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Description

3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sharing by Principal

4.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

Sharing by HOD, ICT

4.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Sharing by Form Teachers



Objectives

- To provide parents/guardians with an overview of the PSLE Scoring System, Secondary 1 Posting and Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) in Secondary 1.
- To provide an overview of the school's direction and level-related matters
- To strengthen home-school partnership to optimise your child's/ward's learning and school experiences.
- To provide a platform for your child's/ward's form teachers to interact with you

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Sharing by Principal





For P5 Cognitive Development

How does Subject-based Banding work?

Pupil takes a subject combination determined by the school

End of P5

Pupils who do not meet expectations

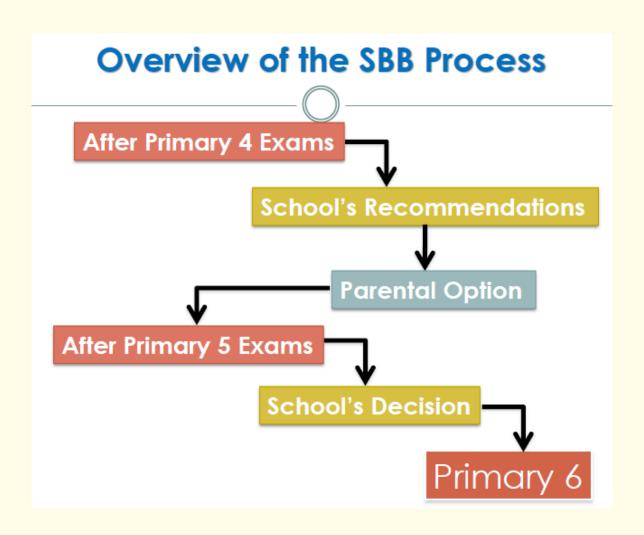
All other pupils

switch some subjects to foundation level continue with the same subject combination

Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

End of P6

Cognitive Development





For P5 Cognitive Development

School-Based Assessments (SBA)

| Assessment | Weighting |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Weighted Assessments | 30% |
| End-Year Examination (EYE) | 70% |
| | 100% |



Cognitive Development

Oral Examination

No alternative arrangements will be made for makeup examination(s) if students miss their scheduled oral examination(s).



Cognitive Development

Changes to School-Based Assessments (SBA)

| Year 2023 | Weighting | From Year 2024 onwards | Weighting |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Non-Weighted Assessments | 0% | *Timed Practices (Term 2, Wk 7, after school) | 0% |
| Preliminary Examination | 100% | Preliminary Examination | 100% |

^{*}more details will be given in a letter in Term 2, Week 1

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

- Offers students the option of Standard and Foundation Subjects, depending on their strengths.
- Allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subject they need more support in.
- The new PSLE scoring system <u>will not change</u> the considerations for deciding on a student's subject combination at P4/ P5.



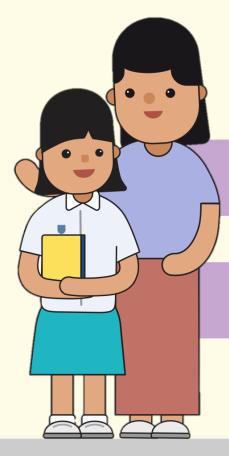
SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

- Schools will continue to recommend based on the following:
 - Student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject;
 - Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination; and
 - Whether the subject combination focuses sufficiently on literacy and numeracy, and facilitates the student's articulation to secondary school and beyond.
- Offering subjects at Foundation level is <u>not a disadvantage to the students</u>. It enables them to focus on building up strong fundamentals in these subjects and better prepares them for progression to secondary school.





How are students posted to secondary schools?



WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THE PSLE?



A useful checkpoint at the end of primary school

A fair way to determine secondary school posting

Over the years, we have been changing the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths, interests, abilities and talents while moving away from an overemphasis on academic results. Our PSLE Scoring system reduces the over-emphasis on academic results by:

Reducing fine differentiation of students' examination results at a young age.

Recognising a student's level of achievement, regardless of how his/her peers have done.

Encouraging families to choose secondary schools holistically based on students' strengths, interests and learning needs.

WHAT ARE ACHIEVEMENT LEVELs (AL)? WHY ARE THE BANDS UNEVEN?

- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.
- AL bands and mark ranges are set based on the learning objectives of the curriculum, and mirror the way we learn.

When we learn something new, after some initial practice, we often find ourselves improving significantly.

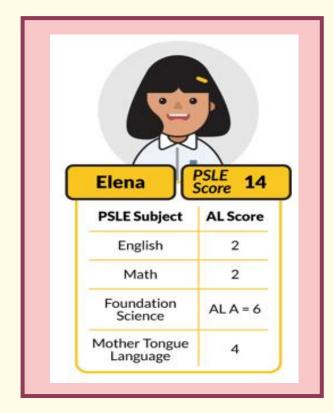
As we get better, the improvements become small steps, and finally, as we reach a high level, we inch just a little further, even after much learning and practice.

The ALs were
designed to reflect
this reality of
learning. They help
educators, students,
and parents know
how ready students
are to access the
curriculum at the next
level.

| AL | RAW MARK RANGE |
|----|----------------|
| 1 | ≥ 90 |
| 2 | 85 – 89 |
| 3 | 80 – 84 |
| 4 | 75 – 79 |
| 5 | 65 – 74 |
| 6 | 45 – 64 |
| 7 | 20 – 44 |
| 8 | < 20 |

HOW DOES THE PSLE SCORING SYSTEM WORK?

- The overall PSLE Score is made up of 4 subject Achievement Levels (ALs).
- The PSLE Score can range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.



GRADING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECT GRADES

- Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from <u>AL A to C</u>.
- To derive a student's overall PSLE Score for S1 Posting, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.
- This mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of how ready they are for the curriculum in secondary school.

| FOUNDATION LEVEL AL | FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE | EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Α | 75 – 100 | 6 |
| В | 30 – 74 | 7 |
| С | < 30 | 8 |

SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

- For students who are exempted from MTL or take an AsL/FL in lieu of an official MTL, their PSLE result slip will only reflect the three subjects they have taken.
- However, for the purposes of Secondary 1 posting, these students will need an assigned MTL score so that they have a PSLE score comprising four subjects
 - To determine the assigned MTL score, reference is made to MTL scores of other students who have achieved similar scores in English, Mathematics, and Science, including those taking Foundation MTL.



SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

- In reviewing the score assignment for these students under the new PSLE scoring system, we need to strike a balance between:
 - Acknowledging that students have valid reasons for seeking MTL exemption or taking an AsL/FL, and
 - Ensuring some parity between scoring for exemption, Foundation and Standard MTL.

SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

- Under the new scoring system, the assigned MTL score will:
 - Take reference from peers with similar scores for English, Mathematics and Science, including those taking Foundation MTL;
 - While maintaining parity of treatment with students who take Foundation MTL (who will score between AL 6 to 8).
- Hence, students will receive an assigned MTL score between AL 6 and 8 in PSLE.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE (HMTL)

 The eligibility criteria for taking HMTL ensures that students can cope with the higher academic load.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HMTL

(i) An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better

or

- (ii) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain
 - AL 1 / AL 2 in MTL or
 - Distinction / Merit in HMTL
- For students who do not meet the above criteria, secondary schools will have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students if they are assessed to have high ability and interest in MTL, and are able to cope with the learning load required.

HOW DOES THE S1 POSTING WORK?

- Your child has **six choices** in selecting their secondary schools.
- Your child will be posted to a secondary school based on <u>academic merit, i.e., PSLE Score</u>, and their <u>choice order of schools</u>.
- If two or more students with the same PSLE Score vie for the last remaining place(s) in a school, the following tie-breakers are used in the following order:
 - 1. CITIZENSHIP
 - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
 - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING
- The tie-breaker based on school choice order recognises the different considerations that families have in making school choices.

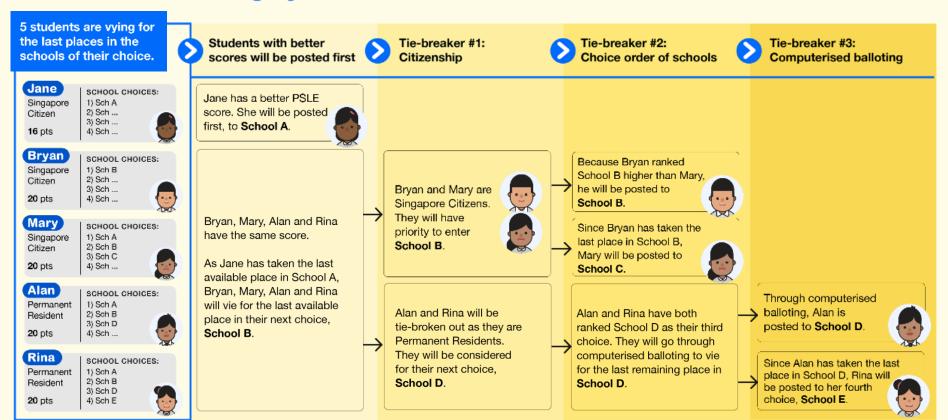


Tie-breakers

in the new S1 Posting System

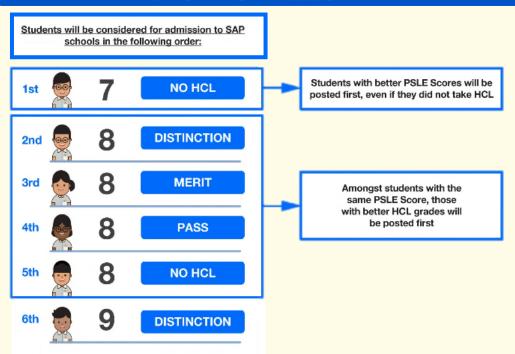
Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last available place(s) in a school.

Here's a simplified example.



HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE TO SAP SCHOOLS

Students who obtained a Distinction/Merit/Pass for HCL at the PSLE and an overall PSLE Score of 14 or better will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools.



- Students' HCL results are denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students who obtain (i) a
 Distinction / Merit / Pass in HCL
 and (ii) a PSLE Score of 14 or
 better are eligible for posting
 advantage to SAP schools.
- Students are ranked taking into account their performance in HCI.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

Understanding Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)



What is Full SBB?

WHAT IS FULL SBB?

• Full SBB will be implemented in secondary schools from 2024, and aims for students to:



Have greater ownership of their learning according to their strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs.



Develop a growth mindset and an intrinsic motivation to learn for life.



Have more opportunities to interact with friends of different strengths, interests, abilities and talents.



Have more options for post-sec pathways, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway.

FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)



Progressive rollout of Full SBB





2020

commenced in

28 secondary

feedback from

been positive.

pilot schools has

Full SBB pilot

schools.

The initial

2022-2023

 Around 90 schools have implemented aspects of Full SBB by 2023. 2024

- Remaining schools that admit students from 3 streams will be implementing Full SBB.
- Express, N(A) and N(T) streams will be <u>removed for</u> the 2024 S1 cohort onwards.
- Students will be grouped in mixed form classes in lower secondary.

2027

- From 2027, students will sit for the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examinations, instead of the GCE N- and O-Level examinations.
- Students will receive an SEC which reflects the subjects and subject levels that they offered.

FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)

Secondary school experience under Full SBB

- Mixed form classes and common curriculum subjects at Lower Secondary.
- Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3, mapped from the standards of the N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively.
- Greater flexibility to customise students' learning by offering subjects at various subject levels.
- Shift away from stream-based subject offerings.



FULL SBB: S1 POSTING

Three Posting Groups to ensure schools are accessible to diverse learners

From the 2024 S1 cohort, MOE will facilitate the admission of P6 students into S1 through 3 Posting Groups: **Posting Group 1, 2 and 3.**

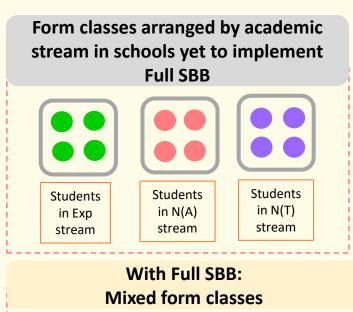
Objective: Ensures that schools continue to admit a **diverse profile of students** and students have **access to a wide range of schools.**

Unlike the-academic streams of Express, N(A) and N(T), Posting Groups will only be used for the purposes of facilitating entry into secondary school and to guide the subject levels students offer at the start of S1.

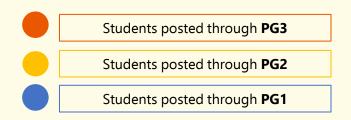
- Posting Groups assigned based on PSLE Scores, mapped from existing PSLE Score ranges for Express, N(A) and N(T) streams.
- PSLE Scores provide a good gauge of the subject levels that students can offer at the beginning of S1.

| PSLE Score | Posting Group | Subject level for most subjects |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 – 20 | 3 | G3 |
| 21 and 22 | 2 or 3 | G2 or G3 |
| 23 and 24 | 2 | G2 |
| 25 | 1 or 2 | G1 or G2 |
| 26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA) | 1 | G1 |

FULL SBB: MIXED FORM CLASSES IN LOWER SECONDARY



- Under Full SBB, students will be placed in mixed form classes in Lower Secondary to ensure a mix of learner profiles.
 - Provides students with more opportunities to interact with other students of different strengths and interests.
 - Enables students to build meaningful friendships and learn to value different perspectives.



FULL SBB: COMMON CURRICULUM

Common Curriculum
Subjects
taken in mixed form classes
(~1/3 curriculum time)

Examinable Subjects:

- Art
- Design & Technology (D&T)
- Food & Consumer Education (FCE)

Non-examinable Subjects:

- Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)

- The six common curriculum subjects would each have a single syllabus for all students at Lower Secondary levels.
 - These subjects will be taught and assessed at a common level that is accessible to all students.
 - Teachers will adopt a range of approaches to cater to the different learning needs of their students.
- For other subjects, students attend classes with others taking the subject at the same subject level.

OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A MORE DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF SEC 1

Students posted to schools through PG1 and PG2 can offer English Language, Mother
 Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science at a more demanding level based on their
 PSLE AL for each subject.

| FOR STUDENTS POSTED TO SCHOOLS THROUGH PG1 AND PG2 | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SUBJECT | PSLE SUBJECT LEVEL | PSLE AL FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECT | OPTION TO TAKE THE S1 SUBJECT AT : |
| EnglishLanguageMother Tongue | Standard | AL 5 or better AL 6 | G3 or G2 G2 |
| Language • Mathematics • Science | Foundation | AL A | G2 |

OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF S1

- For students who offered English Language, Mathematics and/or Science at Foundation level at PSLE, but
 are otherwise eligible to take most of their subjects at G3 when entering secondary school, they may choose
 to take these subjects at a less demanding level (LDL; i.e., G2), in consultation with their secondary schools.
- Students have the option to offer Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) at LDL based on their PSLE Achievement Level (AL) for the subject:

| POSTING GROUP (PG) | PSLE AL FOR MTL^ | OPTION TO OFFER MTL AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| PG3 | AL 6 | G2 |
| | AL 7-8 | G1 or G2 |
| PG2 | AL 7-8 | G1 |

[^] Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.

Students who are eligible to offer MTL at LDL can still choose to offer MTL at-level if they prefer.

SUBJECT LEVEL FLEXIBILITY BEYOND THE START OF S1

- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students may adjust their subject levels across their secondary school journey.
 - Students may offer subjects, including English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics, Science and Humanities subjects at a **more demanding level** if they meet the criteria and based on the school's holistic considerations.
 - Students who are not coping well may **offer subjects at a less demanding level**, based on their school-based performance and school's holistic considerations, to calibrate their curricular load.
 - In upper secondary, students may offer elective subjects (for example, Additional Mathematics, Art, Design & Technology) at a subject level suited to their strengths, interests and post-secondary aspirations, to allow them to pursue their interests without adding unduly to their overall curriculum load.
- Schools will consider students' learning progress and developmental needs when helping them determine their subject choices.

Choosing Suitable Secondary Schools



Factors to Consider

Preparing for S1 Posting Exercise

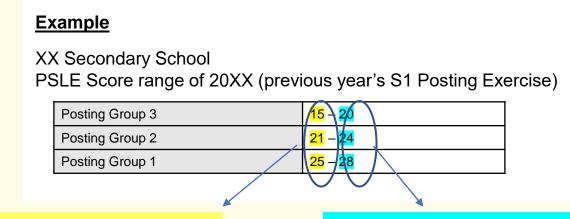
PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Use the PSLE Score ranges as a reference alongside other important factors, such as the school's distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), culture, ethos, and proximity to home when shortlisting school choices that would best fit a student's educational needs.
- The PSLE Score ranges for individual secondary schools will be available for your reference on https://moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder and https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools. They reflect the PSLE scores of the students posted into these schools at the previous year's S1 Posting Exercise.
- A school's PSLE Score range (including Cut-Off-Point) for a particular year is not pre-determined before
 the posting, and vary from year to year, depending on the cohort's PSLE results and their school
 choices in that year's S1 Posting Exercise.



HOW DO WE INTERPRET THE PSLE SCORE RANGES?

The PSLE Score range refers to the PSLE Score of the <u>first and last student</u> admitted to a particular school in the previous year via the S1 Posting Exercise. This shows the range of student profiles who enter each school.



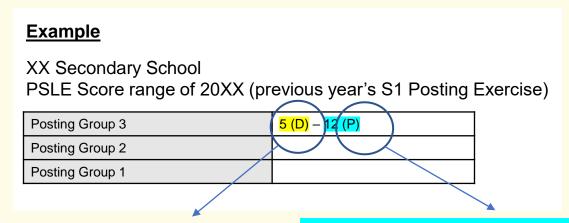
PSLE Score of the <u>first</u> student posted into the school in the respective PG.

PSLE Score of the <u>last</u> student posted into the school in the respective PGs [i.e., the school's **Cut-Off Point (COP)**].

Note: Posting Groups will be assigned based on PSLE Scores, mapped from existing PSLE Score ranges for Express, N(A) and N(T) streams.

EXAMPLE OF AN SAP SCHOOL'S PSLE SCORE RANGE

While students need not take HCL to enter SAP schools, students who pass HCL receive a posting advantage for admission. To reflect this, the PSLE Score ranges of SAP schools include the HCL grades of the first and last student admitted in the previous year via S1 Posting.



PSLE Score and HCL grade of the <u>first</u> student posted into the school through PG3.

PSLE Score and HCL grade of the <u>last</u> student posted into the school through PG3 [i.e. the school's Cut-Off Point (COP)].

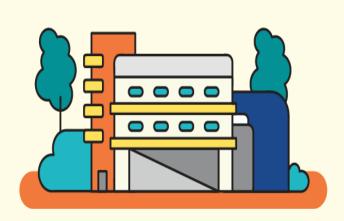
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SCHOOL CHOICE JOURNEY

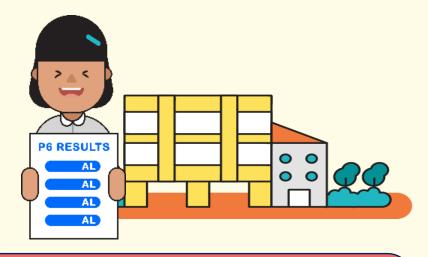
- The PSLE Score ranges are a **useful starting point** for parents and students to consider secondary schools.
- Use this information, together with other **important factors** such as the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, CCAs, ethos and cultures, to shortlist schools that would best fit the educational needs of the student.



PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE



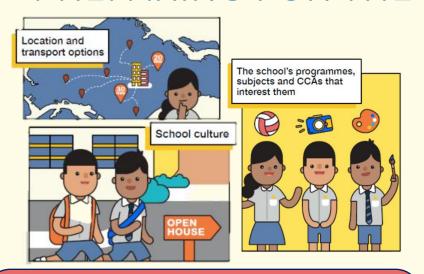
Use all <u>6 options</u> with a range of Cut-off Points as this will increase your child's chances of being posted to a school of their choice.



Take reference from schools' PSLE Score ranges, which serve as a guide for you and your child to shortlist school choices.

Consider at least 2-3 schools where your child's PSLE Score is better than the school's Cut-off Point.

PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE



Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to your child's <u>strengths</u>, <u>interests</u>, <u>abilities</u>, <u>talents and learning needs</u>, as well as provide suitable learning environments.



Rank your child's preferred school higher in the choice order of schools.

This will increase your child's chances of being posted to that school, if they need to undergo tie-breaking.

TIPS FOR PARENTS!

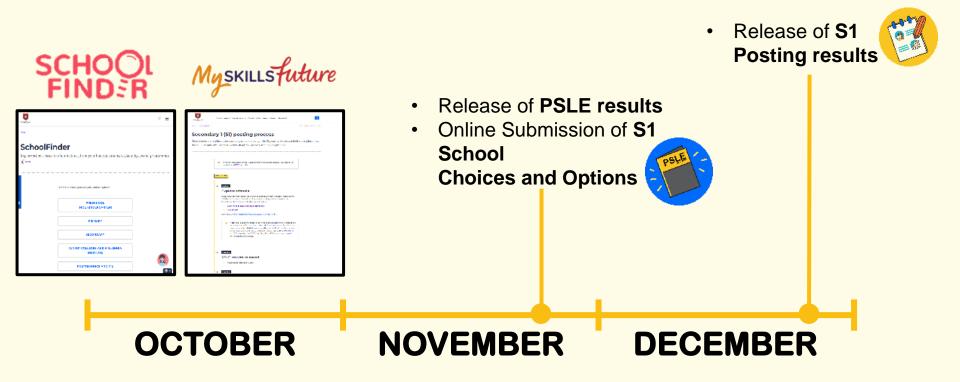
Be open and flexible when discussing your child's preferences, needs and choices.

Have regular conversations with your child to understand more about his/her strengths, interests, abilities, talents and aspirations.

Manage your own expectations and do not project these expectations onto your child.

Affirm your child and offer support when he/she shares his/her plans with you.

PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE

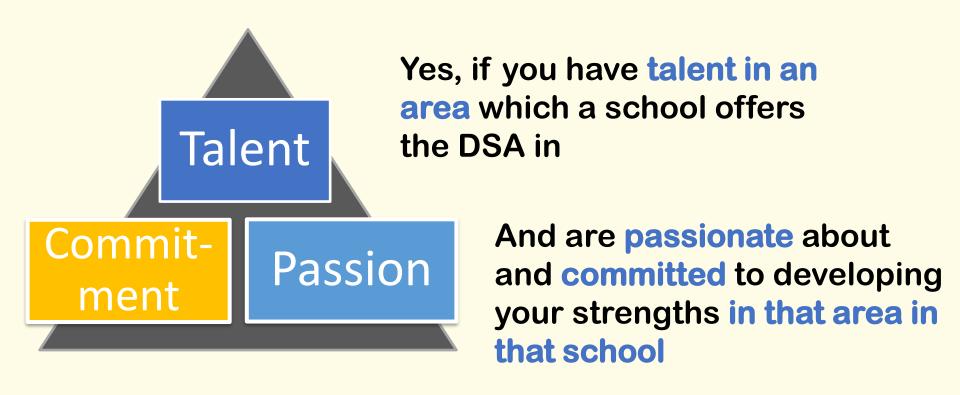


ENTERING SCHOOLS THROUGH DSA-SEC

- There is no change to the application and selection process with the shift to Full SBB.
- If your child has specific talents and strengths beyond the PSLE (e.g. areas such as sports, performing arts and leadership), consider the **Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec)** as an alternative admission pathway to access secondary schools that have talent development programmes in these areas.



Is the DSA right for my child/ward?



Which school should your child/ward apply to?

- Look for a school whose programmes match your child's/ward's interests and talents
 - Schools are looking out for students whose interests and talents they can develop further.
- Get the latest information about what each school offers by:
 - Visiting the MOE's DSA website
 - Visiting school websites
 - Attending schools' Open Houses

DSA-Sec Application Portal

- Your child's primary school information will automatically be shared with the applied DSA-Sec school(s). This information includes:
 - P5 and P6 academic results
 - Co-curricular Activities (CCA)
 - Values in Action (VIA) involvement
 - School-based achievements and awards such as Edusave awards
 - NAPFA results
 - National School Games
 - Junior Sports Academy participation
- You do not need to input this information.
- You may provide information on non-school based activities and achievements, which are related to your child's chosen talent areas.
 This section is non-compulsory, with a limit of 10 entries and no supporting documents are needed.

RESOURCES for DSA

- <u>MOE SchoolFinder tool</u> More information on secondary schools can be found here, and on school websites.
- Open Houses Secondary schools also hold open houses where you and your child can learn more about the school's programmes, and speak with teachers and students.



- Indicative cut-off points ranges for different school types
 - The indicative AL COPs ranges for school types can be used as reference point.
 - The actual cut-off points may differ, depending on how students exercise their choices that year.

Useful Resources

Quick tips on shortlisting secondary schools

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What are their strengths, interest, and abilities?

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Tools to use to explore secondary schools









How-to-Guides to equip parents on how to use the tools



Useful Resources

Transition Materials



Resilience Boosters



EXPLORE YOUR FULL SBB PATH





https://go.gov.sg/my-fsbb-path

OTHER RESOURCES

SchoolFinder Tool





https://go.gov.sg/secschoolfinder

"Welcome to Secondary School" video





https://go.gov.sg/w elcome-tosecondary-school Secondary School Education





https://go.gov.sg/ psle-sec-schbrochure Student Journey Map and School Explorer Card





https://go.gov.sg/ psle-studentjourney

OTHER RESOURCES

ECG Tips For Parents





https://go.gov.sg /tips-for-parents

MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary)





https://go.gov.sg/mysfpri

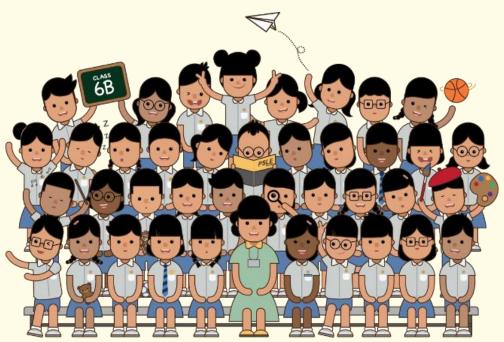
ECG What's Next





https://go.gov.sg/wha ts-next-psle

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