



# **DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION: DSA**

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- Introduced in 2004
- It seeks to **promote holistic education** and provide students an opportunity **to demonstrate a more diverse range of achievements and talents** in seeking admission to a secondary school.



# DSA

- An **admission exercise** to allow participating secondary schools to select some P6 students for admission to Secondary One.
- The selection is based on their achievements and talents **before** the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) results are released.
- Each secondary school has a cap to admit between **5-20% of Secondary 1 enrolment** via DSA, depending on the school.
- Secondary schools will have their own admission criteria which is merit-based.



## APPLICATION STAGE

The application deadline for each DSA-Sec School may be different.

## PART 1: Gathering Information on Schools

- Student obtains information on DSA-Sec schools, such as distinctive programmes, selection criteria, dates of trials / tests / interviews, etc. by:
  1. checking the schools' websites,
  2. calling the schools, and / or
  3. visiting the schools.



## **APPLICATION STAGE**

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## **PART 2: Application**

- Student identifies the school(s) he/she would like to apply to.
- Student checks with the secondary schools he/she is interested in, on how to apply.
- Submit application.



## **STAGE 1: SELECTION STAGE**

1 July

to

31 August

### **Selection by Schools**

- Shortlisted student goes for selection tests / camps / interviews at the DSA-Sec school(s).

### **Selection Outcome**

- Student receives outcome of application from the school(s) he/she has applied to (i.e. Confirmed, Waiting List or Rejected) by 31 Aug.



**STAGE 2:  
PREFERENCE  
STAGE**

mid October

## School Preference Form

- Students with "Confirmed" Offers or who have been put on the "Waiting List" of a school will receive a School Preference Form from their respective primary schools.
- The form indicates the list of schools that the student have received a Confirmed Offer from and/or placed on the Waiting List.



**STAGE 2:  
EXERCISE  
SCHOOL  
PREFERENCE  
STAGE**

mid October

## **School Preference Indication**

- Parents can **indicate** their child's school preference(s) for **up to 3 schools** in the DSA-Sec School Preference Form.
- Parents can submit their child's school preference(s) either electronically via DSA-Sec Internet System or physically at the child's primary school.





## **STAGE 3: RESULTS RELEASE STAGE**

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>  
week of  
Nov

## **Results**

- Student collects his/her DSA-Sec allocation result from his/her primary school, together with his/her PSLE results.
- Student who is unsuccessful in the DSA-Sec Exercise will be notified of the outcome of the application and will participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise.



## Important to note:

- Students who have opted for a school under DSA-Sec Exercise **must achieve PSLE results** that would enable them to be eligible for admission to a course being offered by their DSA-Sec school.
- Students admitted to a school through DSA-Sec Exercise **will not be allowed to participate in the annual Secondary One Posting Exercise** (as places have already been reserved for them in the DSA-Sec schools).
- Students admitted to a school through DSA-Sec Exercise **will not be allowed to transfer to another school** after the release of the PSLE results. (They are expected to honour their commitment to the posted DSA school.)



- Do check out the **DSA-Sec Exercise** website.
- Any other enquiries, do email me or get your child to see me personally.

