

Information on 2024 Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

Parents' Briefing on 6 April 2024



What is DSA-Sec?



- Direct School Admission for secondary schools (DSA-Sec) allows students to apply to some schools before taking the PSLE.
- The admission is based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at the PSLE.
- Each participating secondary school offers distinctive programmes and sets its own selection process and criteria to admit students who can be further developed by these programmes.

Who can apply for DSA?

Primary 6 students can apply for DSA-Sec based on a **wide-range of talents**, including:

1. Sports and games
2. Visual, literary and performing arts (e.g. Dance, Choir)
3. Debate and public speaking
4. Science, mathematics and engineering
5. Languages and humanities
6. Uniformed groups (e.g. Scouts)
7. Leadership (e.g. prefects, CCA leaders)



Should my child apply for DSA-Sec?

- Your child may consider applying for DSA-Sec if they are **able to identify a school that offers a programme in their area of strength**.
- If your child is **successfully allocated** to a school through DSA-Sec, he/she **will not** participate in the **Secondary 1 (S1) Posting Exercise**.
- As he/she has committed to the school, he/she **will also not be able to seek a transfer to another school** after the release of the PSLE results

Which school should my child apply to?

- Finding a suitable school will help your child enjoy learning at an appropriate pace, and benefit from the school's programmes. When selecting a DSA-Sec school, consider the following:
 - Schools with talent areas that match your child's strengths and interests
 - Pace of learning
 - Other programmes offered by the school.

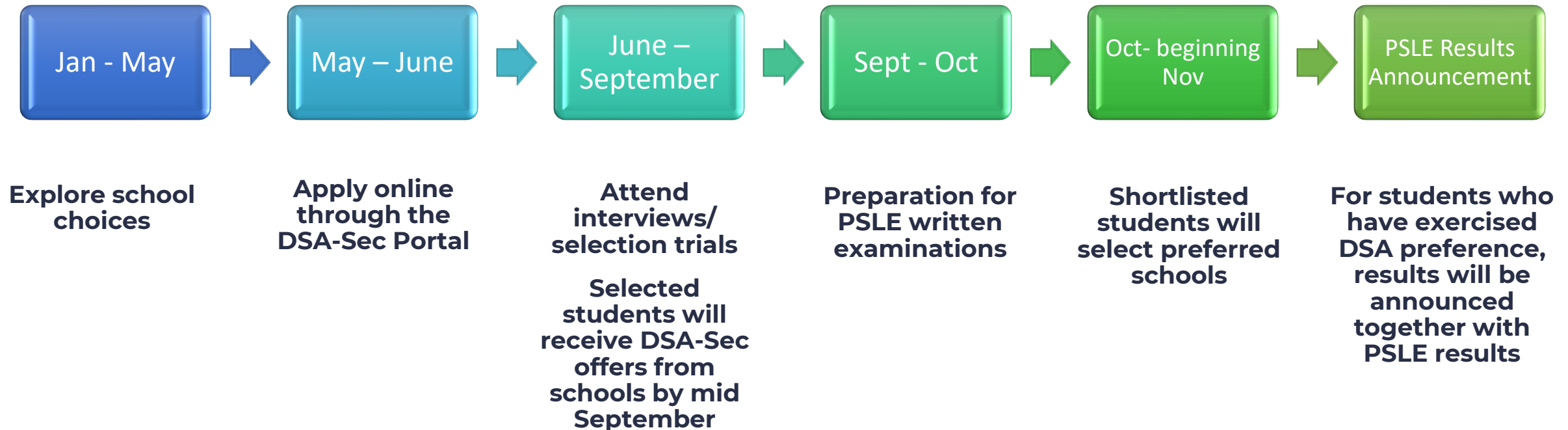
Details are available at the secondary schools' websites **via School Finder.**



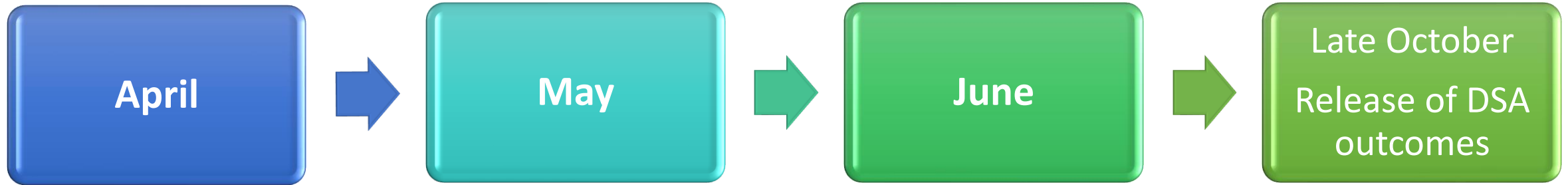
Scan the QR Code to get to the School Finder website.



How can my child apply for DSA-Sec?



ZPS DSA Support Programme



1. **Outreach to Parents and Pupils** (*done by SLs and YH Upper Pri*)
2. **Shortlisting of potential candidates for DSA Application** (*done by FTs, CCA teachers*)
3. **Engage parents to seek approval for application** [*done by FTs, CCA teachers or YH(UP)]*

DSA Application Stage

1. **Preparation of pupils for auditions, trials, interviews**
2. **Trials & Auditions** (*done by coaches and CCA Teachers for CCA with instructors*)
3. **Interviews** (*done by Mdm Farhanah (YH UP) and Mrs Yee (VP2)*)

1. **Submission of DSA Preference & Options** (*done by parents / guardians using SingPass*)

** Do approach us if you need assistance to complete this process.*



4 Specialised Secondary
Schools that admit Sec 1
students through DSA
ONLY.

They do not participate
in the MOE S1 Posting
Exercise.



SOTA DSA Areas:

Dance

Film

Literary Arts

Music

Theatre

Visual Arts

Singapore
Sports School
DSA Areas:
Sports
Multi-sports

<https://www.sportsschool.edu.sg/>



Open House: 25 May 2024

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<https://www.sst.edu.sg>

**SST DSA Areas: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Aesthetics and Mathematics) (Girls and Boys)
Open House in May (similar to other secondary schools)**



NUS High: Maths and Science

Open House in May (similar to other secondary schools)

Open House: 11 May 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

How can my child apply for DSA-Sec?

- You can indicate **up to three choices** during the application. For each choice, you will need to **choose a secondary school** and **a talent area** from that school.
- Of the three choices, a **maximum of two choices can be used to apply to the same school** (i.e. **under two different talent areas**). This is to cater for your child's multiple interests, and to encourage your child to consider different schools that can develop his/her strengths and interests.
- Make your choices carefully, and manage the time and effort required for your child to participate in the trials/interviews conducted by the school(s)

What are DSA Secondary Schools looking for?

- Every school has a **slightly different set of selection considerations** and processes depending on the talent that is being assessed (e.g. auditions, trials, tests, selection camps).
- Generally, schools are looking for candidates with:
 1. Talent, passion and commitment
 2. Strong personal qualities
 3. Good academic fit

Do I need to submit any hardcopy documents during application?

- 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, and other information from P4 to P6, i.e. Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based achievements/awards such as Edusave awards, Junior Sports Academy and National School Games participation.
- During application, it is **optional** to include any non-school-based activities and achievements related to your child's talent via the DSA-Sec Portal

When will I be informed of the outcome of my child's application?

- You will be informed of the **application outcome** by the individual schools by **September 2024**.
- If your child has at least one **Confirmed Offer (CO)** or a **Wait List (WL)** offer, you will **receive an SMS and email notification** via Postman.gov.sg in **end October 2024** to submit the choices in order of preference. (after the PSLE exams)
- To gain admission, your child **still needs to attain a PSLE score that qualify them for a course** (i.e. Posting Groups G3, G2, G1) offered by the school.
- If your child is **not successful** in the DSA-Sec application, they can still take part in the **S1 Posting** after the release of PSLE results

How will DSA schools conduct their selection?

- Secondary schools may consider students based on their selection criteria, taking into consideration the students' talents and achievements, personal qualities, and academic suitability.
- Please refer to the school's website on the selection process.
- More details on the DSA selection will be released in **May 2024**.



Scan the QR Code to get to the DSA website.

DSA is a commitment on the part of both the student and the secondary school.

This is because the school is committed to developing students to their **fullest potential** in both their *studies and talents* throughout their school years.

Parents and students are encouraged to *choose schools wisely* based on the student's **aptitudes and strengths**, bearing in mind the schools' academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the talent.

Therefore, students who are **not sure or not ready to do so** should enter a secondary school through the **S1 Posting** instead.

IMPORTANT

- Students **successfully allocated** to their DSA-Sec schools ***will NOT be allowed to participate in the annual S1 Posting*** to opt for secondary schools, and are **expected to honour the commitment** to the allocated DSA-Sec school for the entire duration of the programme.
- They will also **NOT be allowed to transfer to another school** after the release of the PSLE results.

Useful Links



<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>

DSA Website

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder>

School Finder Website



Concerns

**Get in touch with your child's/ward's Form
Teachers or CCA Teachers**

OR



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YOU!