



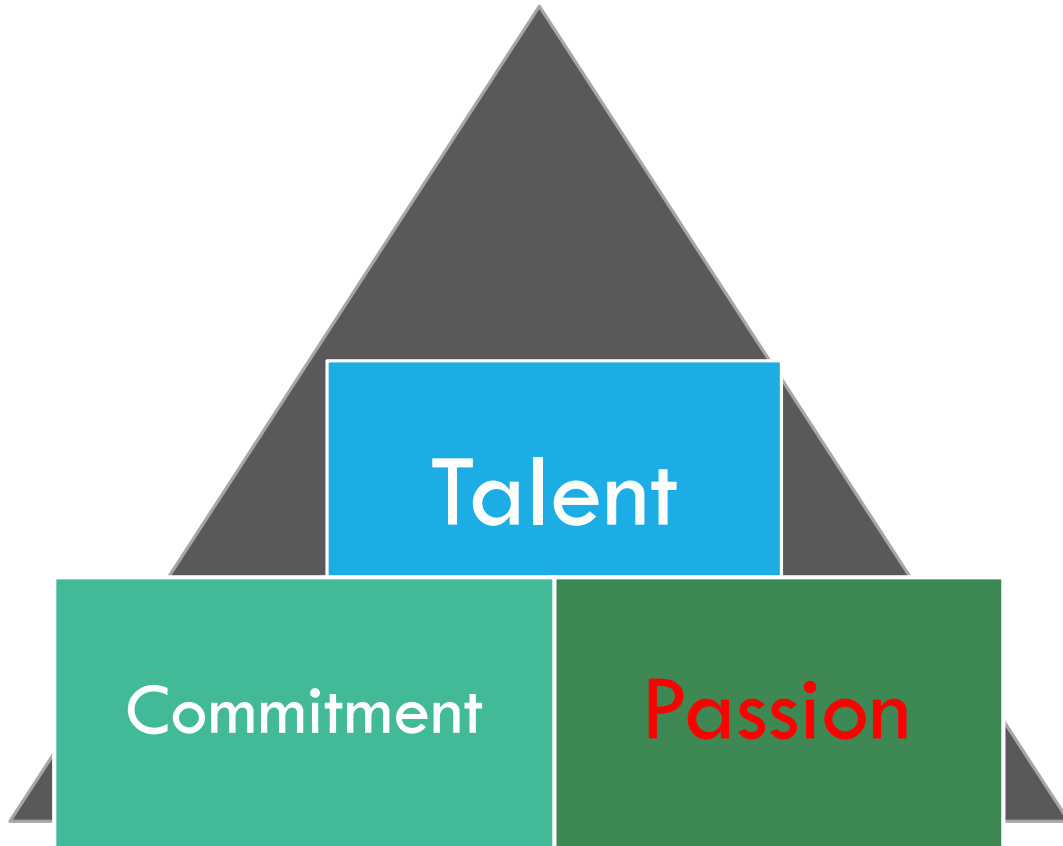
BRIEFING ON DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION

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Direct School Admission (DSA)

- Started in 2004
- Provides opportunities for admission beyond just grades
 - sports, aesthetics & other talents
- Schools decide their own admission criteria
- Students are offered places before release of PSLE results

Is DSA right for my child?



Yes, if she has talent in an area which the school offers the DSA in

And she is passionate about and committed to developing her strengths in that area in that school

WHICH SCHOOL SHOULD MY CHILD APPLY TO?

1. Matching

Look for a school whose **programmes match your child'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 : <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec/overview>
- Visit school websites
- Attend schools' e-Open Houses



2. **Academic Curriculum & Pace of learning**

- Find out more about the school's academic standards
- Consult the teachers

3. **Overall range of programmes offered**

- Other programmes available for holistic development of the student

OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK

How many schools should my child apply to?

- Instead of applying to many DSA schools, what matters more is choosing 1 or 2 schools that are just right for her. Remember every application takes time and effort.
- 9 out of 10 students participating in the DSA **apply to fewer than 3 schools.**

HOW DO SEC SCHOOLS CHOOSE APPLICANTS?

- Applicants' talents & / strengths
- Personal qualities
- Academic results – P5 & P6 mid-year results

THROUGH:

- Interviews
- Trials
- Tests
- Selection camps

STAGES OF THE DSA-SEC EXERCISE

Selection Stage

Exercise School Preference Stage

Mid Oct

Results Release Stage

Late-Nov

HOW DO I APPLY - DSA PORTAL

- One-stop DSA application portal (except for SOTA & Singapore Sports School)
- Period of acceptance for DSA applications will be about 4 weeks starting in mid May to June
- It is Free
- Parents can log in using Singpass

DSA PORTAL

- Can indicate up to 3 choices. Max 2 choices in the same school in different talent areas
- Can add in 10 non-school based activities & achievements in 'Optional' Field
- No need to submit testimonials & hard copy documents
- Students' participation in school activities and leadership roles (P4 upwards) such as CCAs, Talentime, Value Ambassador, etc will be extracted from the school records. (Please check that these are accurate when the records are released in Jan 2021)

SELECTION OUTCOME

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE DSA OUTCOMES?

- **CO - Confirmed Offer** → The child has a place reserved in the school as long as she qualifies for a course the school offers [i.e. Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical)].
- **WL - Waiting List** → This means the student will only be considered if other students with **Confirmed Offer** choose not to go to that school during the School Preference stage. Allocation will be based on students' rank on the school's waitlist.
- **Unsuccessful** → If the student is unsuccessful in all her applications, but still wish to enter the schools she applied for in the DSA, she can consider them again during the S1 Posting Exercise based on the PSLE results.

HOW ARE DSA PLACES ALLOCATED?

Example: Confirmed Offer vs Being Waitlisted

John selected Marvel Secondary as his 1st choice. Marvel Secondary School placed John on the Waiting List.

Meng is given *Confirmed Offer* by Marvel Secondary.

Who will be considered for a place in Marvel Secondary?

Meng will be considered for a DSA place in Marvel Secondary, before John, as he has a *Confirmed Offer*.

IF MY CHILD HAS A DSA CONFIRMED OFFER, DOES IT MEAN THAT HER PSLE RESULTS WILL NOT MATTER?

The PSLE results will still be used to determine the secondary school course she is eligible for [i.e. Express, Normal (Academic), Normal (Technical)]

Even if the student has a confirmed offer, she **must qualify for a course offered by the school** to be successfully admitted through the DSA.

Example:

Jane has a DSA confirmed offer given by Marvel Secondary School, which offers the Express Course only. However, Jane's PSLE results qualify her for the Normal (Academic) course. Hence, Jane will **not** be able to go to Marvel Secondary School. She will take part in the S1 Posting Exercise instead.

AL Score Range

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

PSLE SCORING SYSTEM 2021

COURSE	PLACEMENT CRITERIA / NEW SCORING SYSTEM
Express	4 – 20
Express / Normal (Academic) Option	21 – 22
Normal (Academic)	23 - 24
Normal (Academic) / Normal (Technical) Option	25
Normal (Technical)	26 – 30 <i>With AL7 or better in both EL & MA</i>

The release of indicative AL COP ranges by school types provide a broad sense of secondary schools' AL COPs in order to contextualise students' P5 end-of-year examination results.

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

AL COP refers to the score of the last student admitted into a particular school in the previous year via the S1 Posting Exercise. The AL COP ranges present the lowest and highest AL COP amongst schools of a particular school type.

* There are 28 autonomous schools and they are a subset of Government or Government-aided schools. Autonomous schools provide a wider range of programmes that seek to enhance students' learning experiences and develop their talents. For more information on school types, click or scan the QR code.



AL COPs for individual secondary schools will be released in the first half of 2021. The indicative COPs of individual schools, derived from the PSLE results and school choice patterns of the 2020 PSLE cohort, will provide the 2021 P6 cohort with the most recent information to make reference to.

IN SUMMARY :

- P6 students **have a choice** whether or not to participate in the DSA-Sec. If they choose not to participate in the DSA-Sec, they will participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise after the release of the PSLE results.
- Students who opt for a school under DSA-Sec **must achieve PSLE results** that would enable them **to be eligible for admission to the course** being offered by their opted DSA-Sec schools.

- Students admitted to a school through DSA-Sec **will not be allowed** to participate in the annual Secondary One Posting Exercise. They will also **not be allowed to appeal** to other secondary schools
- Students who are admitted to the secondary schools because of their CCA achievements will be obliged to continue in that CCA

For more information, check this out :

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/dsa-sec>

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb>



Thank You