

Matters Pertaining to  
offering/exemption of Mother Tongue  
Languages and Foreign Languages

# Application to Take Third Language

Parents/Guardians whose child/ward is eligible for Third Language will

- receive a notification letter via Parents Gateway by Wednesday, 24 December 2025.
- need to send an acknowledgement of the receipt of the notification letter to the school via Parents Gateway by Saturday, 27 December 2025, 12pm.
- need to register with the Language Centre by the stipulated dateline as stated in the notification letter.

# Eligibility to Take Third Language

## Based on MOE Criteria

### Third Language: Foreign Languages (FL)

#### (French, German, Japanese and Spanish)

- Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 8 or better
- For Japanese, students must have passed Chinese Language (CL) / Higher Chinese Language (HCL) at PSLE
- Students must be Singapore Citizen (SC). Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR), or a child of a SC/SPR.

# Eligibility to Take Third Language

## Based on MOE Criteria

### Third Language: Asian Languages (AsL)

#### (Arabic and Bahasa Indonesia)

- Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better
- For Bahasa Indonesia, students must not have offered Malay Language (ML) / Higher Malay Language (HML) as their Mother Tongue Language at PSLE
- Students must be SC or SPR, or a child of a SC/SPR.

# Eligibility to Take Third Language

## Based on MOE Criteria

### Third Language: Special Programmes

#### [Malay Special Programme M(SP) and Chinese Special Programme C(SP)]

- Students must obtain a PSLE Score of 24 or better
- For M(SP), students must not have offered ML/HML as their Mother Tongue Language at PSLE
- For C(SP), students must not have offered CL/HCL as their Mother Tongue Language at PSLE

# Offering Foreign Language in lieu of Mother Tongue Language (MTL)

Students who are **currently taking** Foreign Language (French/Japanese/German) in lieu of Mother Tongue Language in your primary school and would like to attend the foreign language lessons in MOE Language Centres in Secondary 1 are to take note of the following steps:

- 1) Download and complete the attached form (Form 5 – AsLFL);
- 2) Email the form with the required documents to Dr Wang Zhiwei at [wang\\_zhiwei@schools.gov.sg](mailto:wang_zhiwei@schools.gov.sg) by Saturday, 27 Dec 2025;
- 3) Leave a contact number in your email so that we can follow up with you on your application.

# Offering Foreign Language in lieu of Mother Tongue Language

Students who would like to take a foreign language (French/Japanese/German) as Mother Tongue Language in Secondary 1 are to take note of the following steps:

- 1) Download and complete the attached form (Form 5 – AsLFL);
- 2) Email the form with the required documents to Dr Wang Zhiwei at [wang\\_zhiwei@schools.gov.sg](mailto:wang_zhiwei@schools.gov.sg) by Saturday, 27 Dec 2025;
- 3) Leave a contact number in your email so that we can follow up with you if necessary.

Your application is subjected to approval by MOE.

# Other Forms of Applications with No Earlier Approval Granted by MOE in Primary Schools

## Application Types

- 1) Seek exemption from Mother Tongue Languages
- 2) Apply for Non-Tamil Indian Language (e.g Hindi, Punjabi) as Mother Tongue Language
- 3) Apply for a change of Mother Tongue Language, for example from Chinese to Malay
- 4) Apply for Asian Language in-lieu of Mother Tongue Language

If you wish to apply for any of the above, please contact Dr Wang Zhiwei at [wang\\_zhiwei@schools.gov.sg](mailto:wang_zhiwei@schools.gov.sg) or 64598303 ext 237 for the relevant information and forms by Friday, 6 March 2026.

Thank You