

Schools in the DEIS Programme

Parents'/Guardians' Information Note



DEIS – An introduction

DEIS stands for Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools. DEIS began in September 2006.

More than 240,000 students in 1,200 schools are supported in DEIS.

Schools do not need to apply for DEIS. Schools are included in DEIS based on information from the national Census and the school's enrolment. All schools are considered for DEIS.

The DEIS Programme in your school

Through DEIS, the Government gives extra resources to schools where more support is needed. This will give all students every opportunity to learn, develop and achieve in school.

Schools in DEIS can receive access to resources including:

- the School Completion Programme
- School Meals Scheme
- the Home School Community Liaison Scheme
- extra materials to help teachers
- more staff
- extra funding.

School supports for students in the DEIS programme

Schools take particular care to make sure the students do well in English and Maths.

Through DEIS, schools can also provide extra supports to students' such as a breakfast club and/or a homework club.

Schools in DEIS work closely with parents and guardians to support their child's learning.

Schools in DEIS work hard to make sure you and all children feel welcome in the school.

Schools in DEIS encourage students to set high expectations for themselves. Their aim is to support all students to achieve their potential through education.

How DEIS helps students progress

DEIS supports help children to come to school every day and on time. There are extra supports through DEIS to encourage students to stay in school and complete their education.

Schools in DEIS have extra supports in place through primary school, to move into post-primary, as well as going on to college, apprenticeships or work. Post-primary schools can use extra hours for guidance to help students to make decisions about their future.

How to support your child's education

More information on how to help your child at home is available on the [National Parents' Council's website](http://www.npc.ie): [npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie)



Supports for DEIS Band 1 primary schools

1 Access to the School Completion Programme (SCP)

The SCP works with students who are at risk of leaving school early.

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2 School Meals Programme

The school provides meals for students in school.

3 School Books

All primary schools have access to the Free Primary Schoolbooks scheme.

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4 Access to Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) scheme

A teacher whose job is to support families, schools, and the broader community to work together to help students attend school and stay in school.

5 Literary and Numeracy Supports

Schools have access to particular programmes that are successful at improving reading and maths.

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6 DEIS Grant

The school gets increased money to buy resources.

7 Increase in teaching staff

More classroom teachers and smaller class sizes.

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8 A lower number of students are needed to allow a school to have an administrative principal

The principal does not teach a full class every day.

9 Access to Inspectorate School Self-Evaluation Advisory Visits

School inspectors provide support and advice for school principals and teachers.

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10 Access to Planning Supports

Support for principal and teachers with planning for teaching.

11 Priority access to professional development supports

Principal and teachers from these schools are prioritised for training in different areas of school life.

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