

2024

新高中學制下的  
中四學位安排機制

Secondary Four  
Placement Mechanism  
under the New Senior Secondary  
Academic Structure



## Secondary Four Placement Mechanism under the New Senior Secondary Academic Structure (2024)

- The New Senior Secondary (NSS) academic structure has been implemented as from the 2009/10 school year.
- Under the NSS academic structure, students wishing to pursue mainstream education should normally be able to complete 6 years of secondary education in the same school to ensure continuity of learning.
- Secondary Three (S3) leavers wishing to pursue an alternative pathway outside mainstream education will continue to be provided with opportunities to pursue full-time courses offered by the Vocational Training Council and the Construction Industry Council.

## Admission to Government, Aided and Caput Schools

- Save for exceptional cases, all government, aided and caput schools should make available sufficient Secondary Four (S4) places to accommodate all their own S3 students and are expected to confirm this arrangement with parents of S3 students at the start of the school year. S3 students studying in these schools will not participate in Central Placement.
- The exceptional cases refer to individual schools which do not provide sufficient S4 places for all their own S3 students.

These schools should admit their own S3 students to fill the S4 places available according to the students' order of merit in the internal assessments in S3. S3 students who cannot obtain S4 places in their own school will be centrally placed to S4 in other schools by the Education Bureau (EDB). For schools which do not provide subvented S4 places, their S3 students will also be centrally placed to S4 in other schools by the EDB – see section on Central Placement below.

## Admission to Senior Secondary Schools under Direct Subsidy Scheme

- Senior Secondary Schools (SSS) under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) will recruit S4 students on their own. S3 students wishing to pursue S4 in these SSS under DSS may apply to the schools direct. Students admitted to S4 in SSS under DSS will not be arranged S4 places in government, aided and caput schools.
- Some SSS under DSS will also provide S4 places at the Central Placement stage. S3 students participating in Central Placement may choose the SSS under DSS which provide places at this stage.

## Admission to Post-S3 Craft Courses

- Under the NSS academic structure, Post-S3 (PS3) craft courses will continue to be an alternative avenue for S3 leavers to further their studies outside mainstream education.

- The Vocational Training Council and the Construction Industry Council will recruit students on their own. S3 students who wish to enrol in PS3 craft courses should note the courses offered and the application procedures, and apply to the training bodies direct according to their interests and preferences. Students admitted to PS3 craft courses will not be arranged S4 places in government, aided and caput schools.

## Central Placement

- To ensure fairness and full utilization of S4 places, Central Placement is carried out on a territory-wide basis.
- In June 2024, the EDB will distribute to each student participating in Central Placement a “Parents’ Guidebook for Choice of Schools” and a “Choice of Schools Form”. The “Parents’ Guidebook for Choice of Schools” will list public sector schools (government, aided and caput schools) and SSS under DSS which provide S4 places at the Central Placement stage. Parents can make their choices of schools in order of preference on the Choice Form.
- S3 students participating in Central Placement are arranged S4 places through a computerized procedure, which is based on their order of merit in the internal assessments in S3 scaled by the Secondary School Places Allocation Standard Scores as well as parental choices.

## Announcement of Results

- Schools will be informed of the placement results in July 2024. Students arranged S4 places through Central Placement will each be given a Registration Form. These students should report to the school to which they are placed on the specified date.

## Enquiries

For further information, please contact the School Places Allocation Section of the Education Bureau.

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(Note: School Places Allocation Section is scheduled to be relocated to Podium Floor, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon in the fourth quarter of 2023. The details will be announced on the EDB’s website.)

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