

Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools (DSA-Sec)

Entering a secondary school



PSLE/S1 Posting Process

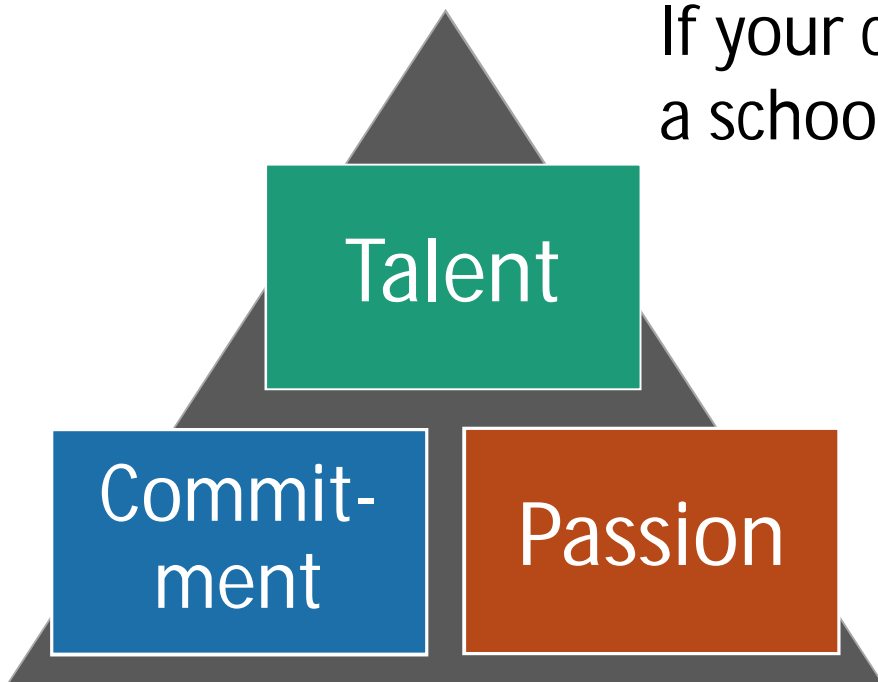
- Based on a student's **PSLE score**
- **Most students enter secondary schools this way**



DSA-Sec

- Based on a diverse range of **talents and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what the PSLE recognises**
- Allows students to **access school programmes to develop their talents**

Is the DSA-Sec right for my child?



If your child has specific **talents** which a school offers the DSA-Sec in

And is **passionate** about and **committed** to developing his/her strengths and interests

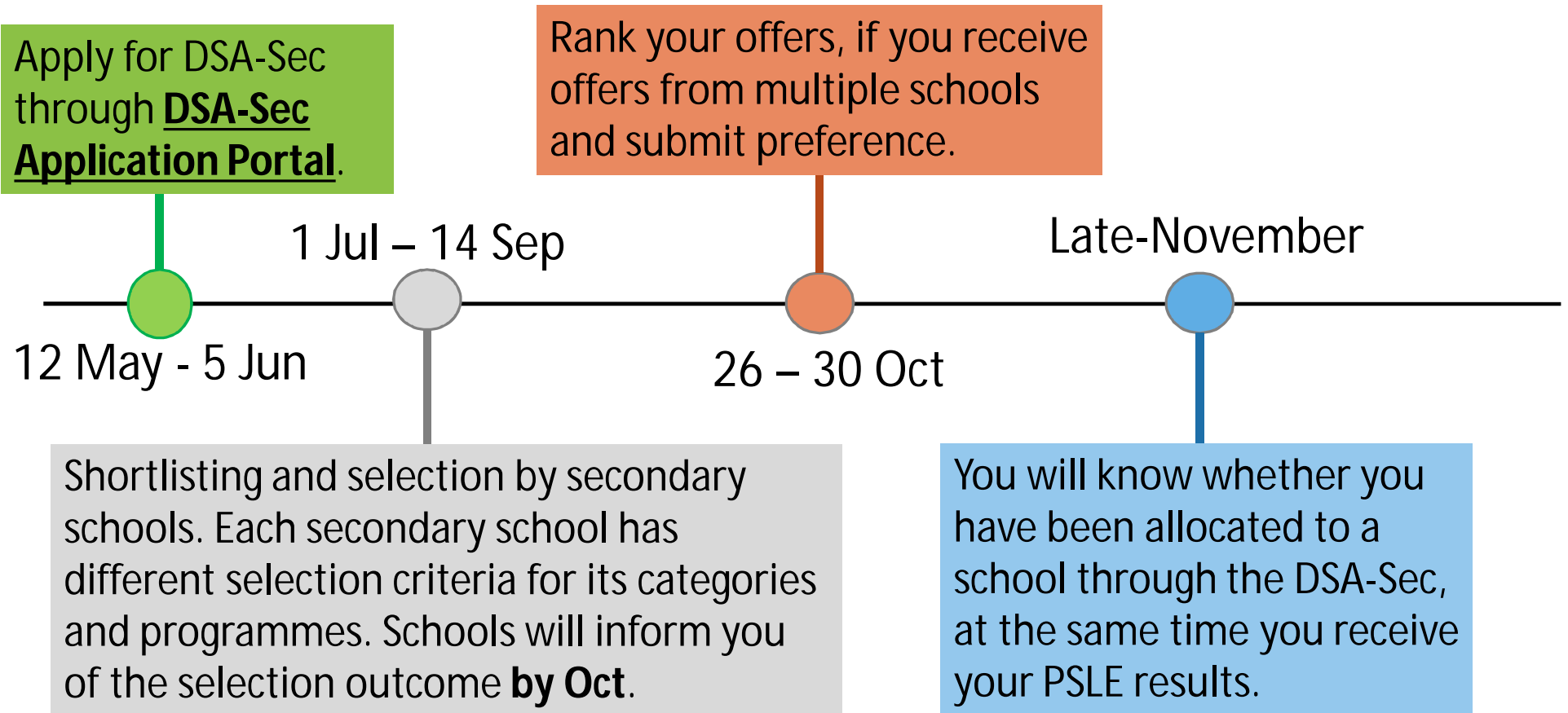
DSA-Sec can support his/her development in that talent area.

Which school should my child apply to?

- Look for a school with **programmes that match your child's strengths and interests**
 - Schools are looking out for students whose interests and talents they can develop further.
 - Learn more about the secondary school's **pace of learning** and overall range of programmes.
 - **Get the latest information** about what each school offers by:
 - Visiting schools' websites
 - Attending schools' **e-Open Houses*** to have a virtual experience of their environments and cultures
 - Visiting the MOE's DSA-Sec website www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec
- *e-Open houses information will be uploaded on our Lianhua's school website as we receive the information**

DSA-Sec Timeline & Application Portal

What is the timeline for 2020 DSA-Sec?



DSA-Sec Application Portal

- From the **2019 DSA-Sec**, students will be able to apply for DSA through a centralised **DSA-Sec Application Portal**, using a common application form.
- The portal has simplified and streamlined the DSA application process, making it convenient for all students.

Features of the DSA-Sec Portal

1. Centralised online applications

- Applications will be centralised across all participating secondary schools
- The form will be **easy to fill** – you only have to key in contact details and your school and talent choices

Optional: The portal will also allow you to indicate any non-school-based achievements and activities related to the talent areas you applied for.

- You **do not need to submit testimonials or hardcopy documents** to the secondary school during application.

2. Application using Singpass

- Parents can access the Portal via their SingPass login. Only one parent's SingPass login is required.
- Parents who are unable to access their SingPass can approach the primary school for assistance.

Features of the DSA-Sec Portal

3. Making choices in the DSA-Sec portal

- Through the portal, you can easily identify schools that offer programmes for your child's talent area.
- **You can indicate up to three choices.** For each choice, you will need to choose a secondary school and a talent area from that school.
- The order of the choices does not matter during application.
- **Of the three choices, up to two choices may be used to apply to the same school, for two different talent areas of that school.** This is to cater to your child's multiple interests, and allow your child to choose different schools which can develop his/her strengths and interests.
- You and your child are encouraged to **consider your choices carefully**, and manage the time and effort participating in multiple trials and interviews.

Features of the DSA-Sec Portal

Note: Students interested to apply to the School of the Arts and Singapore Sports School must do it separately at their respective websites, on top of the DSA-Sec choices made through the DSA-Sec Portal.

Examples of Possible Choice Combinations

EXAMPLE 1	Talent(s)	School(s)	Your child can apply to <u>up to three different schools</u> , with no restrictions on the talent areas.
	Choir	School A	
	Choir	School B	
	Choir	School C	
EXAMPLE 2	Talent(s)	School(s)	If your child chooses two areas in one school, he/she can apply to two different schools only ,
	Choir	School A	
	String Orchestra	School A	
	Choir	School B	
EXAMPLE 3 (Not allowed)	Talent(s)	School(s)	Your child cannot use all three choices on one school. He/she can leave the third choice blank or choose another school.
	Choir	School A	
	String Orchestra	School A	
	Mathematics	School A	

DSA Selection by Sec Schools

What are schools looking for?

- Schools have updated their selection practices, which are based on a common set of student-centric principles, with more emphasis on looking for sound fundamentals and potential in particular talent areas.
- The DSA-Sec selection process remains objective and talent-specific.

What are schools looking for?

- The selection process differs across schools, and across different DSA-Sec categories.
- Generally, schools are looking for candidates with:

Talent, passion, commitment

- Schools may look at **achievements** and **participation** (e.g. in Junior Sports Academy).

Strong personal qualities

- Schools may look at CCA records and VIA participation.
- Schools may also conduct interviews.

Good academic fit

- Schools may look at primary school results to ensure students can benefit from the school's pace of learning.

*Students, be sincere, be genuine, and **be yourself** – if you are a good fit for the school, it **will** show.*

Selection through Video-Conferencing

- Due to the Covid-19 situation, the selection interviews, auditions and trials of all Secondary schools will be conducted through video-conferencing.
- The video-conferencing will be carried out in Lianhua Primary School. A conducive environment with the necessary equipment will be prepared for all students.
- More instructions on what is required will be provided by each Secondary school at a later date.



Selection Outcomes

What are the possible DSA-Sec outcomes?

- **Confirmed Offer (CO)** → Your child has a place reserved in the school, as long as his/her PSLE results qualify him/her for a course the school offers (i.e. Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical)).
- **Wait List (WL)** → Your child will be given a place in the school if other students with Confirmed Offers do not take up those offers, and if his/her PSLE results qualify him/her for a course the school offers. Allocation will be based on students' rank on the school's Wait List.
- **Unsuccessful** → Your child has not been given a place in the school. If your child still wishes to enter the schools he/she applied for, he/she can apply through the S1 Posting process using his/her PSLE results.

How are DSA-Sec places allocated?

Example: Confirmed Offer vs Wait List

Hani is given Confirmed Offer by Courage Secondary. Hani selected Courage Secondary as her 2nd choice.

Victor is offered a Wait List by Courage Secondary. Victor selected Courage Secondary as his 1st choice.

Who will be considered for a place in Courage Secondary first?

Hani will be considered for a DSA-Sec place in Courage Secondary before Victor, as she has a Confirmed Offer.

If my child have a DSA-Sec Confirmed Offer, does it mean that his/her PSLE results will not matter?

- Your child's PSLE results will still be **used to determine the secondary school course he/she is eligible** for (i.e. Express, Normal (Academic), Normal (Technical))
- Even if he/she has a Confirmed Offer, he/she **must qualify for a course offered by the school** to be admitted to the DSA-Sec school.

Example: Leo has a Confirmed Offer from Courage Secondary, which offers the Express Course only. However, Leo's PSLE results qualify him for the Normal (Academic) course. Hence, Leo will not be able to go to Courage Secondary through DSA-Sec. If he is not allocated a place in another DSA-Sec school whose CO/WL offer he had accepted at the School Preference stage, he will participate in the S1 Posting.

Thank you!