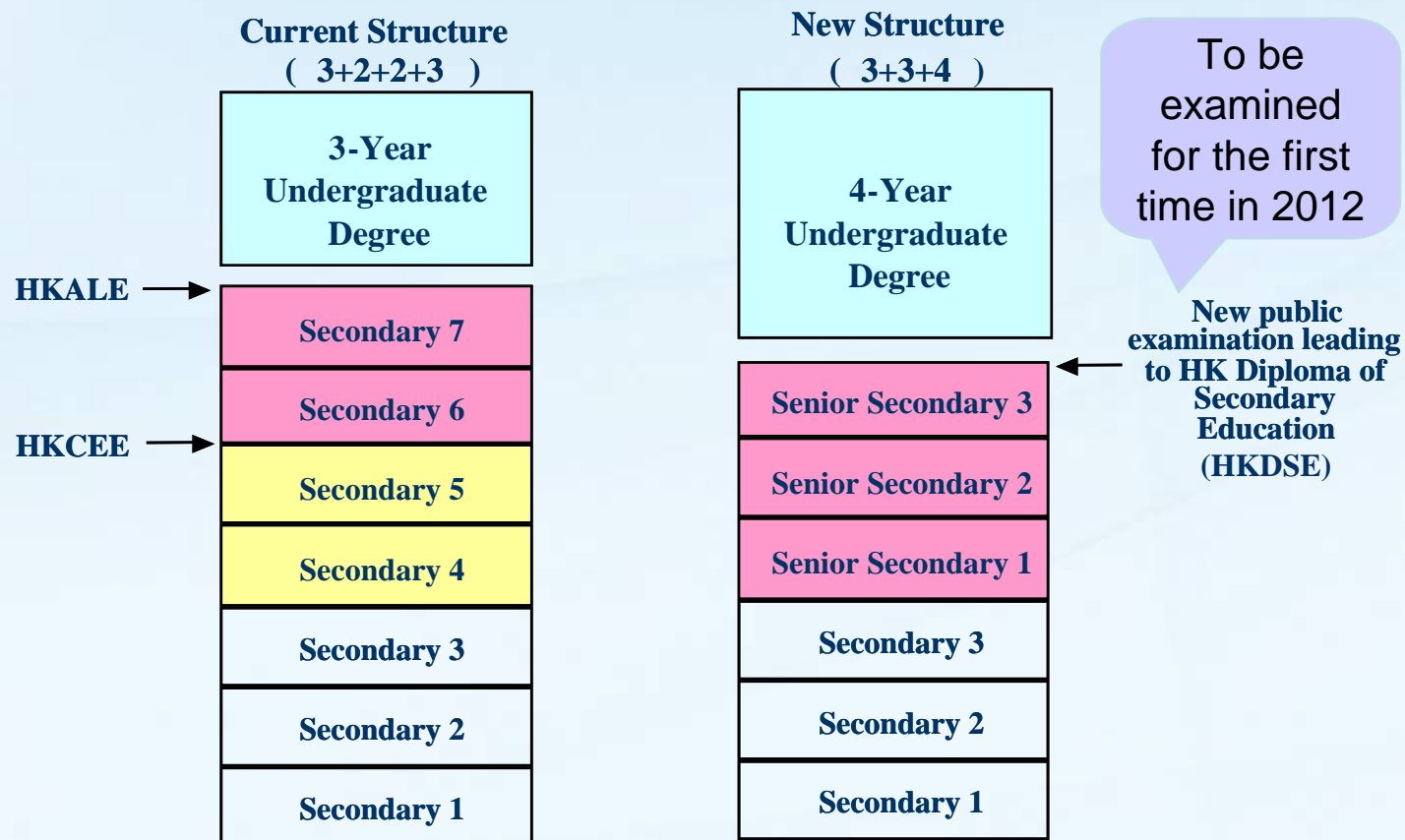


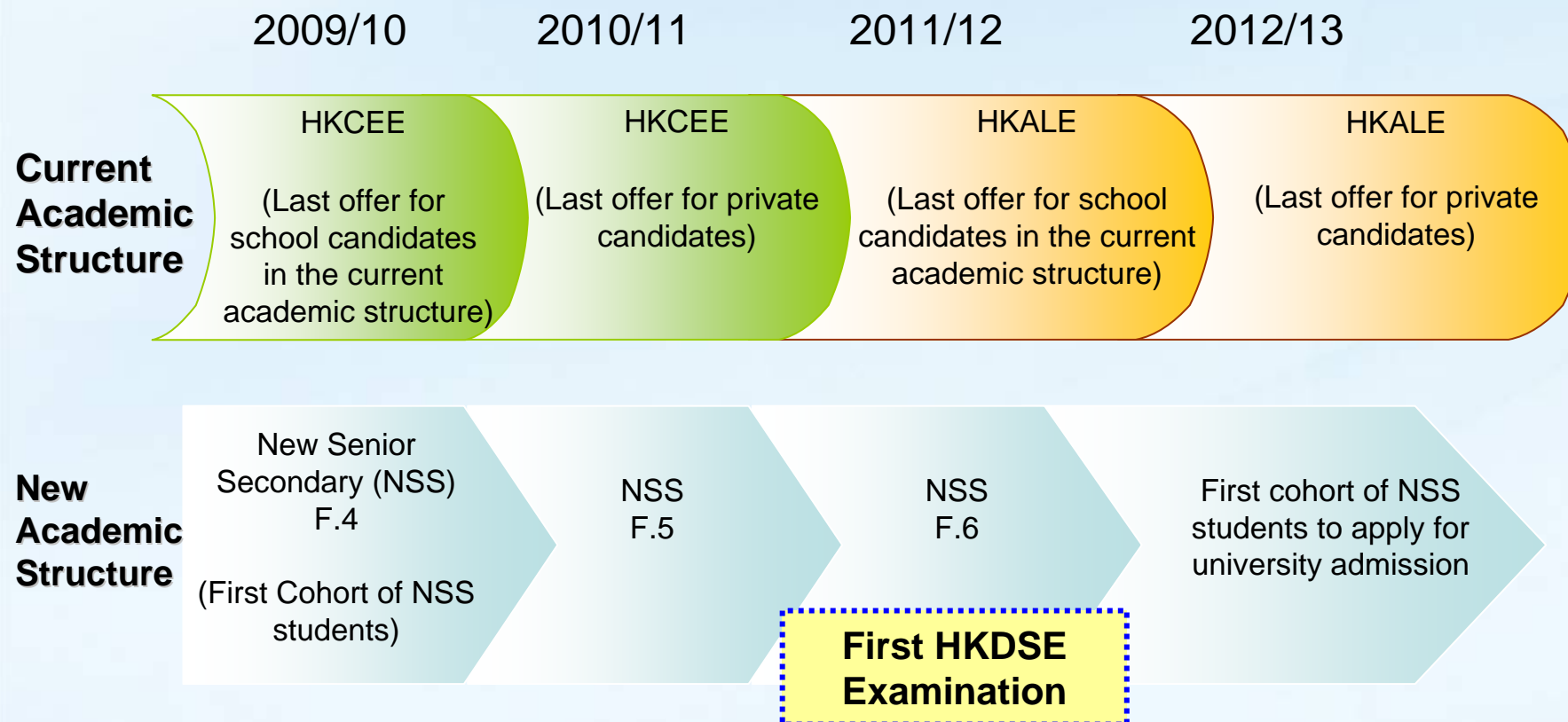
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Implementation Timetable of HKDSE



NSS Curriculum Model

4 Core Subjects:

Chinese Language

English Language

Mathematics

Liberal Studies



2 or 3 elective subjects:

subjects chosen from

(A) 20 NSS elective subjects,

(B) Applied Learning Courses

and (C) other language courses


Other Learning Experience (moral & civic education, community services, aesthetic & physical activities, career-related experiences)



NSS Subjects

Categories	Subjects
<p data-bbox="443 938 517 1023">A</p> 	<p data-bbox="667 544 1644 596"><u>24 New Senior Secondary Subjects</u></p> <ul data-bbox="667 628 1892 1439" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="667 628 1832 804">• 4 Core Subjects: Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics, Liberal Studies<li data-bbox="667 863 1892 1439">• 20 Elective Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese History, Chinese Literature, Economics, Ethics and Religious Studies, Geography, History, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Science : Integrated Science, Science: Combined Science, “Business, Accounting and Financial Studies”, Information and Communication Technology, Health Management and Social Care, Technology and Living, Music, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Design and Applied Technology, Literature in English

NSS Subjects

Categories	Subjects
B 	<p data-bbox="669 552 1917 608"><u>Area of Studies of Applied Learning Courses</u></p> <ul data-bbox="669 638 1420 1026" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="669 638 1066 683">• Applied Science<li data-bbox="669 707 1420 751">• Business, Management and Law<li data-bbox="669 775 1077 820">• Creative Studies<li data-bbox="669 844 1312 888">• Engineering and Production<li data-bbox="669 912 1294 957">• Media and Communication<li data-bbox="669 981 909 1026">• Services <p data-bbox="669 1123 1727 1238">Around 30 subjects will be provided in Category B (Tentative).</p>

NSS Subjects

Categories	Subjects
C	<p data-bbox="674 549 1397 603"><u>Other Language Subjects:</u></p> <ul data-bbox="674 635 931 1023" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="674 635 869 671">• French<li data-bbox="674 703 891 740">• German<li data-bbox="674 772 831 809">• Hindi<li data-bbox="674 841 931 877">• Japanese<li data-bbox="674 909 891 946">• Spanish<li data-bbox="674 978 824 1015">• Urdu <p data-bbox="725 1126 1906 1289">The AS Level syllabuses and examination papers of the above language subjects will be provided by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).</p>



NSS Subjects

- Candidates may take up to a maximum of eight subjects from Categories A, B or C.
- For candidates choosing eight subjects, at least one of the subjects chosen must come from the following areas:
 - Ethics and Religious Studies/Music/Physical Education/Visual Arts in Category A
 - Applied Learning subjects in Category B
 - Other language subjects in Category C



Standards-referenced Reporting (SRR) Category A: 24 NSS Subjects



Standards-referenced reporting (SRR)

- Results will be reported in 5 levels(1-5), of which 5 is the highest and 1 the lowest. Level 5 candidates with the best performance will be awarded 5**, and the next top Level 5 candidates will be awarded 5*. Performance below Level 1 will be indicated as “Unclassified”
- Level descriptors and exemplars are provided from Level 1 – Level 5



Standards-referenced reporting (SRR)

- Greater transparency
- Standards remain constant over time
- Level descriptors spell out the standards required for different levels of performance
- More information to students and teachers on how to improve learning and teaching



SRR Information Packages



Reporting System

Category B: Applied Learning Subjects

Reported in 2 grades:

Attained with distinction

Attained



Reporting System

Category C: Other Language Subjects

Marking & grading will be conducted by CIE

A

B

C

D

E



Standards of the HKDSE

- The purpose of the design of assessment system is to capture the full range of achievement of candidates
- Levels 4 and 5 will be set with reference to the standards of Grades A-D in HKALE
- Reporting with reference to standards that remain constant over time
- Percentages of different levels awarded depend on the performance of candidates
- More information to tertiary institutions for selection
- Provide information to employers for selecting suitable employees
- Alignment with international best practice



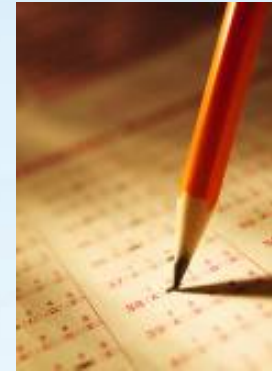
HKDSE: Certification & Selection

- To provide general qualification to S6 graduates for further education, employment and training



HKDSE: Public Examinations

- Written Papers
 - M.C., constructed response questions, essays



- Listening and Speaking Tests
 - for language subjects only



- For details, please refer to the
2012 HKDSE Assessment Framework



School-based Assessment (SBA)

- Typically contributes about 20% of subject marks
- Assessment areas include those which are not covered by written papers e.g. an independent enquiry study for the subject of Liberal Studies, laboratory skills for science subjects
- Conducted in S5 and S6 by subject teachers during the course of learning and teaching
- Implemented in 12 subjects in 2012 HKDSE, gradually extended to other subjects from 2014 HKDSE onward



Issues related to implementing SBA

Plagiarism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance and supervision by subject teachers• Students required to do most of the work in class
Fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment guidelines/criteria• Within- / inter- school standardisation• Moderation by the HKEAA
Assessment Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SBA Teachers' Handbooks• Assessment requirements and sample assessment tasks available to schools



Double Cohort Year (2012)

- HKALE candidates → study 3-year degree programme
- HKDSE candidates → study 4-year degree programme
- 14,500 university places for each cohort



Local Recognition of HKDSE

Universities

- May 2005
- Heads of Universities Committee (HUCOM) issued a statement to confirm its support for all the 4 core subjects to be considered as mandatory minimum requirements for university entrance
- Level 3 for Chi and Eng
- Level 2 for Maths and LS



Local Recognition of HKDSE

- July 2006:
 - Universities announced specific requirements for admission to individual faculties/departments
 - In addition to the 4 core subjects, most universities will include one elective in their entrance requirements and in some cases, a second elective from a wider group of subjects
- Oct 2008:
 - HUCOM confirmed that the Student Learning Profile (學生學習概覽) of NSS students will be considered as a good reference document in the university admission process



<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?langno=1&nodeID=6255>

Local Recognition of HKDSE

Employers

- Discussion with Civil Service Bureau (CSB) on the relevant requirements for different positions is underway
- Introduction of the HKDSE qualification to employers in different trades and professions



International Recognition of HKDSE

- To ensure the international recognition of the HKDSE qualification, the HKEAA has been holding discussions with international agencies and conducting benchmarking and comparability research studies on HKDSE
 - Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)
 - National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) in the UK
 - Universities and Colleges Admissions Services (UCAS) in the UK
 - Australian Education International (AEI) in Australia
 - Other universities overseas



http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/tc/ir/progress_HKDSE_promotion/



Support Materials for HKDSE

- Curriculum and Assessment Guides 課程及評估指引
<http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeid=5962&langno=2>
- Regulations and Assessment Frameworks for HKDSE
香港中學文憑考試規則及評核大綱
<http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/>
- Standards-referenced Reporting (SRR) Information Packages for HKDSE subjects 水平參照成績滙報資料套
- SBA Teachers' Handbook for HKDSE subjects
校本評核教師手冊
http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/sba_hkdse/index.html



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