



West Grove Primary School
Wisdom and Grace

P4 Subject-Based Banding (SBB)





What is Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

It provides greater flexibility for students by offering them the option of **Standard** and **Foundation subjects**, depending on their strengths.

This will allow students to stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong in while building up their understanding in subjects they need more help with.



Common Subject Combinations* Offered in West Grove Primary School

4S1H	4S	3S1F	4F
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and Science• Higher Mother Tongue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard English, Mother Tongue and Science• Foundation Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and Science

**Subject combinations focus on literacy and numeracy; and facilitate the student's progression to secondary school and beyond.*



How does SBB (P4) work?

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/subject-based-banding>

After the P4 year-end examination, the school will calculate student's results for each subject.

School recommends a subject combination based on:

- student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject;
- student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination.

After SA2
examinations;
~mid- November

Parents will then fill up an Option Form indicating the preferred combination. Option Form must be submitted to school before the school term closes.

Student offers subject combination *chosen by his/her parents*.

Please note that any changes to subject combination is only made at the end of P5. This is to allow your child more time and space to adjust to the curriculum and show potential in managing a particular subject combination.



How can my child qualify for Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) in P5?

- In general, your child must be able to cope well with all subjects (at least 80 marks for MTL and above 70 marks for the other 3 subjects) to be offered HMTL. School identifies students and advises parents on whether their child is eligible.
- Students are expected to take HMT for a complete year before they can request to drop the subject.

Mother Tongue	English, Mathematics & Science
80 marks and above	Above 70



Considerations for taking Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)

	Higher Chinese Language	Higher Malay Language	Higher Tamil Language
Learning resources	1 Higher Chinese Language Textbook & Activity book	1 Standard Malay Language Textbook & Activity book 1 Higher Malay Language Textbook & Activity book	1 Standard Malay Language Textbook & Activity book 1 Higher Malay Language Textbook & Activity book
Lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour• Once a week• Outside curriculum hours <p>*To make up for the affected curriculum time due to public holidays, learning journeys etc, some sessions will be at least 1.5 hours instead.</p>		
Examinations	2 examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 for CL/ML/TL• 1 for HCL/HML/HTL (for P5 and P6)		

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***Thank you for your partnership in
supporting your child's learning and
growth.***

There are various online tools to support our children as they enter Upper Primary. The school will continue to offer our support for children to grow in wisdom and grace.