

**Cedar Primary School**  
**2024 P5 and P6 Parents Engagement Webinar**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. How are students posted to secondary school?**

Students will be posted to secondary school through three Posting Groups - Posting Groups 1, 2, and 3 - based on their PSLE score. Posting Groups will only be used for the purposes of admitting students into secondary school and to guide the initial subject levels students can offer at the start of Secondary One.

Throughout their secondary school education, students can take subjects at three subject levels, known as G1, G2, G3 (G stands for General), mapped from the previous N(T), N(A) and Express standards respectively. Students will have the flexibility to adjust their subject levels at appropriate junctures, based on their strengths, interests and learning needs. Students will subsequently access programmes and post-secondary pathways based on their various subjects and subject level combinations.

More information can be found online at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/>

**2. Do all students undergo 4 years of secondary school no matter which Posting Group they are in?**

By 2024, all students enrolling into Sec 1 will go through a four-year curriculum for all subject bands. The option of a fifth year in secondary school will continue to be available for eligible students to pace their learning and take subjects at a more demanding level to access more post-secondary pathways.

**3. Will all students in the different Posting Groups sit for the same Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examinations?**

Yes, from 2027, the new Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examinations for all subjects and subject levels (i.e. G1, G2, G3) will be conducted in the same year-end examination period each year. The written examinations for English Language and MTL will take place in September. Written examinations for other subjects will be conducted from October.

**4. What is the Integrated Programme?**

The Integrated Programme (IP) is a 6-year course leading to the GCE A-Level examination or International Baccalaureate Diploma or NUS High School Diploma. Students in the IP do not need to take the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) in Secondary 4.

Admission to an IP school is via either DSA-Sec or the standard S1 Posting Process, where your child is given 6 options. If your child is interested in both the IP and SEC Programme offered by the same school, you must indicate the 2 school names as separate choices in order of preference. Do note that if your child has indicated only the school name with the Integrated Programme, he/she will not be considered for posting to the SEC Programme, and vice versa.

More information about the IP Programmes can be found [here](#).

## 5. What is DSA-Sec?

Direct School Admission for secondary schools (DSA-Sec) allows students to gain direct entry to certain secondary schools based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas including leadership. The application is typically in May each year.

The DSA-Sec aims to promote holistic education by giving schools greater flexibility to recognise a more diverse range of student achievements and talents for admission to secondary schools.

If your child is admitted to a secondary school through DSA-Sec, they are not allowed to:

- Submit school choices during the Secondary 1 (S1) posting process.
- Transfer to another school. They must commit to their chosen school for the duration of their programme.

Visit the [Direct School Admission \(Sec\)](#) webpage for more information.

## 6. How do I find information on DSA-Sec?

You can find out more information about:

- [DSA-Sec process](#) on MOE website.
- Participating schools using [SchoolFinder](#).

## 7. What will I need to provide during the DSA-Sec application?

- Log in to the DSA-Sec portal with your Singpass Two-Factor Authentication (Singpass 2FA). Find out how to register for a Singpass and 2FA if you don't have one.
- Indicate up to 3 choices and 3 talent areas. You may indicate up to 2 talent areas for the same school. If you want to apply for 2 talent areas at the same school, you must indicate both as separate choices.
- Your child's primary school information will automatically be shared with the applied DSA-Sec school(s). This information includes your child's P5 and P6 academic results, Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements and awards such as Edusave awards, NAPFA result, National School Games and Junior Sports Academy participation. You do not need to input this information.
- You may provide information on non-school based activities and achievements, which are related to your child's chosen talent areas. This section is non-compulsory, with a limit of 10 entries and no supporting documents are needed.
- Enter your contact details correctly. This allows the schools to contact you if your child is shortlisted for the selection process.
- You can update, withdraw and re-submit your application during the application period.

## 8. Do the students need to have any form of testimony or background to go for the DSA?

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.

**9. When a student is posted into a secondary via DSA, does he still need to achieve a PSLE Score within the cutoffs for that school?**

To be successfully admitted to a school through DSA, your child's PSLE results must qualify them for the course offered by the school. This is to ensure that your child can continue to thrive in his/her DSA area as well as cope with the rigor and demands of the course offered by the school.

**10. Will the secondary school interviews be online or in person?**

Different schools have different selection processes. If shortlisted, your child will have to attend interviews, auditions or trials conducted by respective DSA schools.

**11. How can parents communicate with the subject teachers?**

In Cedar Primary, parents are encouraged to communicate with the teachers through email. All the teachers' email addresses can be found on our school website. You may also call the general office to leave a message for your child's teachers to call you back or to make an appointment to meet with your child's teachers.

We also make use of the Parents Gateway (PG) to disseminate information and seek parents' consent on admin matters. The Parents Gateway is available on IOS and Android. You can use your SingPass account, SMS 2FA or OneKey Token1 to gain access to Parents Gateway. A guide to access Parent Gateway can be found on our online Parent Portal at <https://cedarpri.moe.edu.sg>

**Note:**

*The DSA information provided in this set of FAQs is based on 2023 DSA. The 2024 DSA information will be updated in the Direct School Admission (Sec) webpage once it is available.*