



Ministry of Education
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Information on 2024 Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec allows Primary 6 (P6) students to seek admission to a secondary school based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Each participating school offers distinctive programmes and sets its own selection process and criteria to admit students who can be further developed by these programmes.

Should my child apply for DSA-Sec?

Your child may apply for DSA-Sec based on their talent in sports, arts, academic areas, etc, if they are able to identify a school that offers a programme in their area of strength. Alternatively, they may continue to participate in the Secondary 1 (S1) Posting Exercise in November and be posted to a secondary school based on their PSLE score.



If your child is successfully admitted to a school through DSA-Sec, they will not participate in the S1 Posting Exercise. As they are committed to the school via DSA-Sec, they 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?



Finding a suitable school will help your child enjoy learning at an appropriate pace, and benefit from the school's programmes. When selecting a DSA-Sec school, you should consider the following:

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

Visit the secondary schools' websites for more details.

How can my child apply for DSA-Sec?

Apply online via the DSA-Sec Portal from **11am on 7 May 2024 to 3pm on 3 June 2024**. Only one parent is required to log in using Singpass to apply.¹

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, you may apply up to a maximum of two choices to the same school (i.e., under two different talent areas). This is to cater for your child's multiple interests, and to encourage your child to consider different schools that can develop his/her strengths and interests. Make your choices carefully, and manage the time and effort required for your child to participate in the trials/interviews conducted by the school(s).

¹ If your child is interested in School of the Arts (SOTA) or Singapore Sports School (SSP), you should apply directly to the school based on the school's application timeline. You may visit their school's website for more information.

Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?



Your child's primary school information will be shared with the secondary schools that you have 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, Junior Sports Academy and National School Games participation.

During application, it is optional to include any non-school-based activities and achievements related to your child's talent via the DSA-Sec Portal. There is no need to submit additional hardcopy testimonials and documents via the DSA-Sec Portal.

What do I need to do after application?

You are advised to refer to the respective school website for more details (e.g. important timeline, selection process and criteria). The school(s) will contact you on your DSA application if your child is shortlisted.

When will I be informed of the outcome of my child's application?

You will be informed of the application outcome by the individual schools by 9 September 2024. If your child has at least one Confirmed Offer (CO) or a Wait List (WL) offer, you will receive an SMS and email notification via Postman.gov.sg in mid to end October 2024 to submit your school preference.²

To be successful for DSA-Sec application, your child still needs to attain a PSLE score that qualify them for a Posting Group offered by the school. If your child is not successful in the DSA-Sec application, they can still take part in the S1 Posting Exercise after the release of PSLE results.

How will DSA schools conduct their selection?

Secondary schools will consider students based on their selection criteria, taking into consideration the students' talents and achievements, personal qualities, and academic suitability. Please refer to the school's website on the selection process. More details on the DSA selection will be released on 6 May 2024.



Where can I find more information on DSA-Sec?



Information on important dates and the 2024 DSA-Sec can be found on www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec (scan the QR code on the left to access the website).

² If your child has accepted an offer from SSP, the school will contact you separately. You should **NOT** submit school choices during the DSA-Sec School Preference period, otherwise, your child's offer from SSP will be void.