

YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College

Choice of Language Learning

Students in Forms 1 and 2 learn three languages: English Language, Chinese Language and either French or Spanish as a third language. When students are promoted to Form 3, they continue to study English and Chinese, and can choose to study French or Spanish as an elective subject.

English Language

English is the medium of instruction and is used for daily communication in the YHKCC community. The English Language curriculum consists of developing literacy skills and enhancing English Language competence through the appreciation of multi-modal texts and literature. It aims to enable students to be proficient in English and critically appreciate the beauty of all literature written in English.

Chinese Language

The Chinese Language curriculum provides students with a variety of learning opportunities to develop their Chinese literacy and appreciate Chinese literature and culture. The curriculum caters for students at different levels of Chinese proficiency.

- *Native Chinese speakers study the local Chinese Language curriculum and learn the traditional Chinese characters in Putonghua and/or Cantonese.
- #Non-Chinese speaking students (NCS) study the non-local Chinese Language curriculum and learn the simplified Chinese Characters in Putonghua. This tailor-made curriculum aims to help students catch up with the local Chinese Language curriculum.

All Form 1 students are required to study Chinese Language. Students are streamed according to their Chinese learning background. In addition to the Education Bureau's specific requirements regarding learning Chinese, an internal test is used to ensure that students are placed in the most suitable curriculum and receive the support they need from their teachers. As part of the admissions process, parents are required to submit relevant documents to prove their child's Chinese learning background.

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Remarks:

*The local Chinese Language curriculum will be offered to

- Students who have studied the local Chinese language curriculum for 6 years or more in primary school
- The home spoken language is Chinese (If the parents and students' nationality or ethnicity and names are Chinese, the EDB will consider the home spoken language to be Chinese.)

#The non-local Chinese Language curriculum will be offered to

- (a) students who studied elementary level Chinese in primary school (including local schools with an adapted Chinese curriculum, international schools in Hong Kong and schools overseas), or
- (b) students who studied the local Chinese language curriculum in primary schools in Hong Kong for less than 6 years, or
- (c) students with no foundation in Chinese language learning, and
- (d) the primary language spoken at home is not Chinese

Third Language – French or Spanish

Besides English and Chinese, students are given an opportunity to learn a third language in Forms 1 and 2. The school offers Spanish in Form 1 and a choice between French and Spanish in Form 2. Both languages are widely spoken around the world and provide ample opportunities for students to explore and appreciate Western culture. Students who have a relevant language background or proficiency in their preferred third language may also be assessed. Once the third language has been confirmed by the school, **no** changes will be made.

New Students in Forms 3 – 6

Newly admitted students in Forms 3 and Form 4 are required to take Chinese and English, whereas students following the HKDSE curriculum in Forms 5 and 6 take Chinese and either Chinese, French or Spanish as a second language. In general, newly admitted HKDSE students in Forms 5 and 6 are expected to continue with the language they studied in their previous school. Parents are required to submit relevant documents to prove their child's Chinese learning background and the curriculum they are taking. Once the choice of second language has been confirmed by the school, **no** changes will be made.