

Cedar Primary School
2022 P5 Parents Engagement
Frequently Asked Questions

1. 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. 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.

2. 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](#).

3. If my child is offered a DSA-Sec place in a secondary school, do they have to meet the schools Cut-off-point for Secondary 1 admission?

To be successfully admitted to a school through DSA, your child's PSLE results must qualify them for the [course](#) offered by the school.

Example 1:

If the school only offers Express course, your child's PSLE Score must qualify for the Express course option. This includes those in the Express/ Normal (Academic) option band.

Example 2:

If the school offers Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) (N(T)) courses, your child's PSLE Score must at least qualify for the N(T) course. If your child is eligible for N(T), they will be admitted to the N(T) course of the school.

4. Given that the NA and NT streams at secondary schools are not relevant in 2024, how does it affect the banding?

From 2024 under Full Subject-Based Banding, at the start of Secondary 1, students can take a combination of G1/2/3 (G is for General) subjects based on their PSLE Scores, suited to their pace of learning. Thereafter, their subject levels will be based on their strengths and interests.

Students will continue to be assigned into Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) courses till 2023, as students' PSLE Scores remain a good initial gauge of their overall academic ability and their appropriate subject levels at the beginning of Secondary One. Details will be shared at a later date.

Visit this microsite for more details: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/index.html>

5. How do we communicate with the subject teacher to help the children?

You can 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 will also be making 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>

6. Can parents request for their child to take certain subjects at the foundation level at the end of Term 1 or 2 if the child is struggling?

Subject-based banding (SBB) gives your child the opportunity to take a combination of subjects at standard and foundation levels based on their strengths. With higher content rigour and expectations at P5, students will need time to adjust to the increased curriculum demands.

The school will assess your child's ability to cope with the subjects that he/she takes at the end of the year. Adjustments to the subject levels will be made then if needed. In the meantime, do allow time and space for your child to adjust and cope with the new rigour.

More details on SBB in primary school can be found [here](#).

Note:

The DSA information provided in this set of FAQs is based on 2021 DSA. The 2022 DSA information will be updated in [the Direct School Admission \(Sec\) webpage](#) once it is available.