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# Briefing for P5 & P6 Parents

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# Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)



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# What is DSA-Sec?



## PSLE/S1 Posting Exercise

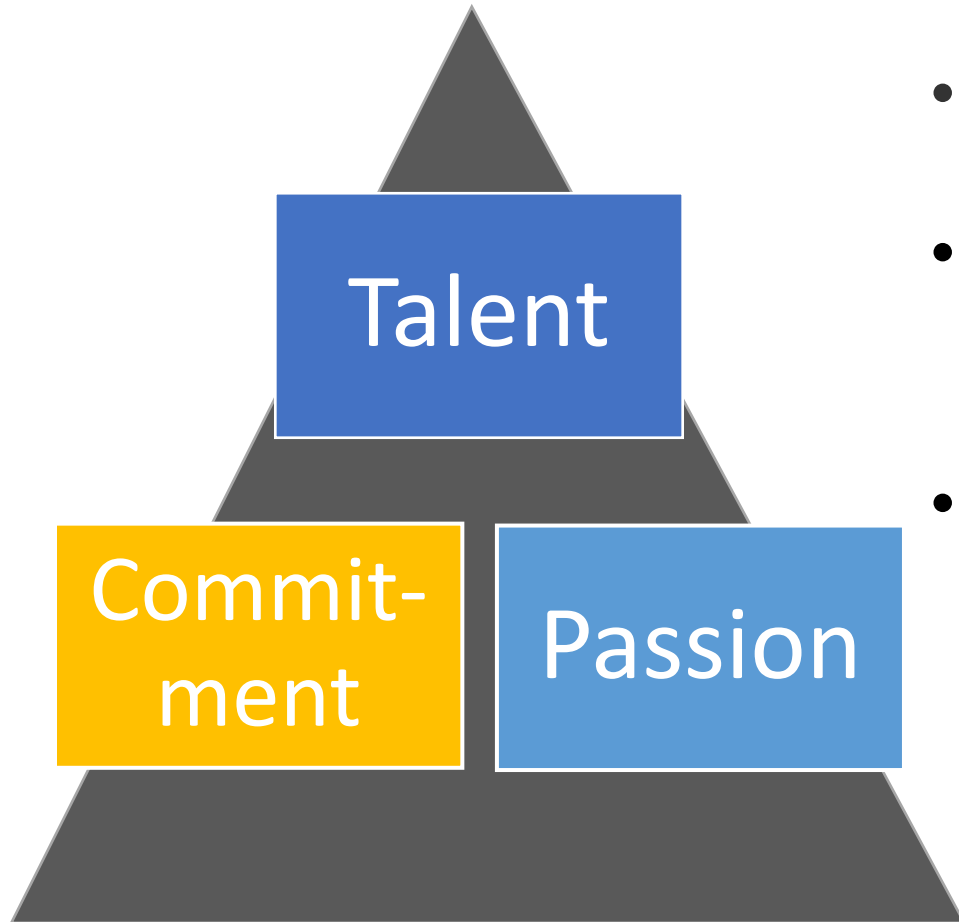
- Based on a student's **PSLE score**
- **Most students enter secondary schools this way**



## DSA

- Based on a diverse range of talents and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what PSLE recognises
- Allows students to access school programmes to develop their talents

# Is DSA right for my child?



- DSA is not for everybody.
- Yes, if you have **talent in an area** which a school offers the DSA in
- And are **passionate** about and **committed** to developing your strengths in that area in that school

# Which school to apply?

- Look for a school with programmes that match your child's strengths and interests
  - 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 to apply?

- **Get the latest information** about what each school offers by:
  - **Visiting the MOE's DSA-Sec website**  
[www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec)
  - **Visiting schools' websites**
  - **Attending schools' Open Houses to also experience their environments and cultures**

# Which school to apply?

Primary 6 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 (e.g. student councillor, CCA leaders)



# **DSA-Sec Application Portal**

- From the **DSA-Sec portal**, students will be able to apply for DSA through a centralised **DSA-Sec Application Portal**, using a common application form.
- The portal will simplify and streamline the DSA application process, making it convenient for all students.

# DSA-Sec Application Portal

## 1. Centralised online applications

- Applications centralised across all participating secondary schools
- The form will be **easy to fill** – you only have to key in contact details, your school and talent choices
  - The portal allows you to indicate any non-school-based achievements/activities for the talent areas applied.
- You **do not need to submit testimonials or hardcopy documents** to the secondary school at this point.

# **DSA-Sec Application Portal**

## **2. Application using Singpass**

- **Parents can access the Portal via their SingPass login. Only one parent's SingPass login is required.**
- **Parents who are unable to access their SingPass can approach the primary school for assistance.**
- **No fees charged for application and selection.**
- **All students passionate about, and committed to, developing particular talents can apply, regardless of family backgrounds.**

# **DSA-Sec Application Portal**

## **3. Making choices in the DSA-Sec portal**

- **Through the portal, you can easily identify schools that offer programmes for your child's talent area.**
- **You can indicate up to three choices. For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school.**
- **The order of the choices does not matter during application.**

# DSA-Sec Application Portal

- Of the 3 choices, up to 2 choices may be used to apply to the same school, for 2 different talent areas of that school.
- This is to cater to your child's multiple interests, and allow your child to choose different schools which can develop his/her strengths and interests.
- You and your child are encouraged to **consider your choices carefully**, and manage the time and effort participating in multiple trials and interviews.

# DSA-Sec Application Portal

## Note

Students can apply separately to School of the Arts and Singapore Sports School, on top of the DSA-Sec choices made through the DSA-Sec Portal.



# DSA-Sec Application Portal

## Examples of Possible Choice Combinations

EXAMPLE 1	Talent(s)	School(s)	Your child can apply to <u>up to three different schools</u> , with no restrictions on the talent areas.
	Choir	School A	
	Choir	School B	
	Choir	School C	
EXAMPLE 2	Talent(s)	School(s)	If your child chooses two areas in one school, he/she can apply to <b>two different schools only</b> ,
	Choir	School A	
	String Orchestra	School A	
	Choir	School B	
EXAMPLE 3 (Not allowed)	Talent(s)	School(s)	Your child cannot use all three choices on one school. He/she can leave the third choice blank or choose another school.
	Choir	School A	
	String Orchestra	School A	
	<del>Mathematics</del>	<del>School A</del>	

# How do schools select students?

- The selection process differs across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories.
- Generally, schools are looking for candidates with:

Talent, passion, commitment	Strong personal qualities	Good academic fit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools may look at <b>achievements</b> and <b>participation</b>.</li><li>• Schools may conduct tests, trials or selection camps to identify students with <b>strengths, sound fundamentals</b> and <b>potential</b>, in particular areas.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools may look at CCA records and VIA participation.</li><li>• Schools may also conduct interviews.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools may look at primary school results to ensure students can benefit from the school's pace of learning.</li></ul>

**Be sincere, be genuine, and be yourself – if you are a good fit for the school, it will show.**

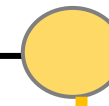
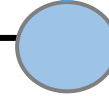
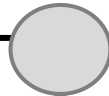
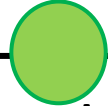
# Timeline

Explore School Choices

Apply through DSA-Sec Application Portal.

Rank your offers, if you receive offers from multiple schools

Now till May



May - Jun  
(4 weeks)

Jun - Aug

Late-Oct

Late-Nov

Shortlisting and selection by secondary schools. Each secondary school has different selection criteria for its programmes. Individual Sec school will inform you of the selection outcome **by end of term 3**. (TBC)

You will know whether you have been allocated to a school through the DSA-Sec, at the same time you receive your PSLE results.

# Possible DSA-Sec outcomes

- **Confirmed Offer (CO)** → Your child has a place reserved in the school, as long as his/her PSLE results qualify him/her for a course the school offers (Express, Normal / Academic or Normal / Technical).
- **Wait List (WL)** → Your child will be given a place in the school if other students with Confirmed Offers do not take up those offers, and if his/her PSLE results qualify him/her for a course the school offers. Allocation will be based on students' rank on the school's Wait List.

# Possible DSA-Sec outcomes

- **Unsuccessful** → Your child has not been given a place in the school. If your child still wishes to enter the schools he/she applied for, he/she can apply through the S1 Posting process using his/her PSLE results.

# If my child have a DSA-Sec Confirmed Offer, does it mean that his/her PSLE results will not matter?

- Your PSLE results will still be **used to determine the secondary school course you are eligible** for (i.e. Express, Normal / Academic, Normal / Technical).
- Even if you have a confirmed offer, you **must qualify for a course offered by the school** to be successfully admitted through the DSA.

## Example:

Jane has a DSA confirmed offer given by ABC Secondary School, which offers the Express Course only. However, Jane's PSLE results qualify her for the Normal (Academic) course. Hence, Jane will not be able to go to ABC Secondary School and will take part in the S1 Posting Exercise.



# Important Notes

- Students admitted through DSA-Sec Exercise **will not be allowed** to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise.
- Students admitted through DSA-Sec Exercise **will not be allowed** to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.
- Check the **MOE DSA-Sec website** [www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec)
- for important dates and timelines, and other important information, including DSA categories and secondary schools offering them.



*Thank  
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