

K12EA's Funding to Senior High Schools for the Establishment and Expansion of the Pilot Bilingualism Program supports senior high schools in their bilingualism journey

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In line with the goal to develop Taiwan into a bilingual nation by 2030, K12EA has promulgated the Funding to Senior High Schools for the Establishment and Expansion of the Pilot Bilingualism Program, which seeks to empower senior high schools to offer bilingual programs to their students in order to create a bilingual learning environment that elevates the efficacy of student language learning.

K12EA has shared that the funding, which has been disbursed to 50 schools, can be used to engage foreign English teachers and bilingual substitute teachers. To enhance the quality of English teaching, these schools can allow foreign teachers and current Taiwanese teachers to co-teach as well as to do lesson preparation collaboratively. Foreign English teachers can also act as consultants to local teachers involved in conducting the bilingual program and share pointers on teaching in English.

Besides the engagement of English teachers, the funding can also be used by the 50 schools to cover expenses incurred in the setting up of their bilingual programs. Individual schools have the liberty to decide how to use the funds to create a bilingual campus. Items included in the budget can include, for instance, the use of funds to upgrade video facilities or other equipment necessary for the setting up of the Pilot Bilingualism Program. Schools can also use the funds to conduct workshops and events related to bilingual education as well as other items relevant to the promotion of bilingual teaching and learning.

In addition, K12EA has also commissioned the Department of English at the National Changhua University of Education to run the 2021 Support Program for the Pilot Bilingual Program in Senior High Schools, which provides a support system for the implementation of bilingual education in these schools. Under this scheme, the National Changhua University of Education also organizes workshops and training programs to enhance the teaching capacity of the teachers involved in the bilingual program.