

Four scenarios for the implementation of the “two-waiver” policy in Longgang district in Shenzhen - proposed by the Longgang Education Department

Plan	Coverage	Strengths, weaknesses and cost
1	To waive textbook and miscellaneous fees only for the 44,000 students with permanent household residency who are studying either in state or private schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 31.8 million yuan per annum ● Advantages: fiscally feasible; clear targets. ● Disadvantage: contravenes the principle of equality.
2	To waive miscellaneous and textbook fees for students with permanent household residency, and; waive miscellaneous, textbook and temporary student fees for migrant children who are eligible for compulsory education in Shenzhen and studying in state schools. Total 83,000 students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 140 million yuan per annum ● Advantage: fiscally feasible, clear targets and easily managed. ● Disadvantage: more expensive than Plan 1 and contravenes the principle of equality in that students studying in state schools and private schools are treated differently.
3	To waive miscellaneous, textbook and temporary student fees for all 226,000 students in the compulsory education age range regardless of their residence status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 440 million yuan per annum ● Advantage: in line with the central policy. ● Disadvantage: Imposes a huge burden on the government and schools. It may also trigger an influx of migrant children.
4	To waive miscellaneous and textbook fees for students with permanent household residency, and waive miscellaneous, textbook, and temporary student fees for migrant children who are eligible for compulsory education in Shenzhen. Total 178,000 students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 360 million yuan per annum ● Advantage: a considerable coverage. ● Disadvantage: increased government expenditure.