continuously updates and optimises the curriculum. This update to the learning goals, in response to the rapid development of digital technology, aims to equip students to meet the various challenges of the digital age. In the age of artificial intelligence, the ways in which knowledge and information are presented have become increasingly multimodal. As online reading grows ever more popular, the media and modes of reading have also become more diverse. As a result, reading literacy has also evolved from the past focus on the ability to understand written texts to the synthesising skills for comprehending, interpreting, and evaluating multimodal texts. At the same time, we need to strengthen students' digital literacy, helping them enhance their capacity to use information and digital technology effectively, responsibly and ethically, so as to meet the learning needs of the digital age. Reading literacy and digital literacy complement one another, helping enhance students' critical thinking skills and the overall learning effectiveness, laying the foundation for the development of lifelong learning and self-directed learning. In addition, the

EDB remains steadfast in its commitment to the goals of nurturing students to become informed and responsible citizens with a sense of national identity and a global perspective. This update to the learning goals further emphasises the nurturing of students' rootedness in Chinese culture as well as their global perspective, helping them develop a proper holistic outlook, seize opportunities, and embrace the future. The relevant updates have been discussed and received by the Curriculum Development Council (see Diagrams 1 and 2).

Details

4. The updated learning goals are as follows:

Diagram 1: Updated learning goal of primary education

Before updating



- Cultivate an interest in extensive reading and develop an active reading habit, and use information and information technology in a rational and responsible manner

After updating



- Cultivate an interest in extensive reading and develop an active reading habit, and use information and digital technology in a rational and responsible manner

Diagram 2: Updated learning goals of secondary education

Before updating



- Become an informed and responsible citizen with a sense of national and global identity, appreciation of proper values and attitudes as well as Chinese culture, and respect for pluralism in society
- Use information and information technology ethically, flexibly and effectively

After updating



- Become an informed and responsible citizen with a sense of national identity, a global perspective, appreciation of proper values and attitudes as well as Chinese culture, and respect for pluralism in society
- Use information and digital technology effectively, responsibly and ethically

5. The aforementioned updates take effect immediately, and the relevant details have been uploaded to the EDB webpages. Schools should refer to and adopt the updates when planning and implementing their school curricula to support students in achieving the updated learning goals.

	Learning Goals of Primary Education	Learning Goals of Secondary Education
Link	https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/7-learning-goals/primary/index.html	https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/7-learning-goals/secondary/index.html
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