

## EDUCATION BUREAU CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM NO. 119/2023

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To : Supervisors/Heads of all aided (including special schools), government, caput and private secondary schools, and secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme offering the local senior secondary curriculum

(Please circulate this Circular Memorandum to  
Physical Education panel heads/coordinators and teachers)

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### **Optimisation of Senior Secondary Physical Education Elective and Updating of the *Physical Education Curriculum and Assessment Guide* (*Secondary 4 – 6*) (2023)**

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this Circular Memorandum (CM) is to provide details about the measures to optimise the Senior Secondary (SS) Physical Education (PE) elective and announce the updates on the *PE Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4 – 6)* (2023) (the Guide) for use in schools at Secondary 4 starting from the 2023/24 school year.

#### **Background**

2. The Education Bureau (EDB) announced the measures to optimise the four senior secondary core subjects in EDBCM No.39/2021 “Measures to Optimise the Four Senior Secondary Core Subjects” following the recommendations made by the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum in the report titled “Optimise the curriculum for the future, Foster whole-person development and diverse talents” in order to create space for students and cater for learner diversity.

3. In this connection, the curriculum and assessment of SS PE elective have been thoroughly reviewed along the same directions to create space for students and cater for learner diversity. After careful deliberations in relevant committees on PE of Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and CDC-Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) as well as school sector consultation through a school survey and focus group interview, proposed measures for optimising the curriculum and assessment of SS PE elective have been formulated by the committees and endorsed by the CDC and the Public Examination Board of the HKEAA. The Guide will be implemented at Secondary 4 starting from the 2023/24 school year, leading to the 2026 HKDSE PE Examination and thereafter. The Guide has been uploaded to the webpage of PE Section for the reference of schools and PE teachers ([http://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/pe/curriculum-doc/PE%20C&A%20Guide\\_e.pdf](http://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/curriculum-development/kla/pe/curriculum-doc/PE%20C&A%20Guide_e.pdf)).



## Details

4. While the curriculum framework and learning parts remain unchanged, the optimising measures for SS PE elective focus mainly on the assessment part. Details are as follows:

### *Assessment*

<b>Component</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Optimising measures</b>
Paper 1 Multiple Choice and Short Questions	42%	Changing the examination duration from 2 hours 15 minutes to 2 hours
Paper 2 Long Questions	18%	Changing the examination duration from 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes
Paper 3 Practical Examination	40%	Introducing an exemption mechanism (partial or full) for physical activities – athletics and swimming

### *Support Measures*

5. EDB will continue to develop learning and teaching resources and offer teacher professional development programmes, etc. to support schools in implementing the curriculum of SS PE elective.

### *School Briefing Session*

6. A briefing session will be conducted for PE panel heads/coordinators and teachers to gain a holistic understanding of the rationale and measures for optimising the curriculum and assessment of SS PE elective. For details, please refer to EDB Training Calendar System (TCS) and the related websites of PE subject.

## Enquiries

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