



MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

Ministry Expands School Supplies and Book Grant Support to 20,774 Students

The Ministry of Education has approved 20,774 School Supplies and Book Grants for 2026, surpassing the programme's original target of 20,000 students by 774 beneficiaries, while remaining within the \$20 million allocation provided in the 2026 Mid-Year Review.

The approved grants will benefit 10,605 primary school students and 10,169 secondary school students. As at 3 September 2026, all 45,953 applications received from approximately 668 schools and institutions had completed the initial review process.

Of the approved grants, 19,226 students will receive \$1,000, while 1,548 students entering Form 2 will receive \$500.

The adjusted grant for Form 2 students reflects the Ministry's provision of six AI-enhanced learning materials in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Integrated Science, Social Sciences, Information Technology and Spanish, for use with students' laptops which was launched on Wednesday, 2 September 2026.

To further support families at the start of the academic year, principals have been advised that students will be allowed the first two weeks of Term I to acquire their prescribed textbooks and essential school supplies. This accommodation will apply from Monday, September 7 to Friday, September 18, 2026.

Schools were also advised, via memorandum, that all students are expected to attend school from the first day of the term. During this period, students who have not yet obtained all required textbooks or supplies must be allowed to participate fully in classes and must not be placed at an academic disadvantage.

Payment and Collection Arrangements

Distribution commenced on 2 September 2026. Successful applicants will receive approval and payment correspondence by email. Applicants who selected payment by bank deposit will be advised when funds have been credited to their accounts.

Cheque recipients will receive details regarding collection from their respective Education District Offices and must present a valid National Identification Card, Driver's Permit or Passport when collecting payment.

Applicants are encouraged to monitor **bookgrant.moe.gov.tt** for updates on the status of their applications.

The Ministry of Education thanks families, school administrators and other school personnel for their continued cooperation as it works to ensure that students have access to the materials they need to participate fully in learning from the start of the 2026/2027 academic year.

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