

# Printed Textbook Writing Guidelines for Physical Education Key Learning Area

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this set of guidelines is to familiarise interested textbook publishers with the curriculum aims and objectives and related principles for writing textbooks of the Physical Education (PE), etc. in a bid to ensure that the textbooks are written in accordance with the specific requirements of the curriculum and the updated “Seven Learning Goals of Primary Education” ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/7-learning-goals/primary/index.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/7-learning-goals/primary/index.html)), the Three Major Directions and Seven Major Renewed Emphases / the updated “Seven Learning Goals of Secondary Education” ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/7-learning-goals/secondary/index.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/7-learning-goals/secondary/index.html)). For details, please refer to the *Primary Education Curriculum Guide* (2024) (Chinese version only) ([www.edb.gov.hk/PECG-2024](http://www.edb.gov.hk/PECG-2024)) / *Secondary Education Curriculum Guide* (2017) and its Supplementary Notes (2021) ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/major-level-of-edu/secondary/CG\\_documents.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/major-level-of-edu/secondary/CG_documents.html)).
- 1.2 The *Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version)* was released in 2021 and ten priority values and attitudes (PVA) were introduced. The PVA have been optimised since 2023 with the PVA “Care for Others” extended to “benevolence” and two PVA (i.e. “Filial Piety” and “Unity”) added. Publishers should incorporate the learning elements for values education in the textbooks where appropriate. For details, please refer to *Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version)* (2021) (Chinese version only) ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/ve\\_curriculum\\_framework2021.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/moral-civic/ve_curriculum_framework2021.html)) and the EDBCM No.183/2023 on *Enriching the Values Education Curriculum Framework (Pilot Version) – Optimisation of “Priority Values and Attitudes”* ([applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM23183E.pdf](http://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EDBCM/EDBCM23183E.pdf)).
- 1.3 The *Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong* (2021) was released in 2021 and updated in 2025. Publishers should incorporate the learning elements on national security education in the e-textbooks where appropriate. They may also refer to the government website “National Security Education Day” for information such as major fields of national security. For details, please refer to the Curriculum Framework of National Security Education in Hong Kong ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/national-security-education/index.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/kla/pshe/national-security-education/index.html)) and the government website “National Security Education Day” ([www.nsed.gov.hk/index.php?l=en](http://www.nsed.gov.hk/index.php?l=en)).
- 1.4 For the general principles and requirements for writing textbooks and the requirements for submission of printed textbooks for review, publishers should

refer to the latest edition of the *Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks and Guidelines on Submission of Printed Textbooks for Review* available on the EDB's Textbook Information website ([www.edb.gov.hk/textbook](http://www.edb.gov.hk/textbook)).

(Remarks: There are printed textbook writing guidelines specifically for Senior Secondary PE Elective.)

1.5 The textbooks should be written in line with the following CDC curriculum documents:

- Physical Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – Secondary 6) (2017)

## 2. Curriculum Aims and Targets

### 2.1 Curriculum Aims

The PE curriculum aims to help students:

- develop motor and sports skills and acquire knowledge through physical activity, and cultivate positive values and attitudes for the development of a habit of doing exercises;
- acquire good health, physical fitness and body co-ordination through leading an active and healthy lifestyle;
- promote desirable moral behaviour, co-operation in communal life, ability to make decisions and appreciation of aesthetic movements; and
- become responsible citizens who contribute to the building of an active and healthy community.

### 2.2 Learning Targets of the Four Key Stages

The learning targets of each Key Stage (KS) listed below are coherent to each other and continuous in nature.

Key Stage	Learning Objectives
Key Stage One (P1 - P3)	<p><b>At the completion of KS1, students are able to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop fundamental movement skills through fundamental movement activities and physical play;</li> <li>• display positive attitudes towards participation in physical activities;</li> <li>• describe health benefits of physical activities; and</li> <li>• express oneself and show creative thinking in physical activities.</li> </ul>
Key Stage	<p><b>At the completion of KS2, students are able to</b></p>

<p>Two (P4 - P6)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop basic skills in at least eight different physical activities from not less than four areas through introductory activities and modified games;</li> <li>• engage regularly in at least one co-curricular physical activity;</li> <li>• show understanding in the basic knowledge about physical activities and their contribution to health;</li> <li>• communicate and co-operate effectively with others; and</li> <li>• follow rules and regulations, and demonstrate sense of fair play.</li> </ul>
<p>Key Stage Three (S1 - S3)</p>	<p><b>At the completion of KS3, students are able to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply basic skills in at least eight different physical activities from not less than four areas in games and competitions;</li> <li>• participate actively and regularly in at least one co-curricular physical activity ;</li> <li>• apply theories of physical activities and training principles in health-related fitness programmes ;</li> <li>• show critical thinking in discussion of debating issues in PE and sport; and</li> <li>• display appropriate etiquette and sportsmanship in physical activities</li> </ul>
<p>Key Stage Four (S4 – S6)</p>	<p><b>At the completion of KS4, students are able to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate proficiency in a wide range of physical activities;</li> <li>• participate actively and regularly in at least one co-curricular physical activity;</li> <li>• analyse physical performance from multiple perspectives and evaluate the effectiveness of health-related fitness programmes ;</li> <li>• apply problem solving skills in PE learning contexts ,</li> <li>• play the role of sports leader or junior coach in school and the community; and</li> <li>• show perseverance, sportsmanship, the ability to face difficulties in daily life.</li> </ul>

### 3. Guiding Principles

#### 3.1 Content

3.1.1 Reference should be made to the following curriculum documents:

- (a) [Physical Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide \(Primary 1 – Secondary 6\) \(2017\)](#) - It manifests the curriculum aims, content, the learning and teaching strategies, and assessment of the subject. It presents the curriculum framework, curriculum design, and lists out the supportive measures. As a subject “to educate students through physical activities”, PE facilitates students to develop an active and healthy lifestyle with a vision of whole-person development; and
- (b) [An Overview of the Learning Topics in the Six Strands : Physical Education Key Learning Area \(2013\)](#) - It contains the specific content of the six strands in PE which centres on physical activities, focuses on learning “motor and sports skills”, and is keen to develop physical fitness. Strands relevant to “health and fitness”, “sports-related values and attitudes”, “knowledge and practice of safety”, “knowledge of movement” and “aesthetic sensitivity” should also be taught when appropriate. The six strands mentioned above are inter-related and inextricably intertwined.

3.1.2 Reference should also be made to the following supporting materials:

- (a) [Physical Education Learning Outcomes Framework \(2008\)](#) - It contains the assessment criteria of different physical activities;
- (b) [An Introductory Guide to Fundamental Movement \(2007\)](#) - Students should learn the fundamental skills in KS1, including the “Locomotor skills”, “Stability skills” and “Manipulative Skills”. Fundamental Movement is essential for students for subsequent learning of physical and sports activities; and
- (c) [Supporting Materials on Fundamental Movement in Physical Education \(2016\) \(Chinese only\)](#) - It contains the samples of curriculum plans and unit plans.

3.1.3 Students should acquire the skills of at least eight physical activities from not less than four areas in KS 2 to 3 as shown in the following table:

<b>Main areas of activity</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Athletics	Track Events, Field Events, Cross Country Running, etc.
Ball games	Team games:

	Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Handball, Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Softball, Baseball, etc. Racket games: Badminton, Table-tennis, Squash, Tennis, etc.
Gymnastics	Basic Gymnastics, Educational Gymnastics, Trampolining, etc.
Aquatics	Swimming, Lifesaving, etc.
Dance	Western Folk Dance, Chinese Dance, DanceSport, Creative Dance, Jazz, etc.
Physical fitness activities	Physical Fitness Activities (e.g. Circuit Training, Resistance Training, Cardiorespiratory Fitness Training and Endurance Training)
Outdoor Pursuits	Hiking, Camping, Orienteering, Canoeing, Rowing, Sailing, etc.
Others	Rope-skipping, Shuttlecock, Golf, Bowling, Chinese Martial Arts, Cycling, Ice Sports, etc.

3.1.4 Other than knowledge and skills, students should develop their generic skills and positive values and attitudes.

3.1.5 Further information on generic skills, values and attitudes can also be referred to the *Primary Education Curriculum Guide (Pilot version) (2022)* (Chinese only) and *Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (2017)*.

### 3.2 Learning and Teaching

3.2.1 To develop generic skills like “collaboration skills”, “communication skills”, “critical thinking skills”, “creativity”; to nurture sports-related values and attitudes by infusing in the learning activities in lessons where appropriate.

3.2.2 In the design and implementation learning and teaching activities, attention should be paid to the following:

- To maximise the time for physical activities in lessons;
- To set clear teaching objectives for each activity to let students learn effectively and in a practical way;
- To embed other strands in addition to the strand “motor and sports skills” as appropriate; and
- To address students' abilities and design reasonable learning and teaching progression, and to consider safety, effectiveness,

diversity and fun elements of the activities in designing learning and teaching activities.

3.2.3 To include formative and summative assessment to enhance students' learning

3.2.4 To cater for learner diversity and include a diversity of physical activities.

3.2.5 To utilise inside and outside school resources to facilitate life-wide learning.

### 3.3 Structure and Organisation

In the structure and organisation of the PE curriculum, attention should be paid to the following:

- To arrange the teaching content in units, so that the activity could be taught in a number of lessons;
- To aim at a smooth curriculum interface from fundamental movement to modified games, and to formal sports between key learning stages and levels;
- To include cross curricular endeavours and whole-school functions such as athletic meet as appropriate;
- To provide graded and extended learning tasks as necessary to cater the needs of learner diversity; and
- A lesson should include: warm up, skill learning and practice, group activities and closing activities.

### 3.4 Language

- In addition to those mentioned in the latest edition of the *Guiding Principles for Quality Textbooks*, reference should be made to "[An English-Chinese Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in the Teaching of Physical Education in Secondary Schools](#)".

### 3.5 Textbook Layout

- To facilitate the reuse of textbooks, materials for one-off use and tearing off pages from the textbook should be avoided as far as possible.
- Publishers may refer to the latest edition of EDB's [Guiding Principles for Printing of Textbooks](#) for use of paper, colouring, use of inks, etc.

## 4. Others

- 4.1 When writing textbooks, publishers have to ensure that the content and information provided in the materials should be correct, complete, up-to-date, objective and impartial. The source and the date of the information should be provided as appropriate. The information in the illustrations and images should avoid showing the brand names of commercial items unless they are necessary.
- 4.2 Except for the single URL of the publisher’s website, no other URLs or QR codes should be included in the printed textbooks. Publishers are required to clearly declare in the “Preface” or “Editor’s Notes” that the learning and teaching resources on the publisher’s website have not been reviewed by the EDB.
- 4.3 Publishers may provide self-developed supplementary learning materials or web links to the learning and teaching resources developed by the third party on the publishers’ websites. Publishers may also provide their websites’ URLs in the Teacher’s Book for teachers’ reference to facilitate lesson preparation or design of learning and teaching activities. Publishers should be accountable for the learning and teaching resources they provide.
- 4.4 The maps included in the textbooks should be accurate and only contain essential information suitable for student learning. Reference should be made to the requirements and standard maps of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the People’s Republic of China for all maps of China included in the textbooks, and wherever appropriate, the respective map review numbers and dates of reference should be quoted. Textbook publishers should also follow strictly the provisions in “公開地圖內容表示規範” issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- ([https://www.gov.cn/zhengce/zhengceku/2023-02/17/content\\_5741977.htm](https://www.gov.cn/zhengce/zhengceku/2023-02/17/content_5741977.htm))
- 4.5 When using images of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem, the following points should be noted:
- **avoid drawing** the national flag, national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem on your own;
  - use real photos to show the national flag, national emblem, regional flag, regional emblem, etc.;
  - use the files of the national flag, national emblem, regional flag and regional emblem downloaded from the Protocol Division Government Secretariat and follow the relevant requirements stipulated by the Protocol Division Government Secretariat on the use of these images.
- 4.6 Publishers should review the textbook content from time to time. When necessary, publishers can make amendments to the printed textbook content in the form of corrigenda with the EDB’s consent. The EDB may also require publishers to make amendments when needs arise.

- 4.7 Publishers should clear all copyright issues of the textbooks as appropriate.
- 4.8 Expiration of the copyright on the textbook materials is not accepted as a reason for publishers to apply for textbook revision or “Reprint with Minor Amendments”.
- 4.9 The suggested time allocation set out in the curriculum documents should be taken into consideration to ensure that the learning content is designed with an appropriate quantity and level.
- 4.10 If publishers submit other versions (such as Chinese version or electronic version) of the same textbook title for review at the same time, they should duly check the consistency of the content among all the versions. If another version is to be submitted at a later stage, the suggestions in the Textbook Review Report for the previously submitted version should be duly followed before submission.

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