

# Admissions to form 6 altered

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Secondary six admission procedures will be revised this year in a move to increase monitoring measures against "jump-the-gun" schools, the assistant director of education, Kwan Shu-tsun, said.

Kwan said the utilisation of form six places was 100 per cent during the past few years under the existing admission procedures.

"In order to prevent schools from jumping the gun, we will send warning letters to those schools which do not comply with the laid down procedures," Kwan said.

"We will also step up our monitoring measures against these schools, including more frequent visits by the district education officer."

After considering public opinion that the admission procedures should be simpli-

fied, the Education Department decided to shorten the duration of stage II and stage IV from two days to one day.

In stage II, students who have obtained 14 points or more but cannot register with their own school can register with other schools.

In stage IV, students with minimum A-level requirements can apply to and register with other schools.

A report on school guidance and support services has found five main problems among primary and secondary students - learning, conduct, family, and emotional and social problems.

Members of the Board of Education agreed that more resources should be allocated for support guidance services in both primary and secondary schools and to provide proper training for teachers on how to handle students' problems.