

What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec offers admission based on interests, aptitude & potential beyond PSLE results. Started in 2004, each school offers distinctive programs and sets own selection criteria. P6 students unsuccessful or not applying can still participate in S1 Posting.



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Admission Quotas



Regular Secondary Schools can admit up to 20% of their S1 intake through DSA-Sec, giving students opportunities beyond PSLE scores.



Integrated Programs (IP) Schools admit approximately 30%-35% of their intake via DSA-Sec, offering through-train pathways.



Specialized Independent Schools (NUS High, School of the Arts, School of Science & Technology) can admit up to 100% via DSA-Sec



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WHAT ARE ALs?

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

- AL stands for Achievement Level (AL).
- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.

WHAT ARE ALs?

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
A	75 – 100	6
B	30 – 74	7
C	< 30	8

- AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively, to derive a student's overall PSLE Score.

WHAT COURSE CAN YOU ENTER?



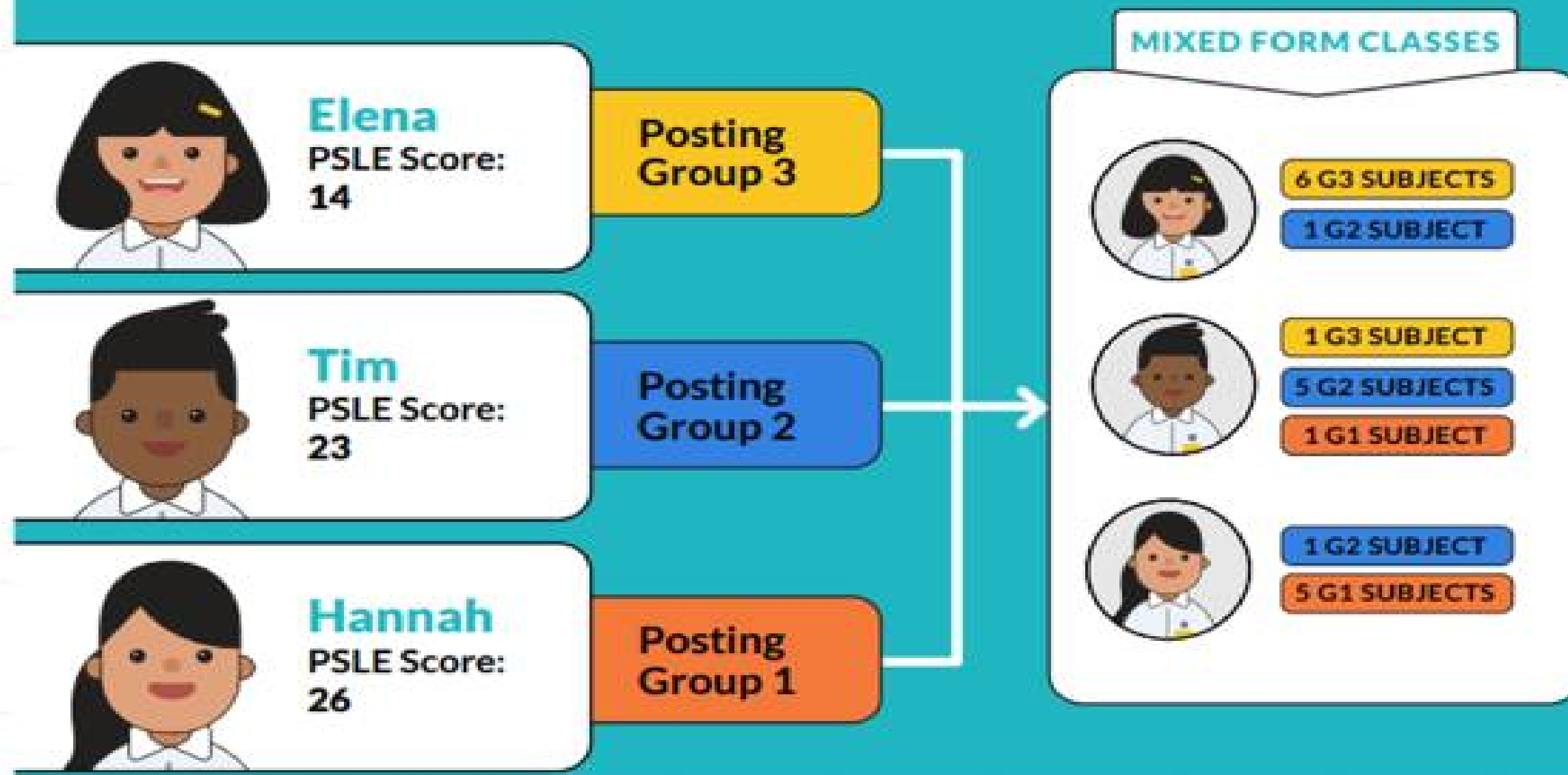
PSLE SCORE	POSTING GROUP	SUBJECT LEVEL FOR MOST SUBJECTS
4-20	3	G3
21 & 22	2 or 3	G2 or G3
23 & 24	2	G2
25	1 or 2	G1 or G2
26 - 30 (with AL7 or better in EL & MA)	1	G1

- 4 Subject ALs are added to form the PSLE Score.
- PSLE Scores range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.
- You will be placed in a secondary school course based on your PSLE Score – Posting Group 1, Posting Group 2, Posting Group 3

Entering Sec 1 from 2024

Posting Groups will be used to facilitate the admission of students to secondary schools. Elena, Tim and Hannah are posted to their school of choice through Posting Groups 1, 2 and 3.

They become classmates in the **same form class**.



Important to take note



IF MY CHILD HAS A DSA OFFER, DOES HIS PSLE RESULTS STILL MATTER?

YES!

- Your child's PSLE results still matters.** Students offered placement in a DSA-Sec school needs a PSLE score that qualifies them for the course offered by the school. (posting group)
- If your child is admitted through DSA-Sec, he/she must commit to their chosen school for the duration of the programme. They are **not allowed to transfer** to another school.



Important Dates



20 April 2026: Info Sheet released via Parents Gateway. Schools update their websites with DSA-Sec information and talent areas offered.



6 May – 2 June 2026: Application window opens! Submit your child's DSA-Sec application through the online portal during this period.



29 June – 28 August 2026: Selection period for trials, auditions, and interviews. Schools will release outcomes by mid-August.



Important Dates (Continued)



19 – 23 October 2026: School Preference Submission

Students with at least one Confirmed Offer or Wait List must submit their school preferences during this window via the DSA-Sec Portal.



Mid-November 2026: DSA Allocation

MOE will process all school preferences and allocate students to schools based on their submitted choices and available places.



Late November 2026: Results Released with PSLE

DSA-Sec allocation results will be released on the same day as PSLE results via the S1 Portal. Successful students are committed to their allocated school.





Apply online at the DSA-Sec Portal from 6 May to 2 June 2026. Only one parent needs a Singpass login to submit the application. It's quick and straightforward!

How to Apply for DSA-Sec



You can select up to 3 choices in total. Note: Maximum 2 choices allowed for the same school under different talent areas.



Plan ahead and manage your time wisely! Schools will invite shortlisted students for trials, auditions, or interviews during the selection period.

Information Required for Application

- ✓ Primary school info is shared automatically with schools (academic results, CCA participation, VIA hours, and school-based awards) - no action needed from parents.
- ✓ No testimonials are required or should be provided. Schools will not accept testimonials as part of the DSA-Sec application process.
- ✓ Parents must provide: email address, local mobile number, and may include up to 10 optional non-school activities (enrichment, competitions, achievements outside school).



Which DSA-Sec School Should My Child Apply To?



Find schools that match your child's interests, abilities, and learning pace. Consider schools where your child can thrive both academically and in their talent area.



Use MOE SchoolFinder (go.gov.sg/schfinder-sec) and individual school websites to research programs, CCAs, and selection criteria for each school.



2026 Talent Areas: STEM, Performing Arts, Sports & Games, Visual Arts & Design, Language & Humanities, Leadership & Uniformed Groups, Entrepreneurship.



What Happens After Application?



Schools Review Applications

Schools will shortlist candidates based on submitted applications. Shortlisted students will be invited for trials, auditions, or interviews depending on the talent area applied for.



Outcomes by 28 August

You will receive one of three outcomes:

- Confirmed Offer (CO)
- Wait List (WL)
- Unsuccessful

A Confirmed Offer guarantees a place if PSLE results qualify.



Submit School Preferences

If your child receives at least one Confirmed Offer or Wait List, you must submit school preferences in October (19-23 Oct). This is when you rank your preferred schools.

Important Notes About Singapore Sports School (SSP)



Students may receive concurrent offers from both DSA-Sec schools and Singapore Sports School (SSP).

To accept an SSP offer, **DO NOT** submit any DSA-Sec school preferences during the preference submission period.

Submitting DSA-Sec preferences will void your SSP offer automatically.

Students successful in SSP admission must still participate in S1 Posting.

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DSA Allocation Results



Results released via S1 Portal on PSLE results day (late November 2026). Check your child's allocation status alongside their PSLE scores.



Successful DSA students cannot participate in S1 Posting or transfer to another school. This commitment is for the entire programme duration at the allocated school.



Unsuccessful DSA students will participate in the S1 Posting Exercise. Schools should not encourage transfer appeals after S1 Posting results are released.



DSA is a commitment, not an obligation or pressure. Choose schools wisely based on your child's strengths, interests, and the school's offerings. This decision shapes their secondary school journey.



Students unsure about commitment should opt for S1 Posting instead. DSA Sec means staying at the school for the full programme duration with no transfers allowed after PSLE results.



Key Reminders



Manage time and effort for trials, auditions, and interviews. Use MOE resources like SchoolFinder and school websites to research thoroughly before applying.

Where to Find More Information



MOE DSA-Sec Website: Visit www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec for comprehensive information about the DSA-Sec scheme, eligibility criteria, participating schools, and frequently asked questions.



MOE SchoolFinder: Use www.go.gov.sg/schfinder-sec to explore secondary schools, compare programmes, and find schools that match your child's interests and learning pace.



Info Sheet via Parents Gateway: Look out for the official DSA-Sec Info Sheet shared on 20 April 2026. This will contain important updates and school-specific information for this year's application.



RESOURCES

SCHOOLFINDER



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

SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

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

PSLE SCORE CALCULATOR AND INFORMATION ON PSLE AND FULL SBB

1. Calculator

Subject	Marks
English Language	1
Mathematics	1
Science	1
Mother Tongue Language	1
PSLE Score	20

Your child is eligible for the Express course.

Your child is also eligible to take an Asian Language as a Third Language.

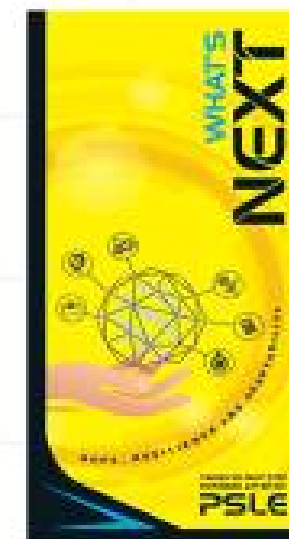
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MYSKILLSFUTURE STUDENT PORTAL



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

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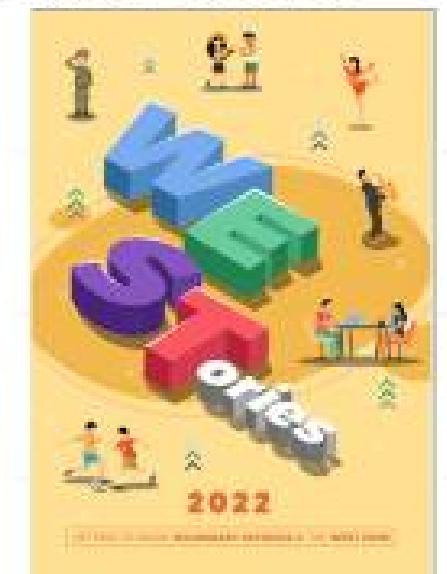


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WE STORIES 2023



<https://go.gov.sg/we-stories-2023>



<https://go.gov.sg/we-stories-2022>

Tips on Preparing for DSA Application



1. Choose Your Schools wisely

- Pick schools that match your strength (sports, music, art, leadership, academic).
- Check their websites for DSA areas, tests/try-outs, and dates.

2. Make Your Portfolio ("Evidence" File)

- Include: certificates, medals, competition results.
- Add leadership roles (prefect, monitor, CCA leader).
- List CCA and outside activities.
- If allowed, add photos/links to videos.
- Write a short paragraph about yourself and how you can help the school.

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Tips on Preparing for DSA Application



3. Prepare for Auditions / Trials

- Find out what you need to do (play, perform, draw, sports drills, tests).
- Practice often; ask teachers/coaches for feedback.
- Be on time, listen well, show good attitude and teamwork.

4. Studies and Behaviour Still Matter

- Keep your results, homework and revision steady.
- Show good behaviour in class and CCA.

5. Know the Dates & Have a Plan B

- Check MOE and school websites for deadlines and forms.
- Prepare documents early.
- If DSA doesn't work out, PSLE will still give you good options.

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A flat-lay composition of autumn-themed items on a white background. The items include several leaves in various shades of red, orange, and yellow, scattered blueberries, a few walnuts, and small twigs with dried leaves. The items are arranged around the central text, creating a decorative border.

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