

## Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 127/2023

From: Permanent Secretary for Education

To: Supervisors/Heads/Teachers of all government and aided (including special schools), caput schools and schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme – for action

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### Promotion of Reading Grant for the 2023/24 School Year

#### Summary

This circular memorandum announces the revised amounts of the Promotion of Reading Grant for all public sector schools for the 2023/24 school year. This circular memorandum should be read in conjunction with the EDBC No. 10/2018 on Promotion of Reading in Schools.

#### Details

2. Starting from the 2018/19 school year, the EDB has disbursed the Promotion of Reading Grant to all public sector schools to support them in strengthening the promotion of reading and encourage students to develop a good reading habit from a young age. The grant is adjusted in accordance with the movement of the Composite Consumer Price Index each year. The amounts of the grant for the 2023/24 school year have been adjusted upward by 1.9%. The revised amounts of the grant are as follows:

#### Primary Schools

No. of Approved Classes*	Amount of Grant
12 or below	\$21,733
13 to 24	\$32,599
25 or above	\$43,464

\* “Intensive Remedial Teaching Programme in Primary Schools”  
is not taken into consideration in the calculation of number of

approved classes.

#### Secondary Schools

No. of Approved Classes	Amount of Grant
18 or below	\$54,332
19 to 24	\$65,198
25 or above	\$76,064

#### Special Schools

	Amount of Grant
All special schools <sup>^</sup>	\$32,599

<sup>^</sup> A special school with both primary and secondary classes is counted as one school.

3. Details on the usage of the Promotion of Reading Grant, funding disbursement and accounting arrangements, surplus retention and accountability, which are stipulated in the EDBC No. 10/2018, remain unchanged. The EDB will continue to launch enhancement measures to provide support for reading and disseminate the latest reading-related activities and information via the Reading Information Website. The templates for the Plan and Report on the Use of the Promotion of Reading Grant (updated in September 2021) have also been uploaded to this website for schools' reference and use. The Reading Information Website can be found as below:

EDB Webpage (<http://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Curriculum Development and Support > Cross Disciplinary Subjects/Areas > Reading to Learn / Reading across the Curriculum

#### **Enquiry**

4. For enquiries, please contact Ms NG Pui-ki of the Curriculum Resources Section of the Curriculum Development Institute of the EDB at 3698 4425.

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