

**2016
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS
ADMISSION
BRIEFING**

INTRODUCTION

Secondary school admission through:

- **Secondary One (S1) Posting Exercise, or the**
- **Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) Exercise.**

All pupils who pass the PSLE are eligible to participate in the S1 Posting Exercise.

Those who are **successful** in the **DSA-Sec Exercise will not be eligible for S1 Posting Exercise** (except to make 3rd Language option).

INTRODUCTION

Students are posted to secondary schools based on their merit according to:

- **PSLE results,**
- **choices of schools**
- **vacancies available in the schools.**

DSA-Sec Exercise provides students with opportunities to demonstrate a **more diverse range of achievements and talents** which could be considered by the participating schools.

S1 POSTING EXERCISE

The S1 Posting Exercise comprises the following **three phases**:

1. **S1 Option Phase**:

For parents to submit S1 options and secondary school choices.

2. **School Posting Phase**:

For posting of students to secondary schools.

3. **Posting Results Release Phase**:

For the release of school posting results. Students are to **report to posted secondary schools** on the **next working day** after release of posting results.

SINGAPORE SPORTS SCHOOL

P6 students who have applied to the **Singapore Sports School (SSP)** are required to participate in the **S1 Posting Exercise** as well.

When the **S1 posting results** are released, these students may then seek for a **formal school transfer** from their **posted mainstream school** to the **SSP**. This will allow them to return to the posted mainstream secondary school if they decided to leave the **SSP**.

SCHOOLS OFFERING BOTH IP AND 'O' LEVEL PROGRAMME

List of schools offering both the **Integrated Programme (IP)** and **GCE 'O' Level Programme** can be found on **page 2** of the booklet.

Students interested in both IP and 'O' Level Programmes are required to choose the option codes from both programmes respectively.

SPECIALISED SCHOOLS FOR NORMAL (TECHNICAL)

**Crest Secondary School and Spectra
Secondary School.**

Interested students are to **apply to
these schools directly**, and will still be
**required to participate in the S1
Posting Exercise.**

DSA-SEC EXERCISE

Results for DSA-Sec Exercise will be released together with the **PSLE results**.

Successful applicants must be committed to their entry to schools under DSA-Sec Exercise. They are **not allowed to transfer school** after the release of the PSLE results.

Successful DSA students who are eligible and wish to take up a 3rd Language must exercise their 3rd Language options and submit their child's options via S1- IS or primary school

Unsuccessful candidates will participate in the S1 Posting Exercise to opt for their choices of schools.

S1 OPTION PHASE – S1 OPTION FORM

Students who pass the PSLE will receive a **personalized S1 Option Form.**

Students who have participated in the DSA-Sec Exercise will receive the outcome enclosed in their personalized S1 Option Form.

The sealed form contains a **unique password (S1 PIN)**. Parents are to submit their child's S1 options through the **S1 Internet System (S1-IS)**.

Please inform school immediately if form is not sealed.
S1 PIN should be kept confidential.

USAGE OF PROXY FORM

Please use the Proxy Form if you nominate another adult to:

- **Collect the PSLE results slip/ S1 Option Form**
- **Submit the completed S1 Option Form**
- **Register at the posted secondary school on your behalf**

PROXY FORM REQUIREMENT

1. The appointed proxy must be **aged 21 and above**.
2. The appointed proxy should bring the **completed Proxy Form** and **supporting documents** to the child's primary school. The supporting documents are:
 - **Photocopy of the parents' NRIC (both sides)**
 - **Photocopy of the Birth Certificate of the student**
 - **Photocopy of the proxy's NRIC (both sides). Proxy is required to produce original NRIC at the school when requested.**

S1 OPTION PHASE – ELIGIBILITY LETTER

All students who passed the PSLE, including those successful in the DSA-Sec Exercise, will receive a **personalized Eligibility Letter**, stating their eligibility for:

Express/Normal (Academic), Normal (Academic) / Normal (Technical)

Bonus Points for Admission to Special Assistance Plan (SAP) Schools:

Higher Chinese Grade	Bonus Point
Distinction	3
Merit	2
Pass	1

S1 OPTION PHASE – ELIGIBILITY LETTER

Students may opt to offer HMTL from sec 1 onwards if they offer MTL and HMTL at the PSLE and are in the:

- . Top 10% of the PSLE cohort; or**
- . Top 11-30% of the PSLE cohort and meet the language criteria (an A* grade in the MTL or at least a Merit in HTML).**

Interested students can apply to offer HMTL when they report to their secondary school in late December.

S1 OPTION PHASE – ELIGIBILITY LETTER

Eligible students may apply to offer a **3rd Language** (e.g. CL Special Programme, ML Special Programme, Bahasa Indonesia, Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Spanish) at Sec One, subject to vacancies and applicant's PSLE results.

Edusave Entrance Scholarships for Independent Schools (EESIS) – Singapore Citizens students who meet the academic requirement based on PSLE results **will be offered the EESIS** if they are successfully admitted to an Independent School at Sec One.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN MAKING S1 OPTIONS & CHOOSING SCHOOLS

Child's Personality, Learning Style, Strengths and Interests

Consider the strengths of each school and opt for schools with an environment, ethos and culture that resonate and best suit their child's personality and learning style. (Taking reference of school's distinctive programme and CCAs offered, through prospectus, write-ups, and open house visits). Please refer to **Reference I**.

Previous Year's PSLE Aggregate Ranges of Schools

The previous year's PSLE aggregate ranges serve as an approximate guide for parents so that they are at a better position in gauging their chances of admission to the schools they have shortlisted. Please refer to **Reference I**.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN MAKING S1 OPTIONS & CHOOSING SCHOOLS

Distance

Consider schools near their home so that it will be more convenient for their child to travel to and from school. Please refer to Reference C.

Affiliated Schools

Students may want to continue education in an affiliated secondary school, and indicate the school as their 1st choice to enjoy priority for admission. (Not applicable to **IP**)

Special Assistance Plan (SAP) Schools

For developing proficiency in both EL and CL, through offering HCL to enable them to participate meaningfully in SAP school programmes. Please refer to Reference C.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN MAKING S1 OPTIONS & CHOOSING SCHOOLS

Programmes/Schemes Offered by Secondary Schools

E.g. Music Elective Programme, Art Elective Programme, HMTL Programme. Please refer to Reference B.

Special Needs of the Child

To consider secondary schools with special facilities to support students with special needs (e.g. physical disabilities, hearing impairment, visual impairment, and mild special educational needs like autistic spectrum disorder and dyslexia.) Please refer to Reference E.

SUBMISSION OF S1 OPTIONS

Parents are advised to indicate all the **6 secondary school choices**, in order of preference.

Parents are advised to complete their child's S1 Option Form by indicating the **secondary school** and **eligibility options**, prior to submission.

Parents can submit the **completed S1 Option Form** either **electronically/online** via the **S1-IS** or physically to their **child's primary school** during the S1 Option Phase.

Parents to ensure **Verification Slips are generated** to confirm the status of their submission.

SCHOOL POSTING PHASE

Students are posted to secondary schools based on **merit**:

- PSLE aggregate score, subject to availability.
- When 2 or more students having the **same aggregate score** vying for the last place in a school, they will be posted based on **Citizenship Status (SC, SPR, IS)**.
- If there is a tie, posting will be determined by **computerised ballot**.
- Students who fail to get a place in any of their choice of schools will be **posted to a school near their home with vacancies**, provided they met the school's **lowest PSLE aggregate**. Parents are advised to update their primary school of their **new address by end of PSLE**.

POSTING RESULTS RELEASE PHASE

School posting results will be released in **late December**.

Students are to **report to their posted secondary schools** on the **next working day** after the **release of the posting results**.

Checking of posting results through:
SMS, S1-IS, Child's primary school.

APPEAL FOR TRANSFER

MOE will consider appeals for transfer after the S1 Posting Exercise, subject to availability of vacancies, and **will only be considered for students with:**

- a. **Serious medical conditions** (e.g. chronic heart conditions, kidney problems)
- b. **Dyslexia and Autistic Spectrum Disorder**
- c. **Physical disabilities** (e.g. using wheelchair, crutches)

Students applying for transfer should first **report at the secondary school** that they were posted to, and **apply for school transfer there with relevant supporting documents.**

The results of the appeal will only be made known to applicants in **early January 2016**, therefore applicants should continue to attend lessons at the posted school while waiting for the results of the appeal.

IMPORTANT DATES

Release of PSLE Results:

Between **25 and 27 November 2015**

Submission of Options via S1-IS:

7 calendar days from release of PSLE results.

Submission of Options via Pri Sch:

5 working days from release of PSLE results.

Release of S1 Posting Results:

22 December 2015(tentative)

Students to report to secondary school:

23 December 2015 at 8.30am (tentative)

THANK YOU