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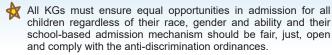
Kindergarten Education Policy Support for Non-Chinese Speaking Children

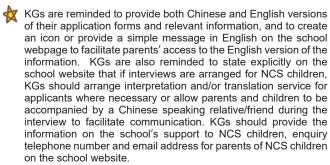
Non-Chinese speaking (NCS) children's early start in learning the Chinese language will facilitate their adaptation to mainstream curriculum and integration into the local community. Parents of NCS children are encouraged to send their children to kindergartens (KGs) with an immersed Chinese language 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.

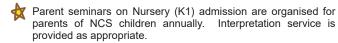


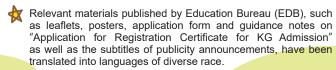
Support Measures for Non-Chinese Speaking Children in Kindergartens

Admission to KGs









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 children 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, different school-based support services are offered. KGs admitting NCS students may apply for the relevant services according to their school development needs.

Professional training programmes are offered for KG teachers on teaching and learning of Chinese for NCS students.

Starting from the 2019/20 school year, we have refined the additional subsidy on support to NCS students. A 5-tiered subsidy is provided to Scheme-KGs according to the number of NCS students admitted to facilitate their support for NCS students. KGs admitting 1 NCS student also receive the subsidy. The full-year provision of the highest tier in the 2021/22 school year is about \$800,000.



To help KGs strengthen communication with parents of NCS students, a set of Communication Cue Cards with audio files and a set of templates for commonly used school circulars have been translated into languages of diverse race for use of KGs.



The KG Education Curriculum Guide 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 http://www.edb.gov.hk/free-quality-kg-edu_er



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



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



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

