

P4 PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

**SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN MAKING
INFORMED CHOICES FOR UPPER PRIMARY**



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OVERVIEW

1. How PSLE Scoring Works
2. How SBB in Primary 5 Works



THE PSLE REMAINS AS A USEFUL CHECKPOINT



The PSLE is a useful checkpoint at the end of primary school to help students, parents and teachers determine where each child's academic strengths lie.



It guides students to a suitable academic programme and subject levels in secondary school – one that best suits their learning needs. In this way, students can learn and progress at a comfortable pace.



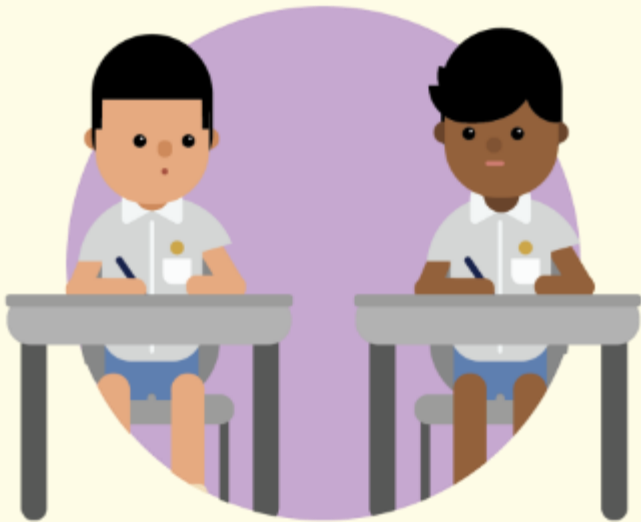
The PSLE result also serves as a fair and transparent mechanism to determine secondary school posting.

***The PSLE is not the destination.
It is part of our children's education journey.***



THE PSLE CHANGES ARE PART OF A BIGGER STORY

Over the years, we have been fine-tuning the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths and interests, while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results. Our PSLE Scoring changes aim to reduce an **over-emphasis on academic results** by:



Reducing fine differentiation of students' examination results at a young age



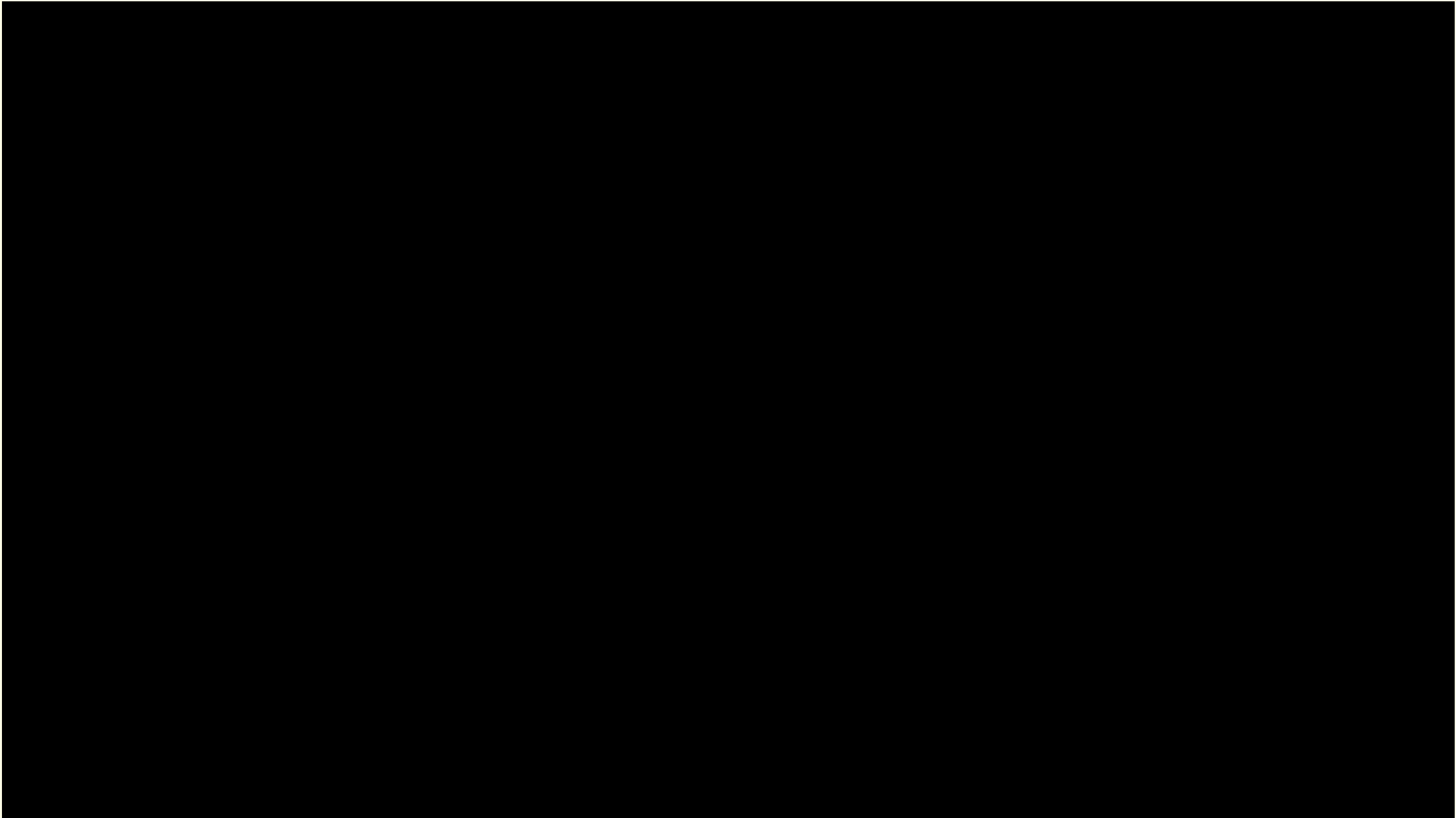
Recognising a student's level of achievement, regardless of how his/her peers have done



Offering students and parents a wider range of secondary schools to explore

HOW PSLE SCORING WORKS





https://youtu.be/XNhLvEk_B90

FROM T-SCORE TO SCORING BANDS

Unlike the T-score system, the students' AL for each subject will reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

SUBJECT	GRADE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	A
MOTHER TONGUE	A
MATHEMATICS	A*
SCIENCE	A*
T-SCORE AGGREGATE	244
SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE ELIGIBLE FOR	EXPRESS

ENGLISH	AL 3
MOTHER TONGUE	AL 2
MATHEMATICS	AL 1
SCIENCE	AL 2
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PSLE SCORE: 8	



FROM T-SCORE TO SCORING BANDS

(a) Reduces fine differentiation of students' examination results

- Students with similar scores in each subject will be grouped into wide scoring bands measured in 8 Achievement Levels (ALs).

(b) Reflects a student's individual level of achievement

- Unlike under the T-score system, students' ALs for each subject will reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES WILL ALSO BE LESS FINELY DIFFERENTIATED

- Foundation subject grades will also be graded in scoring bands from **AL A to C**.
- For the purpose of S1 Posting, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects will be **mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively**, to derive a student's overall PSLE Score.
- Similar to the PSLE T-score system, this mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of their readiness to access the curriculum at the secondary level.

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
A	75 – 100	6
B	30 – 74	7
C	< 30	8


STANDARD

FOUNDATION

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		C	< 30	8

4 SUBJECT ALs WILL BE ADDED TO FORM THE OVERALL PSLE SCORE

- The PSLE Score replaces the T-score Aggregate.
- The PSLE Score can range from 4 – 32, with 4 being the best.
- Students will be placed in secondary school courses based on their PSLE Score – How this is done will be explained later.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE	AL 3
MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE	AL 2
MATHEMATICS	AL 1
SCIENCE	AL 2
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PSLE SCORE: 8	

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY)

[SBB (SEC)] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- At the start of Sec 1, subject levels, G1, G2, G3 are assigned based on PSLE results. G1/G2/G3 are mapped from today's N(T), N(A) and O-Level subjects respectively.
- Under the new PSLE Scoring System, the SBB (Sec) eligibility criteria is as follows:

SBB (SEC) CRITERIA	
PSLE SUBJECT GRADE	OPTION TO TAKE SUBJECT AT
AL 5 or better in a Standard level subject	G3 Level (former Express level)
AL 6 or better in a Standard level subject <u>OR</u> AL A in a Foundation level subject	G2 Level (former Normal (Academic) level)

- As students progress in secondary school, they will continue to have more opportunities to take subjects at more demanding levels based on their performance in school.

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (SECONDARY) [SBB (SEC)] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

G2
English

G2
Mother Tongue

G3
Math

G2
Science

With SBB



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ENGLISH	AL6
MOTHER TONGUE	AL6
MATHEMATICS	AL5
SCIENCE	AL6







PSLE SCORE: 23

USE OF HIGHER CHINESE LANGUAGE (HCL) FOR ADMISSION INTO SAP SCHOOLS



HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE FOR ENTRY TO SAP SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE*

- Students' HCL results will be denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students will be ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

1st		7	NO HCL
2nd		8	DISTINCTION
3rd		8	MERIT
4th		8	PASS
5th		8	NO HCL
6th		9	DISTINCTION

*For more information on the posting advantage to SAP schools, please visit the [PSLE-Full Subject Based Banding \(PSLE-FSBB\) Microsite](#)

EXAMPLE OF AN SAP SCHOOL's INDICATIVE PSLE SCORE RANGE

- While students need not take HCL to enter SAP schools, students who pass HCL receive a posting advantage for admission. To reflect this, the indicative PSLE Score ranges of SAP schools include the HCL grades of the first and last student admitted in the previous year via S1 Posting.

Example

XX Secondary School

Indicative PSLE Score range of 2020

G3	5 (D) – 12 (P)
G2	
G1	

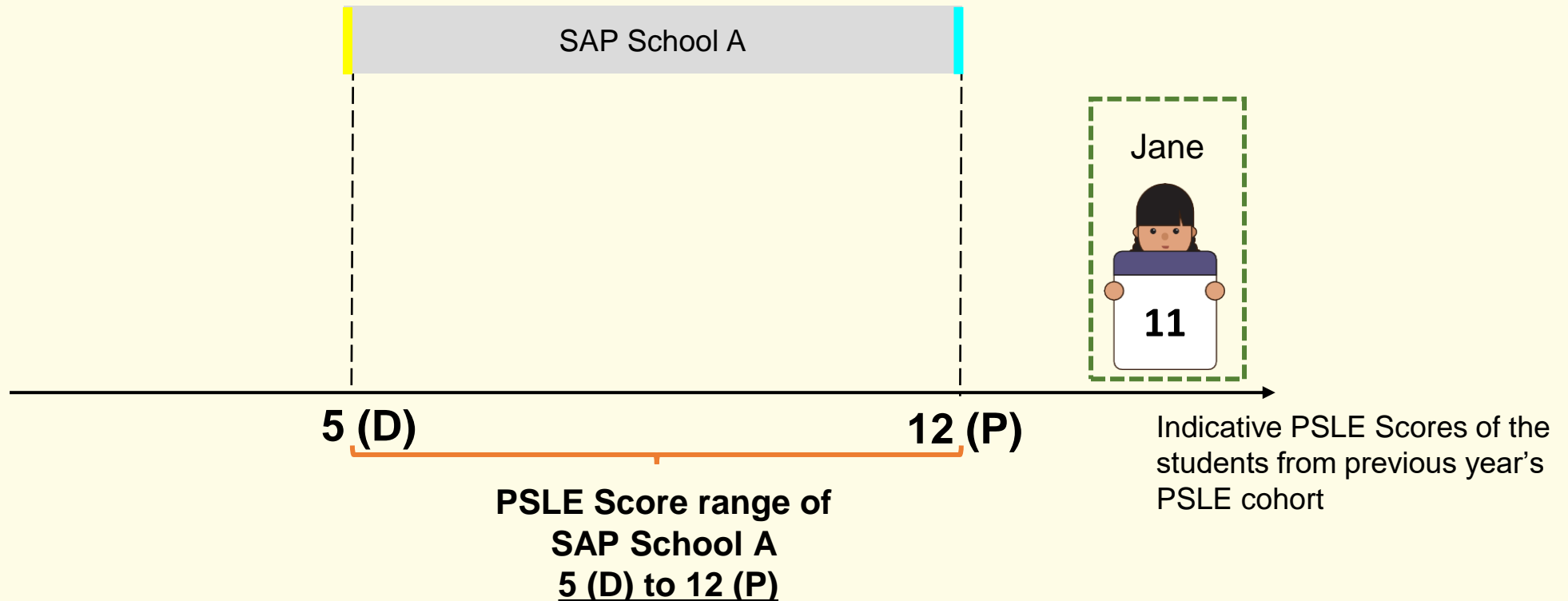
Indicative PSLE Score and HCL grade of the first student posted into the school

Students who scored better than the school's COP, whether they take HCL, in this particular posting exercise would have been admitted to the school

Indicative PSLE Score and HCL grade of the last student posted into the school [i.e. the school's Cut-Off Point (COP)]

EXAMPLE OF S1 POSTING FOR SAP SCHOOL

For example, Jane, who did not take HCL at PSLE, would have been admitted to the school as she had a PSLE Score of 11.



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

FROM P5 ONWARDS



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

“We recognise different abilities... and help each student to proceed at a pace that he can manage.”

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Minister for Education (2006)



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

Gan Eng Seng Primary School

What Is Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

Students will be offering 4 subjects for PSLE when in P6:
English Language, Mother Tongue Language,
Mathematics and Science.

With Subject-Based Banding, students have more choices:

- (1) Taking subjects at Standard/Foundation levels
- (2) Taking Higher Mother Tongue Language



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1. Taking Subjects At Standard Or Foundation Levels

PSLE subjects can be taken at Standard Level or Foundation Level based on the student's academic strengths and needs.

- **Standard Level:** Allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are relatively stronger in.
- **Foundation Level:** Allow students to build the fundamentals in the subjects they have difficulty coping with.



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

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What Is The Advantage Of Offering Subjects At Foundation Level?

- Allows students to proceed at a pace they can manage for the subjects that they need support in.
- Motivates students to learn better as they are doing subjects that they are better able to cope
- Enables students to focus on building strong fundamentals in these subjects
- Better prepares students for progression to secondary school



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2. Taking Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMT) (Higher Chinese, Malay and tamil)

Students are offered HMT if they:

- * show an aptitude and interest in their Mother Tongue Language as observed by their teachers
- * have done generally well for all their other subjects

Please note:

- Students taking HMTL will also do MTL
- HMTL will be a 1 hour lesson per week after school (for HCL, HML and HTL)
- Examination format:
 - Paper 1: Composition (40%) – Topic essay & Complete the essay
 - Paper 2: Cloze passage & Written comprehension (60%)









SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

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HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE FOR ENTRY TO SAP SCHOOLS ONLY

Students must first qualify to enter the school based on their PSLE Score.

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SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

In GESPS, we want to help each child

realise his/her potential

based on

his/her strengths and needs.



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

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How Does The School Decide On The Subject Combination To Recommend?

- Based on Student's Academic Performance
- Based on Teachers' Feedback

- Student's performance in each subject
- Student's aptitude and motivation
- Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination
- Whether the subject combination facilitates the student's articulation to secondary school and beyond.



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

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What Subject Combinations Can A Student Be Offered?

Subject Combination*
4S HMT Standard English Language Standard Mathematics Standard Science Standard Mother Tongue Language Higher MT Language

Based on students aptitude & attitude

Able to cope with all 4 subjects
& strong in Mother Tongue Language

Subject Combination*
4S Standard English Language Standard Mathematics Standard Science Standard Mother Tongue Language

Able to cope with all 4 subjects



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

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Subject Combination*
3S 1F(MA) Standard English Language Standard Mother Tongue Language Standard Science Foundation Mathematics

Subject Combination*
3S 1F(MT) Standard English Language Standard Mathematics Standard Science Foundation Mother Tongue Language

Based on students aptitude & attitude

Able to cope with 3 subjects
but need more support for 1 subject
(Mathematics)

Able to cope with 3 subjects
but need more support for 1 subject
(Mother Tongue Language)



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

Gan Eng Seng Primary School

Subject Combination*
2S 2F(MA,SC) Standard English Language Standard Mother Tongue Language Foundation Mathematics Foundation Science

Subject Combination*
4F Foundation English Language Foundation Mathematics Foundation Science Foundation Mother Tongue Language

Based on students
aptitude & attitude

Able to cope with 2 subjects
but need support for 2 subjects
(Mathematics & Science)

Need support in all 4 subjects



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

Gan Eng Seng Primary School



What We Need Parents/Guardians To Do.....

You would have received a notification from the school informing you of the new Subject Combination.

- ❑ Please **acknowledge** the Subject Combination offered by the school by ticking the box on the form and returning it to the Form Teacher via your child/ward by **tomorrow, 11 Nov 2022**.
- ❑ Contact Form Teacher and/or Subject Teacher(s) if you want to **discuss** the Subject Combination being offered to your child/ward.



FAQs

What are SAP schools? Will my child have a posting advantage if he/she takes Higher Tamil or Higher Malay?

SAP schools are schools that are committed to nurturing bilingual and bicultural students who are immersed in the Chinese language and culture, and are equipped with a global outlook. There are 10 SAP secondary schools in Singapore. Students taking Higher Tamil or Higher Malay would not have a posting advantage.

Does my child have to buy two sets of MT textbooks if he/she offers HMTL?

For Higher Chinese, students only need to buy the Higher Chinese Language textbook and activity book. However, for Higher Malay and Higher Tamil, students need to purchase the textbook, activity book and course book. The course book is only for Higher Malay and Higher Tamil students.

FAQs

Will HMTL be taught during school curriculum time?

Higher Tamil and Higher Malay will only be taught in the afternoons once a week. During curriculum time, these students will study TL at standard level. Higher Chinese students will be taught both Standard and Higher Chinese during curriculum time and after school.

Will my child have to drop HMTL if he/she is not coping well?

The school will discuss this matter with parents and their child depending on your child's interest and performance across all academic subjects.

FAQs

Will my child be able to participate in stretch programmes if he/she offers HMTL?

Your child may still take part in the English, Mathematics and Science programmes if they have been identified for any of these. However, the Mother Tongue stretch programme takes place during the same slot as the HMTL lesson and hence students taking HMTL will not be able to participate in the Mother Tongue stretch programme.

THANK YOU

