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Education Bureau Circular No. 12/2021
Updated Guide on Life Planning Education and Career Guidance
for Secondary Schools

[Note: This circular should be read by –

- (a) Supervisors/Heads of All Aided Secondary Schools (including Special Schools), Government Secondary Schools, Caput Schools and Secondary Schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme – for action; and
- (b) Heads of Sections – for information.]

Summary

This circular announces the release of the updated Guide on Life Planning Education and Career Guidance for Secondary Schools.

Details

2. In the report submitted by the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum in September 2020, it is recommended that life planning education (LPE) should commence early at junior secondary levels to help younger students better understand their aspirations, needs, interests and abilities; acquire basic knowledge of work ethics and the dynamics of the workplace; and nurture soft skills, morals, ethics, positive attitudes and adaptability, so that these students will have a broader view of future pathways and occupations. In particular, the Task Force recommends that learning expectations for implementing LPE should be clearly spelt out, professional training for principals and teachers should be stepped up, and relevant information should be provided for parents. Having accepted the recommendations of the report, the Education Bureau (EDB) is taking steps to put in place relevant measures.

3. In response to the recommendations of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum, the EDB has updated the Guide on Life Planning Education and Career Guidance for Secondary Schools. Major revisions are highlighted as follows:

- Enrichment of the proposed expected learning outcomes and intervention activities in implementing LPE at junior and senior secondary levels;
- Addition of exemplars and checklists of strategies for implementing LPE at junior and senior secondary levels;
- Illustration of support for schools, students and parents, including the Life Planning Information website, “My Life Planning Portfolio” online learning system, Business-School Partnership Programme and career exploration activities for parents; and
- Provision of references on assessment tools/methods, including questionnaire/survey on students’ feedback on participation in activities and statistical survey on Secondary 6 graduates’ pathways.

4. Furthermore, the Framework of Implementation Strategies for Life Planning Education, which is a supplementary document of the aforesaid Guide, has also been updated. The new versions of the Guide and the Framework are now available on the EDB’s Life Planning Information website (<https://lifepanning.edb.gov.hk/en/school-administration/guide.html>) for download.



Support measures for schools

5. To help schools and teachers understand the updated Guide and grasp the objectives of implementing LPE at junior secondary levels, the EDB will hold briefing sessions in October 2021, details of which will be available on the EDB’s Training Calendar. In addition, we will incorporate strategies and good practices in implementing LPE at junior secondary levels into the structured training courses for implementation of LPE¹ to equip teachers with the essential knowledge.

¹ Including Certificate Course on Career Guidance and Life Planning for Secondary School Teachers (100 hours) and Basic Course on Career Guidance and Life Planning for Secondary School Teachers (20 hours).

Enquiries

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