

Jurong West Primary School
2026 Upper Block Parents Engagement
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Guidance on Choosing and Applying to a Suitable Secondary School under the PSLE Scoring and S1 Posting Systems

1. How does my child choose and apply to a suitable secondary under the PSLE scoring and S1 posting systems?

You may visit the MOE website for information on the choices and selections of secondary school.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/posting-to-secondary-school/main.html>

2. You may also use the SchoolFinder to explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.

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

3. Where can I get the information on PSLE scoring system?

You may visit the MOE website for information on PSLE scoring system.

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

- a. How will the current PSLE scoring system benefit your child?
- b. Score Calculator. Find out how to calculate PSLE score for your child.
- c. FAQs. Read this list of commonly asked questions and answers on the new PSLE scoring system.

Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools

4. What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec provides a pathway for students to gain admission to secondary schools based on their interests, aptitude, and potential, beyond their performance at Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).

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 the programme.

However, the DSA-Sec is not a pathway that suits every student.

To determine if DSA-Sec is an appropriate pathway for your child, you should carefully consider your child's strengths and interests, and the school's programmes and their ability to develop specific talent.

Students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a wide range of talents, including:

- Sports and games
- Visual, literary and performing arts
- Debate and public speaking
- Science, mathematics and engineering
- Languages and humanities
- Uniformed groups
- Leadership

Students can apply through the DSA-Sec Portal. There are no application fees.

5. When applying for DSA, which school result is considered by the Secondary school? Do we need to provide proof?

Secondary schools will be able to access the MOE School Cockpit for your child's information. This information includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, and other information from P4 to P6, i.e. Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements and awards such as Edusave awards, SYF Arts Presentation, National School Games and Junior Sports Academy participation.

There is no need for parents to key in all this information. Application will be done online through DSA-Sec Portal.

6. How many schools can a student apply for DSA? How is the selection process like for the different areas?

DSA-Sec seeks to broaden the recognition of talents and achievements beyond academic grades. Primary 6 students can gain direct entry to certain secondary schools based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas etc., before taking the PSLE. Students can apply up to 3 DSA schools and in 3 talent areas. Student may indicate up to 2 talent areas for the same school.

You may visit the MOE website for information on DSA-Sec:

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

Admissions to schools such as NUS High, School of the Arts (SOTA) and Singapore Sports School are purely through DSA exercise.

For application to the respective institutes, please visit their school websites:

NUS High: <https://www.nushigh.edu.sg>

SOTA: <https://www.sota.edu.sg>

Singapore Sports School: <https://www.sportsschool.edu.sg>

Supporting your child's learning and development

7. When will CCA activities stand down?

Primary 6 students will officially stand down from CCAs from end of Term 2 onwards. This is to allow our students to begin their PSLE preparation. Your child is encouraged to continue their CCA to ensure the progressive development of skills and knowledge in their respective CCA. Balancing studies with CCAs fosters discipline, time management, and well-rounded development, preparing students for future challenges.

PSLE and Assessment Matters

8. When is the PSLE study break?

In accordance with MOE guidelines, the 3 days leading up to PSLE written papers will be a study break for all Primary 6 students. However, teachers may conduct lessons for selected classes. Parents will be informed and consent sought should their child be required to attend the classes.

9. What is the minimum requirement for students to be promoted to secondary school?

All students are required to achieve AL 7 and below for **both English Language and Mathematics** for them to be promoted to secondary schools.

10. What are tie-breakers?

When 2 or more students with the same PSLE score vie for the last available vacancies in a school, tie-breakers will be applied in the following order:

1) Citizenship status with priority given in the order of:

- a) Singapore Citizen
- b) Permanent Resident
- c) International Students

3) Choice order of schools

4) Computerised balloting

Balloting takes place only when students vying for the last available vacancies in a school have the same PSLE score, citizenship and choice order of school.

Please refer to this website for more information:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/s1-posting/how-to-choose/how-posting-works>