

# Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)



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# What is PSLE?

- A placement examination
  - Places students into different courses according to their academic ability
  - Enables posting to secondary schools by merit and as far as possible into a school of their choice
  - Need to reflect the relative achievement level of students within their peers



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# Understanding PSLE Aggregate

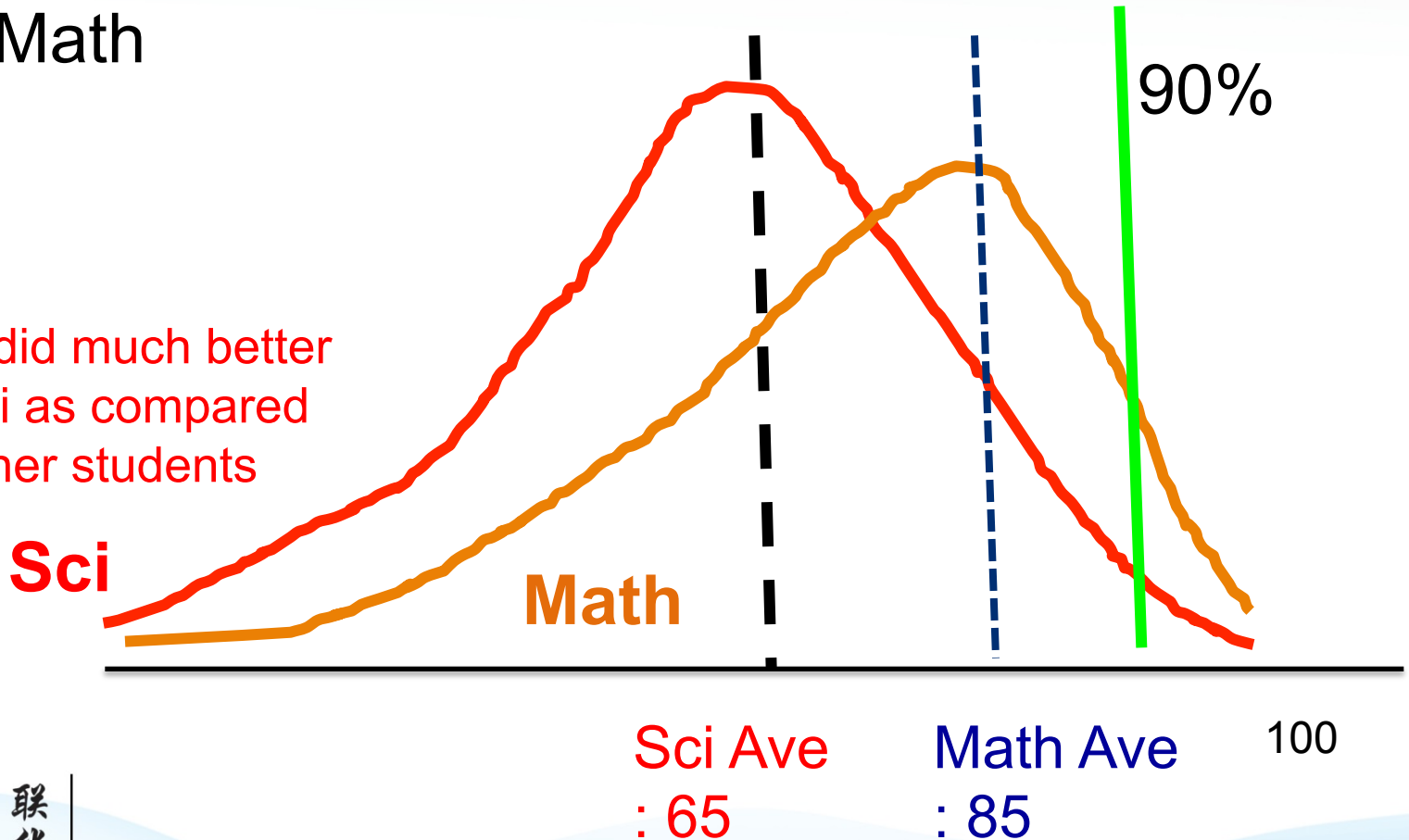
- What is PSLE Aggregate?
  - Sum of the T-scores of all 4 subjects
  - Allows students to be ranked fairly
  - Provides standardization of the raw scores
- Why can't raw scores be used?
  - Different subjects have different levels of difficulty



Jane scored  
90% in Science  
and Math

Her performance in  
Math was very close to  
other students

She did much better  
in Sci as compared  
to other students



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# What is T-Score?

- Gives the relative position of a student's performance as compared to the performances of all the other students in the subject
- Raw mark obtained in the exam shows how good the student is in that subject, not how good he is compared to others



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# How is T-score Calculated?

$$T = 50 + 10 \frac{X - Y}{Z}$$

**X** : student's raw mark for the subject

**Y** : Average mark scored by all students (mean)

**Z** : Spread of marks around the average mark  
(standard deviation)



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# How is T-score Calculated?

## Example

Student's mark ( $X$ ) in exam = 50.0

Average mark ( $Y$ ) scored by all pupils = 68.0

Spread of marks ( $Z$ ) around the average mark  
= 14.0

$$T = 50 + \frac{10 (50 - 68.0)}{14.0}$$
$$= 37.14$$



# How is the Aggregate Calculated?

Aggregate = Total of T-scores for 4 Subjects

Subject	Total Score	Marks	T-Score
English	200	125	39
Mother Tongue	200	148	53
Mathematics	100	78	55
Science	100	65	43
		Aggregate	190



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# Aggregate Vs Grades

Is it possible for a student with  
3A\* and 1A  
to have a higher aggregate score  
than another with  
1A\* and 3As?



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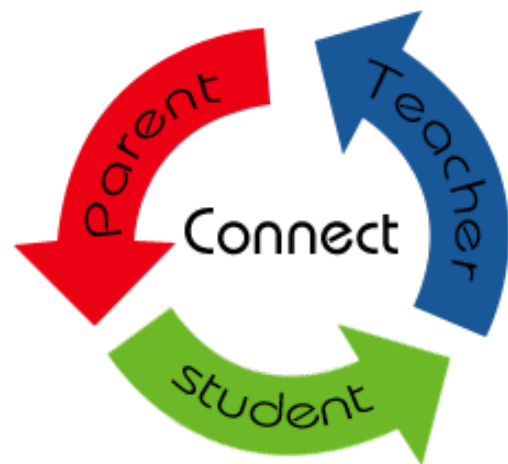
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Subject	Mark (Grade)	T-Score	Mark (Grade)	T-Score
EL	182 (A)	60	190 (A*)	68
MT	185 (A*)	70	180 (A)	68
MA	91 (A*)	60	80 (A)	58
SC	92 (A*)	56	86 (A)	55
Agg Score		246		249

# Advice to Our Students

1. Be diligent and put in your best effort to continually improve on your own performance
2. Focus and pay more attention in class and when doing work
3. If you don't know, ask



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# Secondary School Posting



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# Advice for Sec School Selection

- Consider schools will different cut-offs
  - Select 1-2 schools from each range
- Every school is a good school – Find out what they are good at
- Be aware of your child's ability and interests



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# Secondary 1 Posting Exercise

Activity	Timeline
Release of PSLE results	Late November
Submission of Sec 1 Option Form	Late November
Release of School Posting Results	Late December



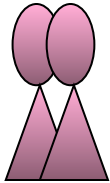
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# S1 Posting Method

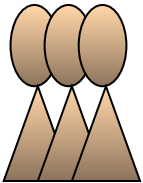
**By Merit :** Rank all PSLE students by their PSLE Aggregate



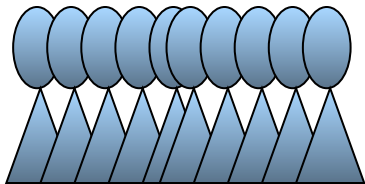
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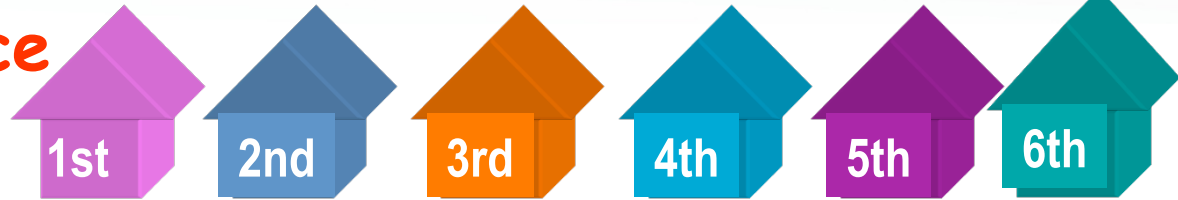
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240 and below

# S1 Posting Method

By Choice



**A**  **285** 

**B**  **284** 

There are many other pupils ranked above Pupil C

**C**  **243** 



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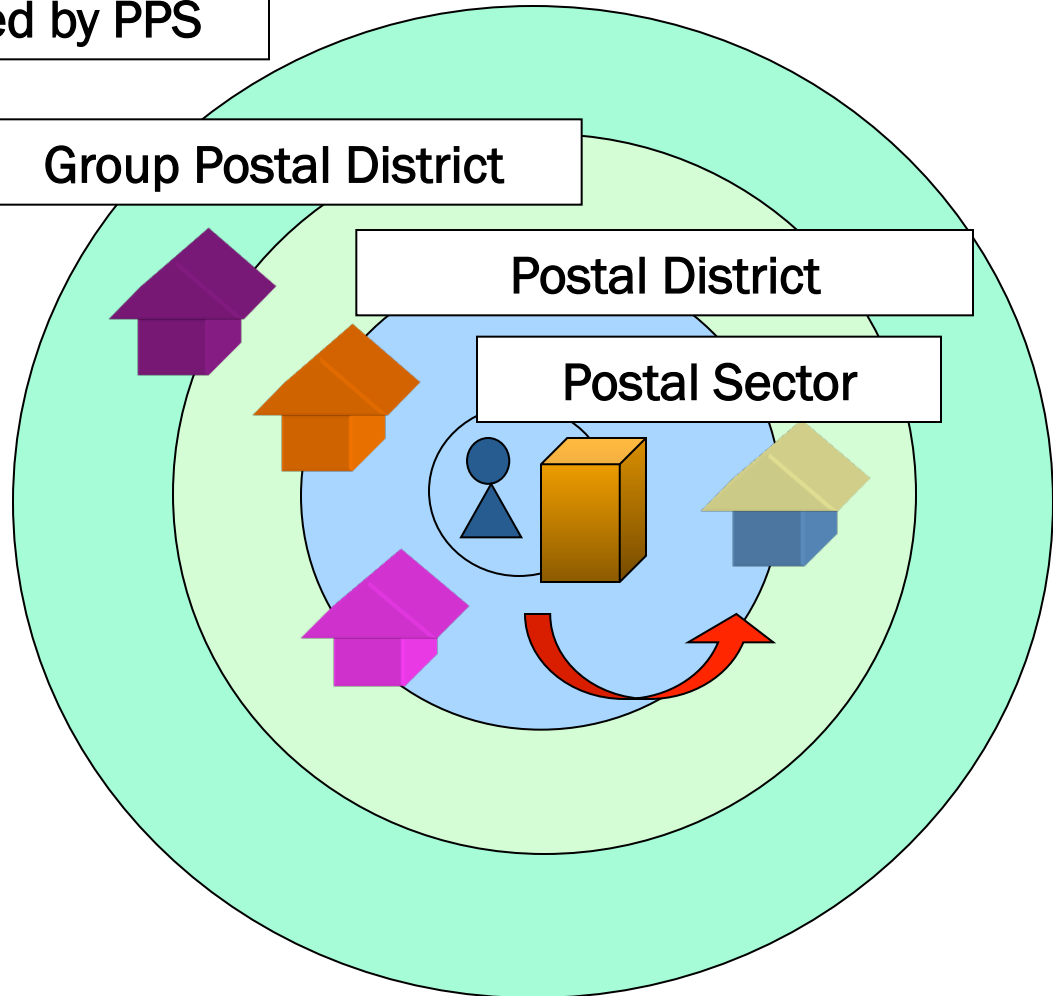
Manually Posted by PPS

Group Postal District

Postal District

Postal Sector

**After 6  
choices...**



# Secondary 1 Posting Exercise

Posting to Secondary school  
is by **MERIT**

	Aggregate	Choice of School
Student A	245	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice - Merlion Sec
Student B	240	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice – Merlion Sec

Student A will get the into Merlion Sec



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When the time comes,  
remember to choose wisely.



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Have a  
safe  
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