

Language Policy

Our school offers a resourceful language-learning environment for our students. In addition to English being a core language, we offer Chinese (including Putonghua) and French. As far as the choice of study of different languages is concerned, there are two main streams, namely “English & Chinese” Stream and “English & French” Stream.

“English & Chinese” Stream : Students who opt for “English & Chinese” Stream will be offered English and formal Chinese curriculum from P1 to P6 (Putonghua is to be used as the medium of instruction from P2 to P6). Additionally, they shall take either Basic French or Basic Japanese from P1 to P6. It shall be noted that the French standard of a P6 student in this Stream is generally equivalent to that of a P3 student in the “English & French” Stream, as such curriculum is designed for Chinese speaking students.

“English & French” Stream : Students who opt for “English & French” Stream will be offered English and our school-based French curriculum from P1 to P6. Additionally, they shall take a school-based Chinese curriculum from P1 to P6 and the medium of instruction is Putonghua. It shall be noted that the Chinese standard of a P6 student in this Stream is generally equivalent to that of a P3 student in the “English & Chinese” Stream, as such curriculum is designed for non-Chinese speaking students.

For ease of reference, the session allocation of each subject for P1 students during the academic year 2008 – 2009 is as follows:

No. of lessons/week	“English & Chinese” Stream	“English & French” Stream
	Subject	Subject
7	English	
2	Phonics	
7	Formal Chinese (Medium of Instruction : Cantonese for P1; Putonghua for P2–P6)	School-based French
2	Putonghua	School-based Chinese for Non-Chinese Speaking Students (Medium of Instruction : Putonghua)
2	Basic French or Basic Japanese	
7	Mathematics*	
4	General Studies*	
2	Music*	
2	Physical Education*	
2	Computer Studies*	
2	Visual Art*	

*Medium of Instruction: English

Important Remarks:

- *Upon making choice of stream on the application form, **admitted students have to study in the same stream throughout the whole period from Primary One to Six.** Under no circumstances should request for change of stream be allowed.*
- *The interview for “English & Chinese Stream” students may be conducted in both Chinese and English, while that for “English & French Stream” students will be conducted in English only.*