



Ministry of Education  
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## Information on 2023 Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

### What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec allows Primary 6 (P6) students an opportunity 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 consider applying for DSA-Sec 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 admitted to a secondary school based on their PSLE score.



If your child is successfully allocated to a school through DSA-Sec, he/she will not participate in the S1 Posting. As he/she has committed to the school, he/she 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, and
- Other programmes offered by the school.

Details are available at the secondary schools' websites.

### How can my child apply for DSA-Sec?

Apply online via the DSA-Sec Portal from **11am on 4 May 2023 to 3pm on 31 May 2023**. Only one parent is required to log in using Singpass to apply.<sup>1</sup>

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, a maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school (i.e., under two different talent areas). This is to cater for your

<sup>1</sup> If your child is interested in School of the Arts 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.

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).

### Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?



There is no need to submit additional hardcopy testimonials and documents via the DSA-Sec Portal. 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.

### 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 11 September 2023. 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 2023 to submit the choices in order of preference.<sup>2</sup>

To gain admission, your child still needs to attain a PSLE score that qualify them for a Posting Group (i.e., Posting Group 1, Posting Group 2 or Posting Group 3) offered by the school. If your child is not successful in the DSA-Sec application, he/she can still take part in the S1 Posting after the release of PSLE results.

### How will DSA schools conduct their selection?

Secondary schools may 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 3 May 2023.



### Where can I find more information on DSA-Sec?



Information on important dates and the 2023 DSA-Sec can be found on [www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec) (scan the QR code on the left to access the website).

<sup>2</sup> 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.