

2026/27 “Joyful Thousand-Mile Reading Cruise” Reading Award Scheme

Details

I. Objectives

- To promote multimodal reading and encourage students to read extensively across a variety of literary genres and materials from different key learning areas/subjects, so as to broaden their reading repertoire and increase their reading volume
- To cultivate an interest in extensive reading and develop an active reading habit among students
- To enhance students’ reading ability and language literacy
- To motivate students to actively participate in reading-related activities

II. Eligibility

- All students in primary and secondary schools (including special schools)

III. Categories

- Primary School Category: Primary 1 to Primary 6 students
- Secondary School Category: Secondary 1 to Secondary 6 students

IV. Period

- Start Date: 12 October 2026 (Monday)
- End Date: 30 May 2027 (Sunday)

V. Registration Method

- Schools must complete the application **on or before 28 September 2026 (Monday) (Hong Kong Time 23:59)**. An application will be considered valid only upon completion of the following two steps:
 - (i) Complete the application form (see Annex 1) — complete all required information in the application form, which must be duly confirmed and signed by the school head, and affixed with the school chop; and
 - (ii) Upload the application form — the Overall Teacher-in-Charge of the Scheme should

log in to the EdCity registration platform with the Hong Kong Education City “School-based Teacher Account” via the following link or QR code, fill in the relevant information and upload the application form for verification of school information.



https://www.hkedcity.net/registration/form.php?reg_form_id=1513

- **Applications must be submitted on a school basis**, with no limit on the number of participating students. Applications by individual students will not be accepted.
- Late submissions, incomplete applications, or applications with incomplete information will not be accepted.

VI. “Reading Miles” Calculation Method

- The total “Reading Miles” of each student is the sum of their “Daily Reading Miles”, “Advanced Reading Miles”, and “Reading Miles for Participating in Reading Activities”.
- The calculation methods for each type of “Reading Miles” are detailed below:

A. Daily Reading Miles	
Purpose: To promote multimodal reading and encourage students to read extensively across a variety of literary genres and materials from different key learning areas/subjects on a daily basis.	
Type of Reading Material	Reading Miles
i. Books / e-Books	10 miles
ii. STAR Platform Reading Passages	
iii. HKSAR Government (Government) Press Releases	
iv. Government Publications / Reports	
v. Feature Articles / Reports	
vi. Videos / Animations / Audio files available on HKSAR Government Websites	

B. Advanced Reading Miles	
Purpose: To encourage students to engage in comprehensive reading of entire books, as well as extensive reading across a variety of literary genres and reading materials from different key learning areas/subjects.	
Item	Reading Miles
i. Completion of the entire book (Applicable to physical books/a fixed-layout e-book) Primary School Category: 10 pages or above Secondary School Category: 20 pages or above	50 miles per physical book or fixed-layout e-book
ii. Texts of different genres or multimodal reading materials available on HKSAR Government Websites (i.e. videos, animations, audio files, etc.) (weekly calculation)	30 miles per type of genre or multimodal reading material
iii. Reading materials of different learning areas/subjects (weekly calculation)	30 miles per key learning area or subject

C. Reading Miles for Participating in Reading Activities	
Purpose: To encourage students to participate in reading-related activities.	
Reading-related Activity	Reading Miles
i. Organised by the EDB	100 miles per activity
ii. Organised by the School	50 miles per activity
iii. Organised by Other Groups/Organisations	50 miles per activity

VII. Method for Recording “Reading Miles”

- During the Scheme period, students are required to use the Reading Record Platform (the “Platform”) provided by the EDB to keep a complete record of the books/materials they have read, as well as the reading activities in which they have participated. The link and QR code to the Platform are as follows:



<https://edbcr-reading-scheme.com>

- The Platform will automatically calculate and accumulate “Reading Miles” according to the Scheme’s calculation method, facilitating teachers and students in monitoring their progress.
- The EDB provides a Platform user guide with detailed operational instructions on using the Reading Record Platform for reference to schools and teachers. The guide is available for download on the Scheme's webpage using the link and QR code below:



<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/reading-award-scheme>

VIII. Processing of “Reading Miles” Data

(i) Role Permissions

- Overall Teacher-in-charge (designated by the School Head): Authorised to access the “Reading Miles” data of all participating students school-wide. As the Overall Teacher-in-Charge of the Scheme data, he/she is responsible for managing all relevant data.
- Supporting Teachers (designated by the Overall Teacher-in-charge): Authorised to access and manage data strictly for assigned classes. Access to data of non-assigned classes is restricted.

(ii) Monthly Data Processing Cycle

Timeline	Procedures
From the 1st to the 30th/31st day of each month	➤ Students record their reading information.
On or before the 15th day of the following month (Hong Kong time 23:59)*	➤ Final amendment deadline — Teachers review and verify student reading records; students may delete, add, or re-enter records for the current day and the preceding month.

Timeline	Procedures
On the 16th day of the following month	➤ The Platform will convert entries into the corresponding “Reading Miles” according to the Scheme’s calculation method, consolidate the “Reading Miles” accumulated for the month, and update the information displayed on the Platform. ➤ The Platform will generate a monthly “Reading Miles Record for [Month]” (available for download by both teachers and students) ➤ Once the data have been consolidated, no further amendments to any records will be permitted.

* Please note that the deadline for final amendments to students’ reading records for May 2027 is **5 June 2027 (Saturday) (Hong Kong time 23:59)**.

(iii) School Administration and Follow-up

- Overall Teacher-in-charge and Supporting Teachers are required to review and verify students’ reading information on a regular basis, and request the students concerned to make revisions in a timely manner as necessary.
- The Platform will compile the cumulative “Reading Miles” of each class and the school on a monthly basis. Overall Teacher-in-charge and Supporting Teachers may download the relevant records for the class(es) under their charge.
- The EDB reserves the right to conduct authenticity and reasonableness checks on all data and information submitted under the Scheme. Where any untrue, inaccurate or irregular information is identified, the EDB may disqualify the school or student concerned from receiving awards. **All results are subject to the final decision of the EDB. There is no appeal mechanism under the Scheme.**

(iv) Unlocking “Joyful Reading Companions” (Virtual Reading Companions)

- Students may unlock a virtual reading companion by accumulating designated “Reading Miles” each month.

IX. Submission of “Reading Miles” Data

- Upon completion of the Scheme, the Overall Teacher-in-charge is required to export the “School-wide Student Reading Miles Ranking List” (the “Ranking List”) directly from the Platform, and carefully verify the information therein. The “Ranking List” must be submitted via the designated EdCity platform (details to be announced later) **by the deadline of 11 June 2027 (Friday) (23:59 Hong Kong time)** for the purpose of award selection. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

- Once submitted, the Ranking List cannot be further amended.
- Individual student “Reading Miles” records do not need to be submitted to the EDB. **Schools are required to properly retain the relevant records for one year, and submit them to the EDB for verification purposes when necessary.**

X. Terms and Conditions

- **By submitting the online application form, participating schools and students are deemed to have agreed to and accepted the following terms and conditions.**
- The EDB reserves the right to disqualify any schools or students from participation for any violation of the terms and conditions of the Scheme (e.g. providing false or fraudulent information). There is no appeal mechanism for the Scheme.
- All results are subject to the final decision of the EDB. In the event of any disputes, the EDB’s decision shall be final.
- The EDB reserves the right to make final decisions regarding all aspects of the campaign, including but not limited to the interpretation, modification, cancellation, or suspension of its terms and conditions, awards, and other arrangements, without prior notice.

XI. Awards and Prizes

- **Territory-wide School Awards**

Award	Quota	Selection Criteria	Prize
Reading Gold Award	Top 5 schools with the highest “Reading Miles” (5 primary schools and 5 secondary schools)	• Based on the average “Reading Miles” of student participants: The accumulated “Total Reading Miles” of the entire school ÷ Total number of student participants in the school • Participation rate of the school must be $\geq 50\%$ (Total number of student	1. A Trophy 2. HK\$2,500 Book Voucher

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		participants ÷ Total number of students in the school)	
Reading Silver Award	Schools ranked 6th to 15th in “Reading Miles” (10 primary schools and 10 secondary schools)	• Based on average “Reading Miles” of student participants: The accumulated “Total Reading Miles” of the entire school ÷ Total number of student participants in the school • Participation rate of the school must be $\geq 50\%$ (Total number of student participants ÷ Total number of students in the school)	1. A Trophy 2. HK\$2,000 Book Voucher
Reading Bronze Award	Schools ranked 16th to 25th in “Reading Miles” (10 primary schools and 10 secondary schools)	• Based on average “Reading Miles” of student participants: The accumulated “Total Reading Miles” of the entire school ÷ Total number of student participants in the school • Participation rate of the school must be $\geq 50\%$ (Total number of student participants ÷ Total number of students in the school)	1. A Trophy 2. HK\$1,500 Book Voucher

Award	Quota	Selection Criteria	Prize
Active Promotion of Reading Award	5 primary schools and 5 secondary schools (excluding those awarded Gold, Silver, or Bronze)	- Based on student participation rate: Total number of student participants ÷ Total number of students in the school - If rates are equal, ranking is determined by average “Reading Miles” of student participants	1. A Trophy 2. HK\$1,000 Book Voucher

The list of award-winning schools will be announced on the EDB website upon conclusion of the Scheme.

- **School-based Student Awards**

Award	Quota	Selection Criteria	Prize
Reading Captain	Top 10 students with the highest “Reading Miles” in each school	Based on students’ individual accumulated “Reading Miles” during the Scheme period	1. A certificate 2. A Reading Badge

- ✧ The EDB will provide each participating school with 10 Reading Badges and an electronic certificate template. Schools may prepare and present certificates to the student award winners. Please refer to the Scheme webpage for more details.
- ✧ The list of awardees for the school-based students awards will not be published on the EDB website.

XII. Award Ceremony and Prize Collection Arrangements

- The award ceremony is tentatively scheduled for late June 2027. The list of award winners and arrangements for prize collection will be announced on the Scheme webpage in June 2027 (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/reading-award-scheme>). Award-winning schools will be notified separately in writing.

