



Optimising the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects

Curriculum Development Institute

BACKGROUND

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The EDB accepted the proposals to optimise the four senior secondary (SS) core subjects put forward by the Curriculum Development Council and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority Public Examinations Board.

Creating Space and Catering for Learner Diversity



2021/22
School year

Secondary
4

2022/23
School year

Secondary
4 & 5

2023/24
School year

Secondary
4, 5 & 6

Implementation of the optimising measures

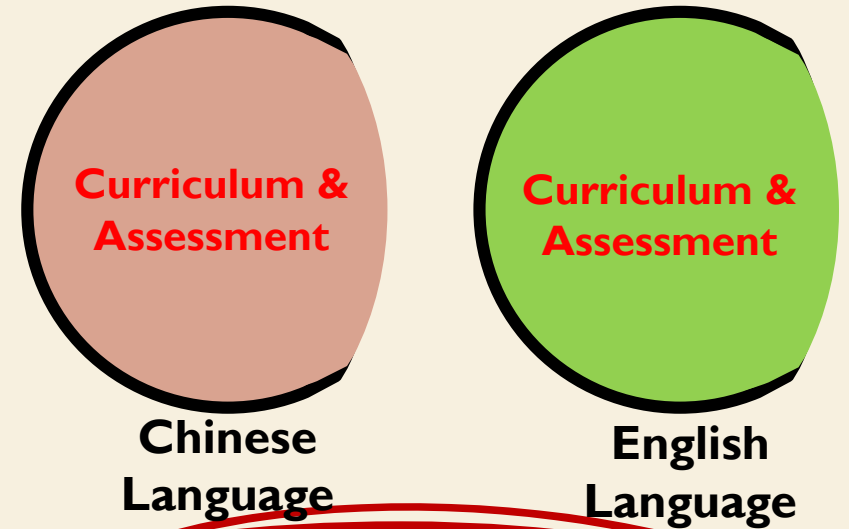
AIM: CREATE SPACE & CATER FOR LEARNER DIVERSITY

Chinese Language
English Language
Mathematics
Citizenship and
Social Development

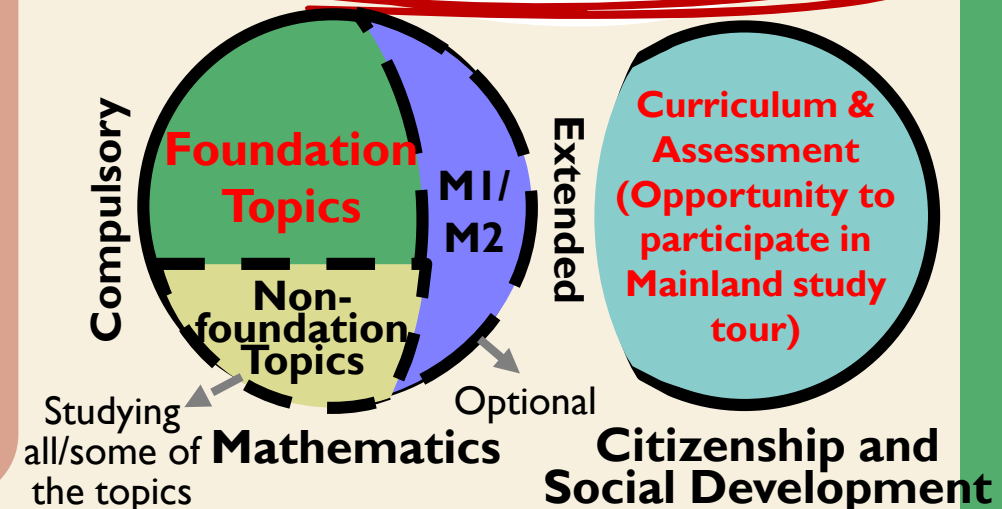
With the optimising measures in place, the four SS core subjects should **take up no more than half of the total lesson time.**

- To take an additional elective subject (including Applied Learning (ApL) & Other Languages (OL))
- To study the Extended Part of Mathematics
- To strengthen values education
- To participate in life-wide learning activities and other learning experiences

Schools can provide more diversified options **through holistic planning of the lesson time released.**



Up to about 250 hours of lesson time can be released in the context of school planning



Through reviewing and planning the whole-school curriculum, schools can plan the allocation of lesson time, provision of subject choices and arrangements for other learning experiences holistically to cater for students' different interests, abilities and aspirations.

Capitalising on the more diversified learning experiences within and beyond school hours, students can broaden their knowledge, develop multiple skills, and cultivate positive values and attitudes to achieve whole-person development.

How can students make the most of the released space?

① Study **the Extended Part of Mathematics** (MI / M2)

② Take an additional elective subject (**including ApL and OL**)

③ Engage in more in-depth study of subjects

④ Participate more actively in "**Other Learning Experiences**" as well as **life-wide learning activities**, and engage in other personal pursuits

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