

Simplified or traditional form of Chinese characters, Putonghua or Cantonese

Both traditional and simplified Chinese characters (繁體字 *fantizi* and 简体字 *jiantizi*) are taught in RCHK Chinese classrooms.

In general, teachers select textbooks and teaching materials in traditional fonts for students learning Chinese as a native and near-native language. These students are usually in Chinese Language and Literature and Chinese Language Acquisition phase 4-6 classes. Students who are learning Chinese as a secondary language, on the other hand, use teaching materials in the simplified form.

Teachers allow students to use the simplified and the traditional form in a Chinese class. In Chinese examinations for Diploma courses, texts of both simplified and traditional forms are available, and response in both forms are accepted.

It's written in RCHK Language Policy that we teach "Chinese (Putonghua)". This means, in a RCHK Chinese classroom, students learn Modern Standard Chinese, and the standard use of vocabulary and grammatical structure; students learn Putonghua as the standard phonology of Modern Standard Chinese.