

Small Class Teaching



Classes with too many students increase teachers' intense workload and excess administrative duties, which will inevitably have negative effects on teachers' professional practice and effectiveness. Since teacher-student interaction, individualized teaching, remedy education, achievement-based consulting and family-school cooperation all require low teacher-student ratio as necessary prerequisite, large class size will effect both the teaching and learning aspects of educational quality, therefore, small class teaching became the focus of attention.

The main aim of small class teaching is to foster students' development in a joyful learning environment. It emphasis on students' individual differences, allow for flexible instructional techniques and teaching materials, enable students to develop according to their individual abilities.

Neighboring regions have been implementing small class teaching for quite some time. We have learning from experiences that although teachers may face some difficulties, there are significant benefits after small class teaching was implemented. For example,

1. Increase teachers' professional ability and teaching quality.
2. Respect students' Individual differences, stimulate hidden ability, and provide individualized education.
3. Emphasis on students' basic ability, development students' interest and self-learning ability.
4. Improve teacher-student interaction in classroom.
5. Improve counseling outcome.
6. Teachers may teach according to individual students' ability, students have more opportunity to participate in class; as a result students receive more attention and instruction from teachers.
7. Create better learning environment, allocate more educational resources and abundant situational arrangements to generate higher learning motivation and continuous learning interest.
8. Teachers work closer with parents in a closer collaborative framework.
9. Enhance the spirit of teamwork within school, develop cooperative learning attitudes, and use cooperative teaching or classroom observation to increase accelerate the opportunity to learn from each other.
10. The participation of parents and community members may provide schools with more manpower, financial resources and materials.

In summary, when small class teaching is implemented, it is not just for the benefit of the school administrators and the teachers, families and the community as a whole will also benefit. In small class teaching, teachers' professional development, teaching attitudes, students' learning attitudes and teachers' instructional materials, instructional methods and instructional quality will all be accelerated. In this way our next generation will be able to receive quality education and become pillar of the 21st century. ☑

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想讀書，可以向哪個部門求助？ Where can I apply for school assistance?



I apply for school assistance?

無論是被學校勒令退學的學生，或新移居到本澳的適齡兒童，如果想在本地繼續學業，首先可以自行前往希望就讀的學校詢問或報名。但如果校方沒有學位、學生不獲校方錄取或不知道本澳有哪些學校等，學生都可親身到南灣大馬路926號教育暨青年局（八角亭巴士站對面）三樓教育廳要求協助。

求助學位時，應帶同個人居民身份證或有效的居留證明文件（如正在辦理中的，須出示證明），及最近的成績表，於辦公時間內前往上址辦理。在填寫了求助學位登記表後，教育局的人員會了解有關學生的情況和意願。想入讀的學校類型、班級等，並隨即會聯絡本澳的一些學校，若校方表示有學位而又願意的話，就會通知求助的學生和家長按校方指定的時間一同前往會見校方負責人。

若即時沒有學位或學校類型、地點等不符合求助學生的意願，有關人士則須回家等候消息，待有符合要求的學位後，教育局的人員將再作轉介。

轉介後，若學生不被錄取，教育局則會再聯絡其他學校，再作轉介。
如有查詢，可致電
3972306 (幼稚園及小學)；
3972318 (中學)。

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Onde se pode pedir a colocação escolar?

Tanto os alunos aos quais foram aplicados a ordem de exclusão pelas escolas como os novos imigrantes em idade escolar que queiram continuar os estudos em Macau podem deslocar-se directamente à escola desejada para se informar ou inscrever-se. No caso de não serem admitidos por falta de vagas, recusa da escola ou no disporem de informações sobre as escolas locais, os alunos podem dirigir-se pessoalmente ao 3º andar do Departamento de Ensino da Direcção dos Serviços de Educação e Juventude, sita na Avenida da Praia Grande, nº926, para pedir ajuda.

Para o pedido de colocação escolar, o aluno, acompanhado do documento de identificação válido ou documento de residência (no caso de estar a tratar dos documentos, deve apresentar a respectiva prova), bem como do último certificado de habilitações, deve deslocar-se, no horário de expediente, aos Serviços acima referidos para tratar deste assunto. Depois de preencher o boletim de registo de pedido de colocação escolar, o pessoal da DSEJ inteira-se da situação e desejos do aluno, tais como, o tipo de escola e o ano de escolaridade de escolaridade que pretende frequentar, e contacta alguns estabelecimentos de ensino de Macau, e caso estes manifestem disponibilidade e tenham vaga escolar para admitir o aluno, este será informado para se encontrar, na companhia do seu encarregado de educação, com o responsável da escola na hora e local indicados.

No caso da inexistência de vaga escolar ou o tipo ou o local da escola não correspondam aos desejos do aluno, este ficará em casa à espera de informações da DSEJ. Quando surgir a colocação escolar desejada, o aluno será informado pelo pessoal da DSEJ.

Se apesar da recomendação da DSEJ, o aluno não for admitido pela escola, estes Serviços contactarão com outras escolas com vista à sua colocação. No caso de quererem mais informações, podem ligar para os telefones nº 3972306 (Educação Pré-Escolar e Ensino Primário) ou 3972318 (Ensino Secundário)。

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If you were just expelled from a school, or you were a new immigrant wish to continue to study in Macau, you can directly inquire and apply for the school you wish to enroll. If the school(s) you are interested in do not have vacancy, the school does not accept you, or you want to obtain more information on other local schools, you can come to the Department of Education and Youth Affairs Department located on the third floor of No. 926 Avenida Praia Grande.

When you apply for government assistance, please come to abovementioned address during office hours with your Permanent Resident Identification Card or other legal residential documents and recent school transcripts. After filling out a school enrollment request form, staff of Education and Youth Affairs Department may also inquire students' intentions, such as the type of school you are looking for, which grade level you are expecting to attend, etc. The staff will try to contact suitable school(s), and if there is vacancy at the school and the school wishes to meet the student, an interview will be immediately arranged at designated timeslot.

If vacancy is not available immediately, the type or location of the school does not meet the student's prerequisite, the person applying for assistance may wait for further notice. The staff of Education and Youth Affairs Department will contact the student once suitable vacancy is available.

If the school does not admit the student referred by Education and Youth Affairs Department, the staff will try to contact other schools for further referrals. If you have further inquiries, please call 3972306 (kindergarten and primary school) and 3972318 (secondary school)。

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