

e-Briefing on Direct School Admission (DSA) matters

2024



OUTLINE

- What is Direct School Admission (DSA)?
- Should my child apply for DSA?
- Which school should my child apply to?
- How will DSA schools conduct their selection?
- How do I apply?
- What are the possible DSA-Sec outcomes?

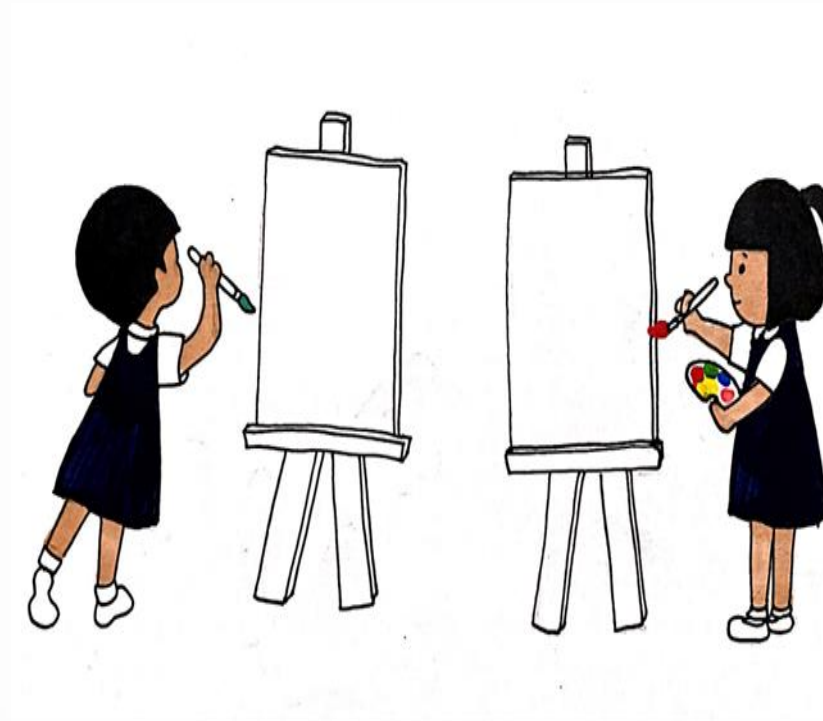


Direct School Admission (DSA) - Secondary

- DSA-Sec aims to:
 - Provide P6 students an opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at PSLE, e.g sports, aesthetics, student leadership and other talent areas
- Promote holistic education



SHOULD MY CHILD APPLY FOR DSA?



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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.

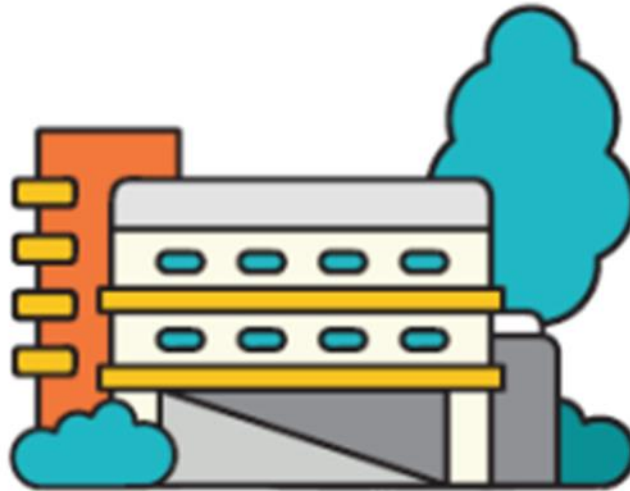


SHOULD MY CHILD APPLY FOR DSA?

- If your child is successfully allocated to a school through DSA-Sec, **she will not be able to participate in the Secondary 1 Posting.**
- She **will also not be able to seek a transfer to another school** after the release of the PSLE results.



WHICH SCHOOL SHOULD MY CHILD APPLY TO?



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Finding a good fit will help your child enjoy learning at an appropriate pace and enable her to benefit from the school's overall programmes.



When selecting a DSA-Sec school, consider the following:

- Schools with talent areas that match your child's strengths and interests
- Range of programmes offered by the school
- Pace of learning



WHICH SCHOOL SHOULD MY CHILD APPLY TO?

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.
- Learn more about the secondary school's pace of learning and overall range of programmes.



WHICH SCHOOL SHOULD MY CHILD APPLY TO?

Get the latest information about what each school offers by:

- Visiting the MOE's DSA website
- Exploring the individual school websites
- Attending Open Houses (Secondary Schools)

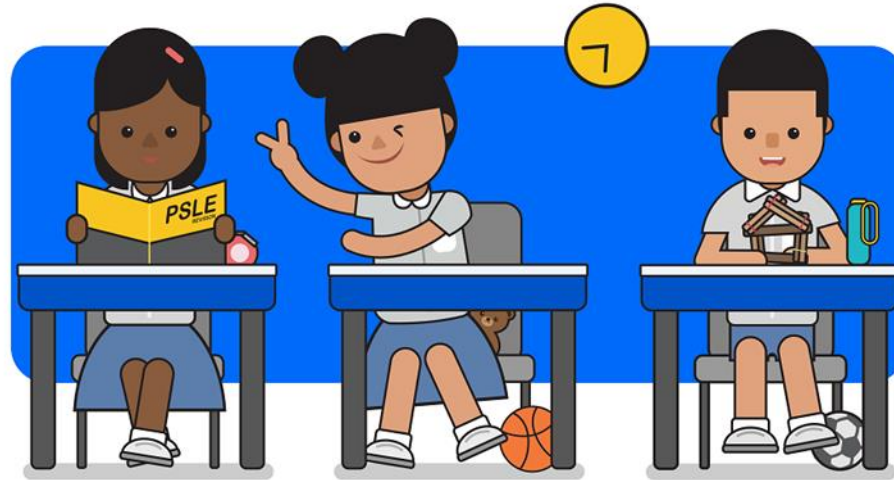


How will DSA schools conduct their selection?

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

THROUGH:

- Interviews
- Trials
- Tests
- Selection camps



When can my child apply?

In May 2025 when your child is in P6.

More information on the timeline is available at this link:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec>



Stages of the DSA-Sec Exercise

**Application
Stage**

May



**Audition
Stage**

By mid-Sept



**Exercise School
Preference Stage**

Oct



Results Release Stage

Nov
(along with PSLE results)



HOW DO I APPLY - DSA Portal

- One-stop DSA application portal
(except for School of the Arts & Singapore Sports School)
- Period of acceptance for DSA applications will be about 3-4 weeks in May
- Parents can log in using Singpass



DSA Portal

- Students' participation in school activities and leadership roles (P4 upwards) etc will be extracted from the school records.
- There is no need to submit testimonials & hard copy documents.
- Applicants can add in 10 non-school based activities & achievements in 'Optional' Field.



2024 DSA-Sec
Template for Applicants studying in MOE Mainstream Schools

Instructions

You are encouraged to use a desktop or a laptop to fill in your application and use this template to help you prepare the relevant information before you log in to the DSA-Sec Portal. This will reduce your application time and minimise any risk of losing your entries due to connection issues. To avoid errors in your submission, use only English language in your entries.

Application comprises the following sections:

Section I	Talent(s) and School(s)
Section II	Non-school based Awards/Activities (Optional)
Section III	Contact Details

Name of Child	
BC/FIN	

Section I: Talent(s) and School(s)¹

You can indicate up to 3 choices of talent areas and schools. The choice order does not matter.

Of the 3 choices, a maximum of 2 choices can be used to apply to the same school, for 2 different talent areas.

Note:

Under "Select Programme", you will need to choose "Integrated Programme", "Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate" (SEC) Programme or "No Preference", only if the school offers both programmes for the selected talent area. Otherwise, no further action is required.

From 2027 onwards, the SEC Programme will replace the GCE O- and N-Level programme under Full Subject-Based Banding. For more information on the SEC and Full SBB, click [here](#).

Talent Area	School	Select Programme (If applicable) (Please choose one only.)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Programme <input type="checkbox"/> SEC Programme <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference
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Section II: Non-school-based Awards/Activities (Optional)

Non-school based awards/activities include participation in competitions organised by external organisations, or talent or skills achieved through external activities. Please fill² in the relevant awards/activities that are related to the talent area(s) that you have selected.

¹ To explore DSA-Sec schools and talent areas offered, visit www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder.

² Please input only in English. Non-English input such as Chinese characters will be rejected in the system.

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Your child's primary school information will be automatically shared with the DSA-Sec school(s) that you applied to. This includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, and other information from P4 to P6, i.e., Co-curricular Activities, Values in Action involvement, School-based achievements/awards such as Edusave Awards, National School Games and Junior Sports Academy participation will be automatically shared with the DSA-Sec school(s) you applied to. You do not need to input this information.

[Please duplicate this table if you have more than one non-school-based award/activity. This section is not compulsory and there is a limit of 10 entries.]

1.	Start Month to End Month (MM/YYYY): _____ to _____	Award/Activity Name [^] (Maximum of 50 characters): _____
	Brief Description [^] (Maximum of 300 characters): _____ _____ _____	

[^]You may copy and paste the information into the portal by using keyboard shortcut command: Ctrl + C (copy) and Ctrl + V (paste).

Section III: Contact Details

If your contact details are available in MyInfo, the information will be pre-filled. You may edit it for the purpose of this application.

Both the main and alternate contact persons will receive the confirmation email after each successful transaction.

Main Contact Details	
Name*:	
Email*:	
Mobile Number (Local)*:	+65

* Required fields

Alternate Contact Details (Optional)	
Name:	
Email:	
Contact Number (Local):	+65

Please note that if your child is given an offer, both parents will need to log in to the DSA-Sec Portal using Singpass to submit your child's school preference during the School Preference Submission. You may approach your child's primary school for assistance if you are unable to submit online.

How many schools can my child apply to?

You can indicate up to three choices during the application.

For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school.

Of the three choices, a maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school (i.e., under two different talent areas).



Talent(s)	School(s)
Basketball	School A
Basketball	School B
Basketball	School C

Example 1

Your child can apply up to three different schools, with no restrictions on the talent areas.

Talent(s)	School(s)
Basketball	School A
Choir	School A
Basketball	School B

Example 2

Your child can choose two areas in one school. (A maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school.)

Talent(s)	School(s)
Basketball	School A
Choir	School A
Netball	School A

Example 3

Your child cannot use all three choices on one school. She can leave the third choice blank or choose another school.



What are the possible DSA-Sec outcomes?

Confirmed Offer → The student has a place reserved in the school as long as she qualifies for a course the school offers [i.e. G1, G2 or G3].

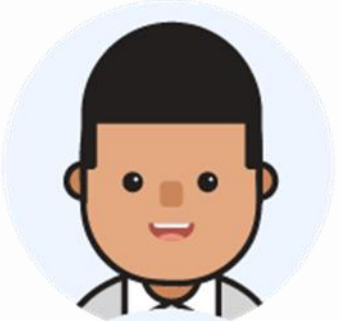
Waiting List → This means the student will only be considered if other students with **Confirmed Offer** choose not to go to that school during the School Preference stage. Allocation will be based on students' rank on the school's waitlist.

Unsuccessful → If the student is unsuccessful in all her applications, but still wishes 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.



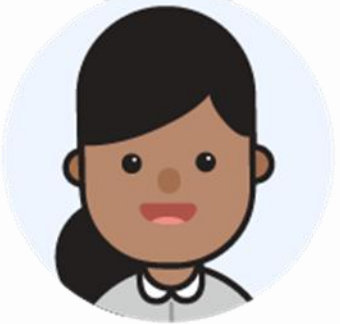
Example: Confirmed Offer vs Being Waitlisted

John



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

Mary



Mary is given **Confirmed Offer** by Marvel Secondary.

Who will be considered for a place in Marvel Secondary?

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



If my child has a DSA Confirmed Offer, does it mean that her PSLE results will not matter?

The PSLE Score will still be used to determine the secondary school posting group she is eligible for [i.e.G1, G2 and G3]

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



Example:



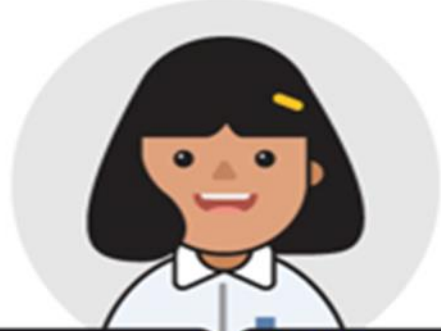
Jane has a DSA confirmed offer given by Marvel Secondary School, which offers the G3 Course only.

However, Jane's PSLE results qualify her for the G2 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



Elena		PSLE Score 14
PSLE Subject	AL Score	
English	2	
Math	2	
Foundation Science	AL A = 6	
Mother Tongue Language	4	



PSLE Scoring System & Posting Group

PSLE Score	Posting Group	Subject level for most subjects
4 – 20	3	G3
21 and 22	2 or 3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	2	G2
25	1 or 2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 <i>(with AL 7 in EL and MA)</i>	1	G1



School Information for DSA

<https://moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder>

<https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools>

SchoolFinder Tool



MySkillsFuture Portal



Information on DSA

Direct School Admission (MOE)



<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>



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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 posting group** being offered by their opted DSA-Sec schools.



IN SUMMARY :

- 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.



Home-School Partnership

Being there for her

Have regular conversations with your child to understand her better.

Setting realistic & achievable expectations

Consider your child's unique abilities when setting expectations with her. Only realistic goals can motivate her.

Showing your love

Assure your child that your love for her is not measured by her achievements. Let her know this every day through your words and actions.



***A FLOWER DOES NOT THINK
OF COMPETING WITH THE
FLOWER NEXT TO IT.
IT JUST BLOOMS.***



If you have any question, please email me at
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and made available on our school website by the end
of next week.*

Thank You

