

Supplementary Information on
Average Cost per Place of Ordinary Schools and Aided Special Schools

Background

1. As the special educational needs of students in special schools are in general more severe and more complicated, more resources have been put into special schools to meet these needs. Therefore, there is no simple and direct comparison between the unit costs in ordinary schools and special schools.

Unit Costs

2. The average unit costs of ordinary schools and various categories of special schools as well as the average unit costs of various special education programmes for the 2004/05 school year are estimated as follows:

(a) **Aided ordinary schools and aided special schools**

Types of school	Average unit cost per place in 2004/05 school year
Primary School (P.1 to P.6)	\$23,500
Secondary School (S.1 to S.7)	\$32,500
Special Schools for	
Mildly Mentally Handicapped	\$81,500
Moderately Mentally Handicapped	\$148,000
Severely Mentally Handicapped	\$208,500
Visually Impaired	\$145,000
Hearing Impaired	\$178,500
Physically Disabled	\$187,500
Social Development	\$93,000

(b) Special education programmes in ordinary schools

Types of programme	Average unit cost per place of the programme in 2004/05 school year*
Intensive Remedial Teaching Programme	\$21,500
New Funding Mode for students with SEN in primary schools requiring	\$10,000 - \$20,000
Integrated Education Programme	\$41,500

* Note: The average unit cost per place of the programme does not include the cost of an ordinary school place.