

Tips for Purchasing Textbooks 2019

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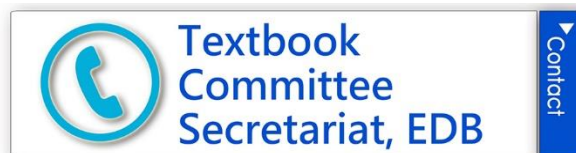
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1. When is the most suitable time to buy textbooks?



-  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 should buy the textbooks required at the earliest possible time.** Bookstores usually have more stock available in July. If individual textbooks are out of stock, some bookstores **provide reservation service** (this may require full payment in advance). Publishers will reprint more textbooks to satisfy the demand as necessary.
-  Parents may refer to the “Textbook Information” webpage (www.edb.gov.hk/textbook) between mid-July and October for the latest “Information on the Supply of Textbooks and their Accompanying Learning Materials for the New School Year”. This will avoid students and parents from the hassle of purchasing textbooks that are not yet published.

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-  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 can approach the publisher(s) and/or the bookstore that helps the school to print the textbook lists (if applicable) directly. Contact information of publishers has been uploaded onto the EDB's website (<https://cd.edb.gov.hk/rtl/publisherlist.asp>). Please also see the list in Section 4 ([Click here](#)).



[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 (2008 1st Edition, 2015 reprinted)

Mathematics Book 2 (2008 2nd Edition, 2015 reprinted
with minor amendments)

- 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 2008

Reprinted with minor amendments in 2015

- The information about the applicable editions of textbooks is detailed on the Recommended Textbook List (www.edb.gov.hk/rtl).

- In the above examples, the English textbook and the Mathematics textbook have been “reprinted” and “reprinted with minor amendments” respectively but

have not been “revised” since 2008. 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.

- 👉 Students who use second-hand textbooks can get 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 who use second-hand textbooks would like to buy the “learning materials accompanying the textbooks”, such as worksheets, workbooks, e-accounts, 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 website (<https://cd.edb.gov.hk/rtl/publisherlist.asp>). Please also see the list in Section 4 ([Click here](#)).

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.

A&I Education	毅恆教育有限公司	2942 6542
Advance Forward Education Publishing Limited	進昇教育出版有限公司	6151 1343
Aristo Educational Press Ltd	雅集出版社有限公司	2811 2908
Bluebird Publishing Company	藍鳥出版公司	5646 4829
Cengage Learning Hong Kong Limited	聖智學習香港有限公司	2612 1833
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
Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong	香港大學地理系	3917 2311
Educational Publishing House Ltd	教育出版社有限公司	2942 9338
Elementi Education Organization Non-Profit Making Limited	培元教育機構有限公司	2806 3870
Excellence Publication Company Limited	卓思出版社有限公司	2411 1280
Galaxy e-Publishing House Ltd.	銀河電子出版有限公司	3188 0787
Hong Kong Educational Publishing Company	香港教育圖書公司	2887 8018
Hong Kong Everyman's Book Co Ltd	香港人人書局有限公司	2338 6103
Hong Kong Music Publisher	香港音樂出版社	2384 6564
Horizon Media Limited	博通文化服務有限公司	6692 5909
Interactive Press Company Limited	互動出版有限公司	2895 6428/ 2895 6438
International New Standard Press	國際新標準出版社	2493 3350
IT Education Center Limited	智庫教育有限公司	3543 0993
Jing Kung Educational Press	精工出版社	2826 5555
Kendy Publishing Company Ltd.	啟迪文化有限公司	3568 1560
Keys Press	啟思出版社	2516 3222/ 2516 3126
Kinder Education Press Limited	幼兒教育出版社有限公司	2942 9338
Ling Kee Publishing Co Ltd	齡記出版有限公司	2562 2642
Manhattan Marshall Cavendish Education	文達·名創教育	
Manhattan Press	文達出版	2481 1930
Manhattan Cavendish Education	名創教育	
Minds Publishing Company Limited	明思出版有限公司	2117 8230
MindWorks & System Co., Ltd	進志系統事業有限公司	2359 3821

Ming Pao Education Publications Limited	明報教育出版有限公司	2515 5600
Modern Educational Research Society Ltd	現代教育研究社有限公司	2745 1133
Moodle.hk	五到	2895 6428/ 2895 6438
New Asia · Marshall Cavendish Education Hong Kong	名創教育 · 新亞洲出版社	2481 1930
New Asia Publishing House	新亞洲出版社有限公司 新亞洲出版社	
Open Knowledge Association Ltd.	知識共享協會有限公司	2191 1000
Oxford University Press (China) Ltd	牛津大學出版社(中國)有限公司	2516 3222/ 2516 3126
Pearson Hong Kong	培生香港	3181 0123
Pilot Publishers Services Ltd.	導師圖書發行有限公司	2363 1898
Pilot Publishing Company Ltd.	導師出版社有限公司	
Radian Publishing Co.	偉能出版社	2637 0432
Religious Education Resource Centre	宗教教育中心	2776 6333
Sky Educational Press (HK) Ltd.	天行教育出版(香港)有限公司	2424 0733
Smart Education Charitable Foundation Limited	聰穎教育慈善基金	2851 3822
Stanford House Publications (HK) Ltd.	史丹福書屋(香港)有限公司	2330 2533
Star Publishing (HK) Ltd.	思達出版社有限公司	6052 9291
The Commercial Press (HK) Ltd	商務印書館(香港)有限公司	2887 8018
The Open University of Hong Kong	香港公開大學	2768 6484
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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