

Taking the PSLE in 2021?

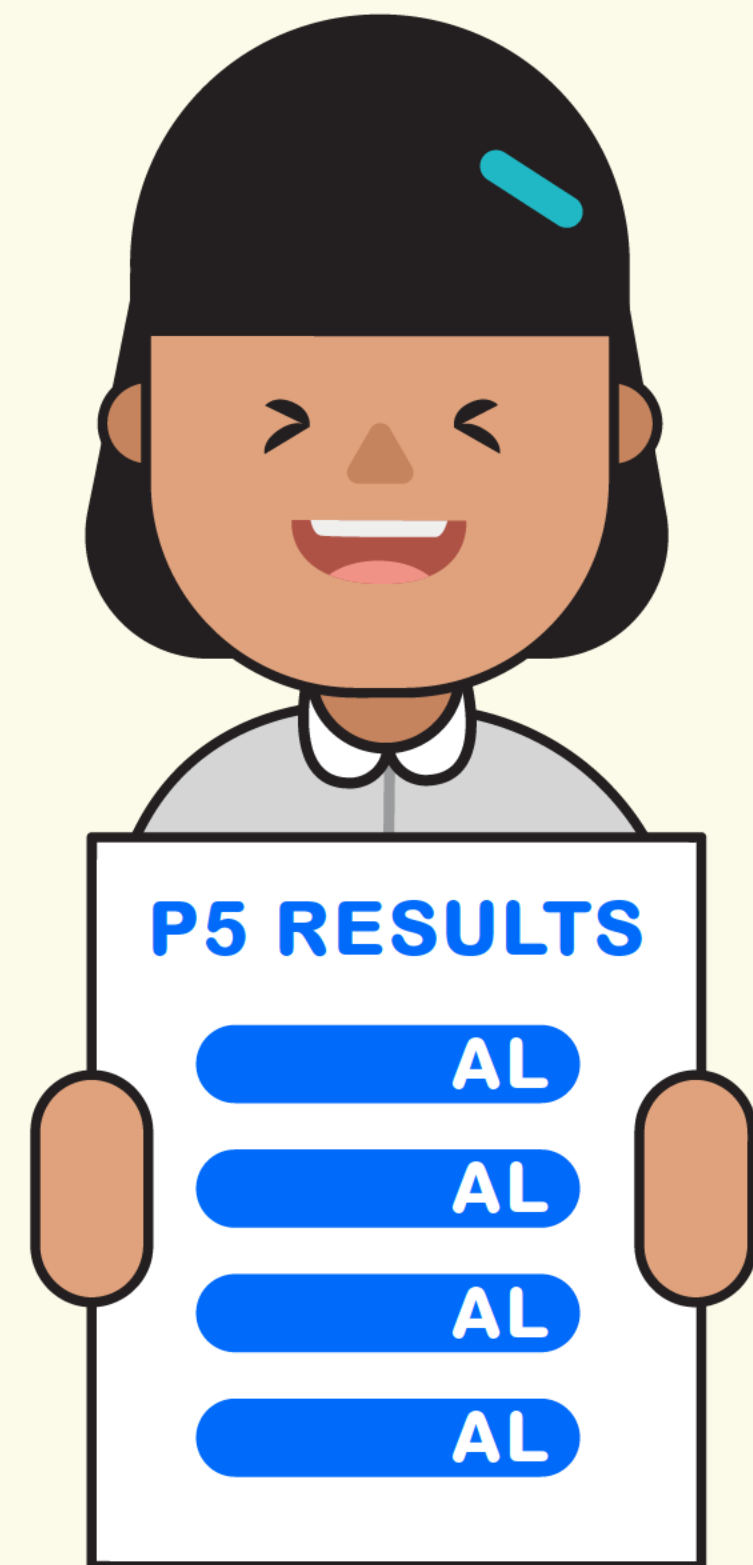
Here's more information on indicative Achievement Level Cut-Off Point ranges for different school types, and the Subject-Based Banding (Secondary) eligibility criteria, under the new PSLE 2021 scoring system.



Indicative Achievement Level (AL) Cut-Off Point (COP) Ranges for different school types

Parents and students of the first cohort under the new system (i.e. 2021 P6 cohort) will soon receive their P5 end-of-year examination results in ALs in their Holistic Development Profile (HDP).

The following indicative AL COP ranges can help familiarise students and their parents with the new AL system before they start choosing secondary schools next year.



Indicative Achievement Level (AL) Cut-Off Point (COP) Ranges for different school types

Government &

Government-aided schools

COURSE	INDICATIVE AL COP RANGE FOR 2019 PSLE
Express [Integrated Programme (IP)]	7–9
Express (O-level)	8–22
Normal (Academic)	22–25
Normal (Technical)	26–30

Autonomous Schools

COURSE	INDICATIVE AL COP RANGE FOR 2019 PSLE
Express (IP)	7–9
Express (O-level)	8–16
Normal (Academic)	22–25
Normal (Technical)	26–29

Independent schools

COURSE	INDICATIVE AL COP RANGE FOR 2019 PSLE
Express (IP)	6–8
Express (O-level)	8–10

- The indicative AL COP ranges for the different school types were generated based on students’ PSLE results and school choice patterns from the 2019 Secondary 1 Posting Exercise, and serve as a rough guide for students and their parents’ reference.
- AL COP refers to the score of the last student admitted into a particular school in the previous year via the Sec 1 Posting Exercise. The AL COP *ranges* present the lowest and highest AL COP amongst schools of a particular school type.

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Will the indicative AL COP for each secondary school be made known?

MOE will release them **in the first half of 2021**. The indicative AL COPs will be based on simulations using students' PSLE results and school choice patterns from the 2020 PSLE cohort.

How will this information be useful to students and parents?

When choosing and shortlisting suitable secondary schools, students and their parents are encouraged to look at the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs), ethos and culture, as well as home-school distance. Visit schools' websites and MOE's SchoolFinder to find out more details about the schools.

The indicative AL COP for each secondary school will be an additional piece of information that can help students and their parents shortlist schools that would best fit the students' educational needs.



Subject-Based Banding (Secondary) Eligibility Criteria

Under the new PSLE AL scoring system, eligible Secondary 1 students in the N(A) and N(T) courses will continue to have the option to take English Language, Mathematics, Science and/or Mother Tongue Language at a more demanding level.

The level at which students can take the subject will be based on their AL scores for that particular subject.

PSLE SUBJECT GRADE	OPTION TO TAKE THE SUBJECT AT
AL 5 or better in a Standard level subject	Express level
AL 6 or better in a Standard level subject <i>or</i> AL A in a Foundation level subject	N(A) level

As students grow and develop in secondary school, there will be opportunities to take subjects at more demanding levels beyond Secondary 1, based on their performance in school, to further pursue their strengths and interests, and develop to their fullest potential.



FIND OUT MORE

Details on the PSLE scoring and posting changes:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb>

List of schools under each school type:
<https://go.gov.sg/school-list>

Summary of the changes to the PSLE scoring system:
<https://go.gov.sg/psle-summary>