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1. When is the most suitable time to buy textbooks?


 Towards the end of the school term, schools will distribute the textbook lists of the forthcoming school year to students. Upon receiving the textbook lists, **parents/students should buy the textbooks required at the earliest possible time.** Bookstores usually have **more stock available in July.**



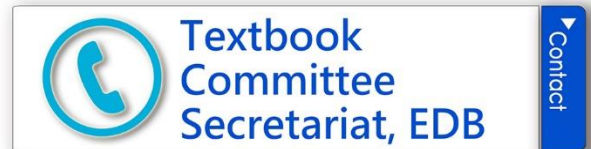
 However, affected by the COVID-19, the progress of printing and supply of textbooks may be delayed, resulting in a shortage of stock in bookstores during the summer vacation. Before purchasing textbooks, parents are advised to refer to the **“Information on the Supply of Textbooks on the Recommended Textbook List and their Accompanying Learning Materials for the New School Year”** provided by textbook publishers on the **“Textbook Information”** webpage (www.edb.gov.hk/textbook) for the latest information about the supply of textbooks and learning materials and the expected dates of

publication. This will avoid parents from the hassle of purchasing textbooks that are not yet published or out of stock. The Education Bureau (EDB) will continuously update the relevant information from July to October for parents' reference. If individual textbooks are out of stock, some bookstores may **provide reservation service** (this may require full payment in advance).

 To cater for students' learning needs, individual schools may develop "school-based" textbooks on their own or in cooperation with publishers. Parents/Students are advised to **check if they need to place an order for these "school-based" textbooks through their school.**

 Sometimes, parents and students may not be able to purchase all the textbooks required before the school term starts in September because some textbooks are out of stock in individual bookstores or some publishers are not able to print the new textbooks on schedule. In such case, parents and students can approach the publisher(s) and/or the bookstore that helps the school to print the textbook lists directly. Contact information of publishers has

been uploaded to the EDB's webpage (<https://cd.edb.gov.hk/rtl/publisherlist.asp>). Please also see the list in Section 4 of this pamphlet.




[Remarks: The EDB has urged publishers to inform schools and take remedial actions if they cannot supply sufficient copies before the start of school term in September. Such actions include arranging direct ordering services for schools and providing students with part of the content of textbooks free of charge so as to avoid affecting student learning.]

2. Points to note on using second-hand textbooks

- 📌 Students who use second-hand textbooks can find the applicable edition(s) of the books on the school textbook list. For example:



English Book 1 (2016 1st Edition, 2018 reprinted)


Mathematics Book 2 (2016 2nd Edition, 2021 reprinted with minor amendments)


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-  The year of its previous edition and the year of reprint are also clearly included on the “reprinted with minor amendments” textbooks. For example:

First published in 2016


Reprinted with minor amendments in 2021

-  In the examples above, the English textbook and the Mathematics textbook have been “reprinted” and “reprinted with minor amendments” respectively but have **not** been “revised” since 2016. Their **appearance**, including the design of the front and back covers, the title, the size of paper and the order of pages, **should not be changed**. The amendments on the both textbooks only involve corrections of the typographical errors or minor amendments to the content. Students can rest assured to use the second-hand textbooks.
-  The information about the applicable editions of textbooks is detailed on the **Recommended Textbook List** (www.edb.gov.hk/rtl).

 Students who use second-hand textbooks can download the “Corrigenda” or the “Appendices” indicating the updated contents **free of charge** via schools, publishers’ websites or **the Recommended Textbook List** (www.edb.gov.hk/rtl).

 If students need to buy the “learning materials accompanying the textbooks”, such as worksheets, workbooks, accounts for e-learning resources, they can place an order through their school, or contact the publishers / bookstores for direct purchase. Contact information of publishers has been uploaded to the EDB’s webpage (<https://cd.edb.gov.hk/rtl/publisherlist.asp>). Please also see the list in Section 4 of this pamphlet.

3. Differences among “Revised”, “Reprinted” and “Reprinted with minor amendments” textbooks

 **“Revised”** textbooks: Publishers have to observe the **“five-year-rule of no revision”** for textbooks. If publishers intend to apply for revision, the textbooks

concerned must have significant improvement over the old edition before approval can be granted. Parents and students should buy the textbooks according to the “applicable edition(s)” as shown on the textbook list.



“Reprinted with minor amendments” textbooks: They are **NOT** new edition nor revised edition. Their appearance and order of pages are the same as the old edition. These textbooks only involve minor amendments to the content (such as the updates of necessary data) which have been reviewed and approved by the EDB. **Students can rest assured to use the second-hand textbooks.**



“Reprinted” textbooks: The reprinted version mainly involves corrections of typographical errors only. **Students can rest assured to use the second-hand textbooks.** Reprinted textbooks do not have to undergo the textbook review procedures.

4. Websites and Contact Information



Useful Websites

- Textbook Information: www.edb.gov.hk/textbook
- Recommended Textbook List (RTL) / Recommended e-Textbook List (eRTL):
www.edb.gov.hk/rtl
- Student Finance Office: www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/sfo



Contact Information of Publishers / Developers

The table below shows the contact information of publishers and developers with textbooks currently on the EDB's RTL and eRTL.

Publisher / Developer Name	出版社 / 開發機構名稱	電話 Tel.
Advance Forward Education Limited	進昇教育有限公司	5239 2214
Aristo Educational Press Ltd	雅集出版社有限公司	2811 2908
Cengage Learning Hong Kong Limited	聖智學習香港有限公司	2612 1833/ 2330 2533
Chinese Technical Press Ltd	中華科技出版社	2997 6683
Chung Tai Educational Press	中大出版社	2558 2247
Classroom Publications Ltd	課室教材出版有限公司	3187 4878
Crystal Education Publications	晶晶教育出版社	2555 1183
Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	香港大學電機電子工程系	9755 0889/ 2219 4276

<u>Publisher / Developer Name</u>	<u>出版社 / 開發機構名稱</u>	<u>電話 Tel.</u>
<u>Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong</u>	<u>香港大學地理系</u>	<u>3917 2311</u>
<u>Educational Publishing House Ltd</u>	<u>教育出版社有限公司</u>	<u>2408 8801/ 2942 9338</u>
<u>Elementi Education Organization Non-Profit Making Limited</u>	<u>培元教育機構有限公司</u>	<u>2806 3870</u>
<u>Excellence Publication Company Limited</u>	<u>卓思出版社有限公司</u>	<u>2411 1280</u>
<u>Galaxy e-Publishing House Ltd.</u>	<u>銀河電子出版有限公司</u>	<u>3188 0787</u>
<u>Hong Kong Educational Publishing Company Ltd.</u>	<u>香港教育圖書有限公司</u>	<u>2887 8018/ 2565 1371</u>
<u>Hong Kong Everyman's Book Co Ltd</u>	<u>香港人人書局有限公司</u>	<u>2338 6103/ 9176 8813</u>
<u>Hong Kong Music Publisher</u>	<u>香港音樂出版社</u>	<u>2384 6564</u>
<u>Horizon Media Limited</u>	<u>博通文化服務有限公司</u>	<u>6527 4127</u>
<u>Interactive Press Company Limited</u>	<u>互動出版有限公司</u>	<u>2895 6428</u>
<u>International New Standard Press</u>	<u>國際新標準出版社</u>	<u>2493 3350/ 2154 3125</u>
<u>IT Education Center Limited</u>	<u>智庫教育有限公司</u>	<u>3543 0993</u>
<u>Jing Kung Educational Press</u>	<u>精工出版社</u>	<u>2826 5555</u>
<u>Kendy Publishing Company Ltd.</u>	<u>啟迪文化有限公司</u>	<u>3568 1560</u>
<u>Keys Press</u>	<u>啟思出版社</u>	<u>2516 3222/ 2516 3126</u>
<u>Kinder Education Press Limited</u>	<u>幼兒教育出版社有限公司</u>	<u>2942 9338/ 2408 8801</u>
<u>Ling Kee Publishing Co Ltd</u>	<u>齡記出版有限公司</u>	<u>2562 2642/ 2561 6151</u>

<u>Publisher / Developer Name</u>	<u>出版社 / 開發機構名稱</u>	<u>電話 Tel.</u>
<u>Manhattan Press</u>	<u>文達出版</u>	<u>2481 1930</u>
<u>Marshall Cavendish Education</u>	<u>名創教育</u>	
<u>Minds Publishing Company Limited</u>	<u>明思出版有限公司</u>	<u>2117 8232</u>
<u>MindWorks & System Co., Ltd</u>	<u>進志系統事業有限公司</u>	<u>2148 4929</u>
<u>Ming Pao Education Publications Limited</u>	<u>明報教育出版有限公司</u>	<u>2515 5600</u>
<u>Modern Educational Research Society, Ltd.</u>	<u>現代教育研究社有限公司</u>	<u>2745 1133</u>
<u>Moodle.hk</u>	<u>五到</u>	<u>2895 6428 / 2895 6438</u>
<u>New Asia Publishing House</u>	<u>新亞洲出版社(有限公司)</u>	<u>2745 1888</u>
<u>Open Knowledge Association Ltd.</u>	<u>知識共享協會有限公司</u>	<u>2191 1000</u>
<u>Oxford University Press (China) Ltd</u>	<u>牛津大學出版社(中國)有限公司</u>	<u>2516 3222 / 2516 3126</u>
<u>Pearson Hong Kong</u>	<u>培生香港</u>	<u>3181 0000</u>
<u>Pilot Publishers Services Ltd.</u>	<u>導師圖書發行有限公司</u>	<u>2774 0920</u>
<u>Pilot Publishing Company Ltd.</u>	<u>導師出版社有限公司</u>	
<u>Radian Publishing Co.</u>	<u>偉能出版社</u>	<u>2637 0432</u>
<u>Religious Education Resource Centre</u>	<u>宗教教育中心</u>	<u>2776 6333</u>
<u>Sky Educational Press (HK) Ltd.</u>	<u>天行教育出版(香港)有限公司</u>	<u>2424 0733</u>
<u>Smart Education Charitable Foundation Limited</u>	<u>聰穎教育慈善基金</u>	<u>2851 3822</u>
<u>Stanford House Publications (HK) Ltd.</u>	<u>史丹福書屋(香港)有限公司</u>	<u>2330 2533</u>

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Star Publishing (HK) Ltd.	思達出版社有限公司	2456 0233
The Commercial Press (HK) Ltd	商務印書館(香港)有限公司	2565 1371
The Open University of Hong Kong	香港公開大學	2768 6420
The Taiyar Publication Ltd	大雅圖書有限公司	2564 6833
Vision Publishing Co	宏思出版有限公司	2679 8119
Waza Cultural Enterprises Ltd.	華夏文化出版有限公司	3425 4690
Ying Lee Music Co Ltd	英利音樂有限公司	2467 2272



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