

Quality Education Fund Thematic Network (QTN)

Web-Based Learning for Students with Diverse Needs (Reading and Writing) at the Junior Secondary Level

1. Support Service Co-ordinator

Department of Special Education and Counselling, Education University of Hong Kong

2. Areas of Collaboration

Curriculum development and learning and teaching strategies for students with diverse needs in secondary schools

3. Foci of Development

QTN co-ordinator will support teachers of participating schools to promote and develop special education at schools. The foci of development are as follows:

- To create space for teachers to develop and conduct curriculum activities
- To foster collaboration among teachers
- To provide a platform for teachers' professional exchange
- To provide participating teachers an opportunity to learn and to practise new skills
- To explore new strategies and apply in actual teaching
- To conduct lesson observation
- To develop a web-based learning platform for students with diverse needs

4. Modes of Exchange and Collaboration

On-site support and network activities: QTN co-ordinator will support participating schools regularly for one school year to collaborate with participating teachers in:

- 10-week training programme
- regular meetings
- cross-site visitation
- dissemination seminar
- sharing sessions
- public lectures
- on-site support
- lesson observations and evaluations

5. Expectations on Participating Schools

To make good use of the support services, participating schools are expected to:

- participate in 20 cross-site visitations and evaluations
- participate in 3 seminars/ public lectures

6. Points to Note

- The support services normally last for one year
- Active engagement of participating schools throughout the support services is expected
- All participating schools should appoint PSM(CD) / panel heads to be responsible for the liaison of QTN activities
- At least one representative should attend each QTN activity
- Participating schools are required to attend two Executive Committee (EC) meetings and an annual dissemination seminar to share the good practices derived and challenges faced

7. Enquiries

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