

**Education Bureau**  
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From: Secretary for Education                      To: Heads of all Secondary Schools  
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(Note: All teachers of Citizenship and Social Development should read this Circular Memorandum.)

**The Curriculum and Assessment Guide of  
Citizenship and Social Development (Secondary 4-6)**

**Summary**

This Circular Memorandum aims to announce the launch of the *Citizenship and Social Development Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6)* for use in schools.

**Background**

2. The Education Bureau (EDB) issued Circular Memorandum No. 39/2021 in April 2021, and announced the optimising measures for the four senior secondary (SS) core subjects (i.e. Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics, and Citizenship and Social Development in lieu of Liberal Studies). The arrangements related to the four SS core subjects will be effective at Secondary 4 from the 2021/22 school year. Liberal Studies will be renamed Citizenship and Social Development (CS), with the curriculum rationale and aims adhering to those of Liberal Studies. The themes include “Hong Kong under ‘One Country, Two Systems’”, “Our Country since Reform and Opening-up” and “Interconnectedness and Interdependence of the Contemporary World”. Students will be provided with Mainland study opportunities (not involving public examination). The curriculum content and lesson time will be reduced to about half of those of the original. There will only be one paper in the public examination, and the results reported will be either “attained” or “unattained”.

## **Details**

3. In order to benefit students as soon as possible, the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) - Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) set up the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Citizenship and Social Development in January 2021 to follow up on matters related to the subject, including the drafting of the Curriculum and Assessment Guide. After detailed deliberation and review, the CDC endorsed the *Citizenship and Social Development Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6)* on 1 June 2021, facilitating the implementation of CS in schools at Secondary 4 from the 2021/22 school year.

4. The Curriculum and Assessment Guide of CS explains the curriculum rationale and aims. Various chapters also elaborate on the curriculum framework, curriculum planning, learning and teaching, assessment as well as the use of learning and teaching resources.

5. The aforementioned Curriculum and Assessment Guide has been uploaded to the EDB website ([www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/renewal/guides.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/tc/curriculum-development/renewal/guides.html)). To ensure smooth implementation of the curriculum, the EDB will also provide different support to schools, including providing professional development programmes for teachers, organising experience sharing sessions, preparing learning and teaching resources, etc. For details, please refer to EDB Training Calendar System (TCS) and the related webpage of the subject.

## **Enquiry**

6. For enquiries, please contact the Liberal Studies / Citizenship and Social Development Section of the EDB on 2892 5851.

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