

**A comparison of the elective subjects taken by the first cohort of Secondary 4 students (2021/22 school year) under the measures to optimise the SS core subjects with those in the past three school years**

School year	Secondary 4 students taking							
	3 Elective Subjects		Extended Part of Mathematics		Applied Learning Courses		Other Languages	
	No. of students	Percentage	No. of students	Percentage	No. of students	Percentage	No. of students	Percentage
<b>2018/19</b>	15 192	30.8%	8 747	17.7%	31	0.1%	818	1.7%
<b>2019/20</b>	15 359	31.6%	8 722	18.0%	44	0.1%	898	1.8%
<b>2020/21</b>	15 544	31.8%	8 575	17.5%	412	0.8%	1 086	2.2%
<b>2021/22 (After optimisation)</b>	28 040	56.9%	9 701	19.7%	4 792	9.7%	1 562	3.2%

Source: The Survey on Senior Secondary Subject Information conducted by the Curriculum Development Institute of the Education Bureau. The survey is carried out regularly from October to December every year. All publicly-funded schools in Hong Kong offering the local senior secondary curriculum are invited to participate in the survey. The response rate is 100%.