



# Information on 2021 Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

## What is DSA-Sec?

DSA-Sec aims to promote holistic education and provides 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 with talents that 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 talent development programme in their area of strength. If not, they may continue to participate in the 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 Secondary 1 (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 good fit will help your child enjoy learning at an appropriate pace, and enable him/her to benefit from the school's overall programmes. When selecting a DSA-Sec school, consider the following:

- Schools with talent areas that match your child's strengths and interests
- Pace of learning
- Range of 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 5 May 2021 to 3pm on 1 June 2021**. Either parent may log in using Singpass to submit an application.<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 child's multiple interests, and allow for a choice of different schools which can develop your child's strengths and interests.

You are encouraged to consider your choices carefully, and manage the time and effort required for your child to participate in the trials/interviews conducted by the school(s).

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<sup>1</sup> 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?



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, Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements/awards such as Edusave awards, NAPFA results, Junior Sports Academy and National School Games participation. You may indicate in the optional field any non-school-based activities and achievements related to your child's talent, which your child may have participated outside school.

## 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 13 September 2021. If your child has at least one Confirmed Offer (CO) or a Wait List (WL) offer, you will receive email notification via Postman.gov.sg in end October 2021 to submit up to three school 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 course (i.e. Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical)) offered by the school. If your child has not been given a place in the DSA-Sec school, they can still apply for a school through the S1 Posting using their PSLE score.

## How will DSA schools conduct their selection this year?

The selection process and timeline differ across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories. Secondary schools may consider students based on talents and achievements, personal qualities, and primary school results. You are advised to refer to the school's website on the selection process. More details on the DSA selection will be released on 5 May 2021.



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



Information on important dates and the 2021 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). You will also be able to download a copy of the DSA-Sec Portal user guide and application template from the website.



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<sup>2</sup> If your child has accepted an offer from Singapore Sports School (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.