

Cedar Primary School
2022 P6 Parents Engagement
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is DSA-Sec?

Direct School Admission for secondary schools (DSA-Sec) allows students to gain direct entry to certain secondary schools based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas. The application is typically in May each year.

The DSA-Sec aims to promote holistic education by giving schools greater flexibility to recognise a more diverse range of student achievements and talents for admission to secondary schools.

If your child is admitted to a secondary school through DSA-Sec, they are not allowed to:

- Submit school choices during the Secondary 1 (S1) posting process.
- Transfer to another school. They must commit to their chosen school for the duration of their programme.

Visit the [Direct School Admission \(Sec\) webpage](#) for more information.

2. How do I find information on DSA-Sec?

You can find out more information about:

- [DSA-Sec process](#) on MOE website.
- Participating schools using [SchoolFinder](#).

3. What will I need to provide during the DSA-Sec application?

- Log in to the DSA-Sec portal with your Singpass Two-Factor Authentication (Singpass 2FA). Find out [how to register for a Singpass and 2FA](#) if you don't have one.
- Indicate up to 3 choices and 3 talent areas. You may indicate up to 2 talent areas for the same school. If you want to apply for 2 talent areas at the same school, you must indicate both as separate choices.
- Your child's primary school information will automatically be shared with the applied DSA-Sec school(s). This information includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements and awards such as Edusave awards, NAPFA result, National School Games and 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.
- Enter your contact details correctly. This allows the schools to contact you if your child is shortlisted for the selection process.
- You can update, withdraw and re-submit your application during the application period.

4. With the COVID-19 situation, how will the selection processes change for schools?

In view of the COVID-19 situation, the selection period has been extended from 9 to 11 weeks and it will be held between late June and mid-September.

Your child will have to attend e-interviews and e-auditions conducted by DSA schools at their primary school when shortlisted.

The selection process and timeline differ across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories. You may visit schools' websites to learn more on their selection criteria and also refer to the [FAQ](#) on changes to the conduct of selection due to COVID-19.

5. With the use of e-modes, will schools focus more on students' past achievements and records? Will this disadvantage students with little or no prior training or formal certification?

When selecting students, DSA schools will continue to adopt a holistic approach, even with e-modes. Schools will consider various qualities and attributes and will not focus on students' past achievements alone. Schools will continue to shortlist students with potential, exemplary character and desirable personal qualities, regardless of whether they had prior training or formal certification.

These attributes can be assessed through e-modes or input from the students' primary schools. This ensures that students from less advantaged backgrounds, who may not have the resources to acquire formal training, are given due consideration.

6. How will schools assess students for the talent areas that they applied for with the cancellation of the National School Games (NSG), Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) and competitions?

DSA schools will have basic information of the students, including their Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) or Junior Sports Academy (JSA) participation for the past two years.

Schools will look at a range of skills and attributes when shortlisting students. This includes students who demonstrate potential and personal qualities like resilience, which can be assessed through the e-mode interview.

7. If my child is successful in DSA-Sec, can they apply for Third Language programmes?

If your child is eligible for Third Language programmes, it will be stated on their Secondary 1 (S1) option form.

If they wish to take up a Third Language, you need to submit the option during the S1 school choice submission period.

8. Can I appeal for my child to do a third language at secondary level?

Your child will be eligible to take a foreign language if:

- They score within the top 10% of the PSLE candidates.
- Both you and your child are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents.

Visit the [MOE Language Centre website](#) for information on Foreign Language.

Note: The DSA timeline provided in this set of FAQs is based on 2021's DSA timeline. The 2022 DSA timeline will be updated in [the Direct School Admission \(Sec\) webpage](#) once it is available.