

The K-12 Education Administration subsidizes public preschools to improve teaching environment and facilities that help to create a safe and high-quality learning environment

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To provide preschools with a safer and high-quality learning environment, the K-12 Education Administration, Ministry of Education formulated the Guidelines on Subsidies for the Special Municipality and City or County Governments to Enhance and Improve Preschool Teaching Environment Facilities and Equipment, to subsidize public preschools for the enhancement of, and improvement to their teaching environment facilities and equipment. In 2021, a total of 769 public preschools were subsidized. The administration will continue to accept applications from preschools in 2022.

In 2021, Tainan Municipal No. 1 Preschool was subsidized for the equipment of its library. With the blue sky and green space as the main image, as well as other lively elements, the whole library featured a forest-theme. Lively elements, including blue sky, big trees, rivers, light, as well as an excellent ventilation design, together served to create a space that is suitable for both physical and static activities. A height difference has differentiated multi-layer performance space for teachers and students to read and interact, allowing children to enjoy self-directed

learning, mutual learning, and learning together.

In a classroom facilities and equipment improvement project led by the affiliated preschool of Xinxing Elementary School in Nantou County, the subsidy funds were used to purchase light tables and light-transmitting materials to enable children to have easy access, while adopting wood tones and making good use of plants to cultivate children's aesthetic sense. Furthermore, preschool teachers designed a lesson plan on the basis of the light tables, to expose young children to lines and shapes in the initial stage and train them to make stacking creations with a variety of materials from their life experience in the later stage. Meanwhile, a loose parts area is set up by crossing two inverted U-shaped tables, so that the tables can be used more flexibly in various learning areas. The soft and open environment in the classroom invites children to take on challenges in this area, so that the environment were acting like a third teacher in the classroom, thereby enhancing children's learning motivation.

Chiayi Municipal Fuguo Preschool was also subsidized in 2021 for its facilities and equipment improvement project. It used the subsidy funds to remove the roof of Rainbow Square, replace the floor mats, and install a grille sunshade. The color of the sunshade contrasts with the mascot on the square floor mats to welcome children to the school with the lively and vibrant colors and invite children to play in the new Rainbow Plaza.

The K-12 Education Administration stated that: in order to maintain the safety of preschools and provide a better learning environment so that children can learn happily in the preschools, it will continue to encourage public preschools to apply for funding to improve and enhance their teaching facilities and equipment, thereby developing a learning environment that lights up children's education journey with their design ingenuity.