

Primary 4 MTP



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Topics:

(a) PSLE Scoring System

(b) Subject-Based Banding



(a) PSLE Scoring System





PSLE as a Placement Examination

- Recognizes students' level of achievement, regardless of how their peers have done.
- Places students into different courses according to their academic ability.
- Enables posting to Secondary Schools by merit

HOW PSLE SCORING WORKS

Students' achievements are captured in terms of Achievement Levels (aka AL)

The AL awarded for each subject is a reflection of each student's personal achievement.

No comparison against peers.

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



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HOW IS A STUDENT'S PSLE SCORES TABULATED?

- The PSLE Score is obtained by **adding the ALs of subjects**.
- The PSLE Score ranges **from 4 to 32**, with 4 being the best possible score.

Example #1

ENGLISH	AL1
MOTHER TONGUE	AL2
MATHEMATICS	AL1
SCIENCE	AL2
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PSLE SCORE: 6	

Example #2

ENGLISH	AL3
MOTHER TONGUE	AL2
MATHEMATICS	AL1
SCIENCE	AL3
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PSLE SCORE: 9	



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(b) Subject-
Based
Banding

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 **will not change** the considerations for deciding on a student's subject combination at P4/ P5.



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How Does Subject-Based Banding (Pri) Work?

- **P4** – Student sits for school-based examinations and **school recommends subject combination** based on the student's results; parents fill up an option form indicating the preferred combination.
- **P5** – Student takes subject combination chosen by parents. End-of-year, **school assesses student's ability to cope with the prevailing subject combination and makes adjustments to subject combination, if necessary.**

How Does Subject-Based Banding (Pri) Work?

- **P6 – Student to take subject combination decided by school.**
- School's considerations are:
 - 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.**

How Does Subject-Based Banding (Pri) Work?

- Offering subjects at Foundation level is **not a disadvantage to the students.** It enables them to focus on building up strong fundamentals in these subjects and better prepares them for progression to secondary school.

FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES ARE LESS FINELY DIFFERENTIATED

- Foundation subject grades will be presented in three scoring bands from AL **A to C**.
- Similar to Standard subject ALs, the Foundation subject ALs will reflect a student's level of achievement.

No comparison with peers.

Foundation Level AL Reflected on Result Slip	Foundation Raw Mark Range
A	75 – 100
B	30 – 74
C	< 30



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FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES

- For the purpose of S1 posting, Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively, to derive a student's overall PSLE Score.
- The mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of their readiness to access the curriculum at the secondary level.

Foundation Level AL Reflected on Result Slip	Foundation Raw Mark Range	Equivalent Standard Subject AL	Standard Raw Mark Range
A	75 – 100	6	45-64
B	30 – 74	7	20-44
C	< 30	8	<20



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SCORING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECTS FOR S1 POSTING

- A student's PSLE Score is the sum of AL scores across his/her Standard and Foundation subjects.
- Students taking Foundation subjects are eligible for the Express Course, as long as they meet the course placement criteria.
- With Full Subject-based Banding in secondary schools, students may also take subjects at a higher level for those that they are strong in.

ENGLISH	AL3
FOUNDATION MOTHER TONGUE	ALB
FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS	ALB
SCIENCE	AL5
PSLE SCORE: 22	

PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
EXPRESS	4 – 20
EXPRESS / N(A) option	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) option	25
N(T)	26 – 30, with AL7 or better in both EL and MA



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