

Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 74/2026

From: Secretary for Education

To: Heads of all Primary and
Secondary Schools (excluding
ESF and International Schools)

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Territory-wide System Assessment of Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics at Primary 3 (P3), Primary 6 (P6) and Secondary 3 (S3) in 2026/27

(Note: This circular memorandum should be read by Heads of all primary and secondary schools, excluding ESF and International Schools, for necessary action.)

Purpose

This circular memorandum aims to inform schools of the arrangements of the Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA) of Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics at P3, P6 and S3 for the 2026/27 school year.

TSA in 2026/27 School Year

P3

2. The Chinese audio-visual (CAV) assessment and speaking assessments for Chinese Language and English Language at P3 will be conducted on a sampling basis on **4 May 2027 (Tuesday) or 5 May 2027 (Wednesday)** (with 10 May 2027 (Monday) as the fallback date). The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) will inform each school nearer the time of the assigned date for the speaking assessments. Meanwhile, the assessment for Mathematics, and the written assessments for Chinese Language and English Language at P3 will be conducted on a sampling basis on **14 June 2027 (Monday) and 15 June 2027 (Tuesday)** (with 21 June 2027 (Monday) as the fallback date). HKEAA will later issue letters to inform schools of the details on arranging P3 students to participate in TSA and also on the related school reports.

P6

3. Since 2015, P6 TSA has been conducted in odd-numbered years. The CAV assessment and speaking assessments for Chinese Language and English Language at P6 will be conducted on a sampling basis on **11 May 2027 (Tuesday) or 12 May 2027 (Wednesday)** (with 17 May 2027 (Monday) as the fallback date). HKEAA will inform each school nearer the time of the assigned date for the speaking assessments. The assessment for Mathematics, and the written assessments for Chinese Language and English Language at P6 will be conducted on **14 June 2027 (Monday) and 15 June 2027 (Tuesday)** (with 21 June 2027 (Monday) as the fallback date).

S3

4. The speaking assessments for Chinese Language and English Language at S3 will be conducted on a sampling basis on **28 April 2027 (Wednesday) or 29 April 2027 (Thursday)** (with 3 May 2027 (Monday) as the fallback date). HKEAA will inform each school nearer the time of the assigned date for the speaking assessments. The assessment for Mathematics, and the written assessments for Chinese Language and English Language at S3 will take two days. Schools have to reserve **17 June 2027 (Thursday) and 18 June 2027 (Friday)** (with 23 June 2027 (Wednesday) as the fallback date) to facilitate the conduct of TSA.

Participation of Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students and Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

5. TSA provides not only objective data on territory-wide students' Basic Competencies for the Government, but also data for schools on their students' overall performance in different learning dimensions. In 2027, schools are requested to arrange all students (including NCS students and students with SEN) to participate in S3 assessments; while all P3 students (including NCS students and students with SEN) will participate on a sampling basis at the territory-wide level.

6. As in the past years, HKEAA will provide schools participating in P6 or S3 TSA with detailed school reports; schools that arrange all their P3 students to participate in TSA will also be provided with detailed school reports. Besides, if the above-mentioned schools engage five or more NCS students **or** five or more students with SEN in TSA, HKEAA will also provide reports on the overall performance of the relevant student groups. Furthermore, HKEAA also provides assessment support measures to accommodate NCS students and students with SEN in need, and will later inform schools of the relevant details.

Study on the Feasibility of Electronic Assessment in TSA

7. In line with international trends, the Education Bureau (EDB) has commissioned HKEAA to study the feasibility of electronic assessment in TSA. Therefore, HKEAA will launch trials for electronic assessment in TSA on varying scales across different Key Stages, with a view to gathering feedback from the education sector to inform the potential future implementation of such assessments.

Reminders

8. Schools are reminded to inform parents of the schedule for the assessments and the contingency arrangements (including the fallback dates) during adverse weather to facilitate the smooth implementation of TSA.

Enquiries

9. For enquiries, please contact the following persons:

Enquiry on administration of TSA:

- Ms Connie HUI, Head of Education Assessment Services of HKEAA at
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Enquiry on the general policy of TSA:

- Mr Rax TSANG, Assistant Secretary (Assessment and Support) of EDB at
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cc: Heads of Sections – for information