

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 5/2024

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To : Heads of all secondary schools
(except ESF schools and
international schools)

Enhanced Smart Teen Project 2024/25

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to invite secondary schools to apply for participation in the Enhanced Smart Teen Project (ESTP) in the 2024/25 school year and attend a briefing session on the project.

Background

2. Starting from the 2006/07 school year, the Education Bureau (EDB) has collaborated with various disciplinary forces to implement the ESTP. Training on discipline and team building has been provided for students to enhance their self-discipline, self-confidence, team spirit and resilience. As the project has yielded remarkable outcome and has been well received by schools, EDB has regularised the project starting from the 2018/19 school year so that more students will be benefited. EDB will also continue to provide a series of professional training for the teachers responsible for the project.

Details

Content of the Project

3. The ESTP comprises three parts: teacher development, student training and post-camp follow-up activities. Details are as follows:

- (a) Teacher development - A series of professional training activities will be arranged for teachers, including an overnight training camp and about 12 hours of training workshops. The aim of the training is to equip teachers with the skills in leading and implementing the project.
- (b) Student training - EDB will continue to collaborate with the Hong Kong Police Force, the Hong Kong Fire Services Department, the Hong Kong Correctional Services Department, the Customs and Excise Department, the Immigration Department and the Civil Aid Service in organising Smart Teen Challenge Camps for Secondary 2 to 5 students. Through a

series of discipline and physical training, students' self-discipline, self-confidence, team spirit and resilience will be enhanced.

- (c) Post-camp follow-up activities - After the students have completed the Smart Teen Challenge Camps, schools should organise a series of post-camp follow-up activities to strengthen the learning experiences the students acquired in the camps, so as to consolidate and sustain the positive changes.

Briefing Session

4. To help schools better understand the content, application procedures and the implementation strategies of the ESTP, EDB will hold a briefing session on 22 April 2024. Coordinating teachers will be invited to share the practice wisdoms in implementing the project and students having participated in the ESTP will share their growth and benefits gained from the project. Please visit the EDB Training Calendar (Course ID: SE0020240134) for details of the briefing session.

Application Procedures

5. The ESTP application form will be distributed at the briefing session. Interested schools which are unable to send representatives to the briefing session can download the application form from 22 April 2024 onwards from the EDB homepage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>) 【 [Teachers Related > Student Guidance and Discipline Services > Projects & Services > Enhanced Smart Teen Project \(Secondary\)](#) 】 .

Enquiries

6. For enquiries, please contact the Guidance and Discipline Section at 2863 4730 or 2863 4784.

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