



Education Bureau

Kindergarten Education Policy Support for Non-Chinese Speaking Children

Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) children's early start in learning the Chinese language will facilitate their adaptation to mainstream curriculum and integration into the local community. Parents of NCS children are encouraged to send their children to kindergartens (KGs) with an immersed Chinese language environment as early as possible to facilitate their learning of the Chinese language. In this connection, the Government has rolled out a series of support measures for NCS children in KGs.



(2019 updated version)

Support Measures for Non-Chinese Speaking Children in Kindergartens

Student Admission

- ★ All KGs must ensure equal opportunities in admission for all children regardless of their race, gender and ability and their school-based admission mechanism should be fair, just, open and comply with the anti-discrimination ordinances.
- ★ KGs are reminded to provide both Chinese and English versions of their application forms and relevant information, and to create an icon or provide a simple message in English on the school webpage to facilitate parents' access to the English version of the information. If interviews are arranged for NCS children, KGs should arrange interpretation and/or translation service for applicants where necessary or allow parents to be accompanied by a Chinese speaking relative/friend during interview so as to facilitate communication.
- ★ Parent seminars on Nursery (K1) admission are organised for parents of NCS children annually. Interpretation service is provided as appropriate.
- ★ Relevant materials published by Education Bureau (EDB), such as leaflets, posters, guidance notes and form for Application for Registration Certificate for KG Admission, have been translated into seven major ethnic minority languages, including Bahasa Indonesia, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi (Indian), Tagalog, Thai and Urdu.
- ★ The KG Profile, which is published in both English and Chinese, provides a wide range of school information, including support to NCS students, which serves as useful reference for parents in making school choices.
- ★ Should individual NCS students encounter genuine difficulties in seeking admission to KGs, EDB will make referrals, as appropriate, to KGs joining the KG education scheme (Scheme-KGs) that have vacancies.

Catering for NCS Students' Needs

- ★ To support KGs in catering for the needs of NCS students, diversified modes of school-based professional support are offered. All KGs may apply for joining.
- ★ Professional training programmes on teaching and learning of NCS students are offered for KGs.
- ★ Starting from the 2019/20 school year, we have refined the additional subsidy on support to NCS students. A 5-tiered subsidy will be provided to Scheme-KGs according to the number of NCS students admitted for enhancing the support to NCS students. KGs admitting 1 NCS student will also receive the subsidy. The maximum provision in the 2019/20 school year is about \$780,000 per annum.

★ To help KGs strengthen communication with parents of NCS students, a set of Communication Cue Cards and a set of templates for commonly used school circulars have been translated into seven major ethnic minority languages for use of KGs.

★ The updated KG Education Curriculum Guide (2017) sets out the direction and principles for facilitating the integration of NCS students into the local school settings, as well as introducing specific strategies and relevant resources on how teachers can help NCS students learn Chinese.

Other Information
For further information or assistance,
please contact EDB:

Telephones of Regional Educational Offices:	
(HK) 2863 4646	(NTE) 2639 4876
(KLN) 3698 4108	(NTW) 2437 7272
Telephone of Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres:	
3107 2197	
Hotline for parents of NCS children on admission to KGs:	
2892 6676	

Other relevant websites:

KG Education Scheme
www.edb.gov.hk/free-quality-kg-edu_en



Admission Arrangements for
Nursery (K1) Classes in KGs
www.edb.gov.hk/k1-admission_e



KG Profile
www.chsc.hk/kindergarten/en/



Education Services for NCS Students
www.edb.gov.hk/ncs

