



ST. ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Direct School Admission (DSA)?

Direct School Admission (DSA) gives schools flexibility in selecting students in the talent areas as specified by the individual schools. This also allows Primary 6 students to be recognised for a more diverse range of achievements and talents.

2. Is there an admission quota for DSA in St. Andrew's Secondary?

St. Andrew's Secondary admits up to 20% of our Secondary 1 students via DSA.

3. How much flexibility is given to St. Andrew's Secondary in terms of choosing students?

Schools can decide on their own admission criteria. However, primary school students must achieve PSLE results that would enable them to be eligible for admission to the school.

4. Can I apply to St. Andrew's Secondary through another CCA not listed in the school's talent areas?

No. Applicants may only apply through the talent areas listed.

5. Must I still sit for PSLE if I have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) for St. Andrew's Secondary?

Yes, students must sit for the PSLE, even though they have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) from St. Andrew's Secondary.

6. Can a student below Primary 6 apply for DSA?

No, admission to Secondary 1 is only for Primary 6 students or its equivalent.

7. Can I still opt for St. Andrew's Secondary in the Posting Exercise if I do not make it through the selection rounds?

Yes, you can still choose St. Andrew's Secondary in the Centralised Posting Exercise, after you have received your PSLE results. However, this admission will be solely based on your PSLE results and the availability of places in the school.

8. Can I apply for more than one talent area?

Yes. St. Andrew's Secondary allows you to apply to more than one talent area, but you will only be chosen for ONE programme. For instance, if you apply for DSA through both rugby and hockey and you are successful, you will only get a Confirmed Offer based on either rugby or hockey.

9. How does St. Andrew's Secondary select the students?

Face-to-face trials or auditions will be conducted by the respective CCA Teacher-in-Charge and coaches/instructors. There will also be an interview conducted by the CCA Teacher-in-Charge, with selected key personnel and school leaders.

10. When will I be notified of the trials, auditions, and interviews?

The respective CCA Teachers-in-Charge will inform you of the details via email.

11. Will I receive a notification if I am not shortlisted for the trial/audition and/or interview?

You will not receive a notification if you are not shortlisted for the trial/audition and/or interview.

12. When will I know if I have been selected?

The outcome of DSA applications (confirmed offer, wait list or unsuccessful) will be released by late November. You will receive a notification letter from the school.

13. Do I still have to take part in the MOE Posting Exercise if I am selected by St. Andrew's Secondary?

Students successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the annual Sec 1 Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools and are expected to honour their 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.

14. Is there a minimum AL score or cut-off point (COP) to meet for DSA students? With the change of PSLE grading and the introduction of FSBB, what's the new criteria for DSA students? Must DSA students offer all subjects at G3?

From the 2024 S1 cohort, Primary 6 students will be posted into S1 based on their Posting Group eligibility, i.e., Posting Group 1, 2, or 3, mapped from existing PSLE score ranges (see Table below).

PSLE Score	Posting Group	Indicative level for most subjects at start of S1
4 – 20	3	G3
21 and 22	2 or 3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	2	G2
25	1 or 2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA)	1	G1

There is no specific requirement of AL scores to qualify for admission via DSA. SASS accepts students from all three Posting Groups. The PSLE Score range of a school is the PSLE Score of the first and last student admitted to the school in the previous year, and the COP is the score of the last student admitted to the school. Schools' PSLE Score ranges are not pre-determined by MOE or schools and is a result of the cohort's PSLE results and their school choices in that year's S1 Posting Exercise, which is why it may vary slightly from year to year. DSA students may offer G1, G2 and/or G3 subjects based on their Posting Group. Not all subjects must be offered at G3 level. For more information on Full SBB, please visit the microsite at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/full-subject-based-banding/main.html>.

15. I am keen to apply for Visual Arts DSA. What are the items to include in my Art portfolio?

The portfolio should be current, i.e., art pieces should be done over the past 2 years. It would be good to showcase the applicant's strengths across media. For example, a portfolio of pencil drawings, paintings, photography, or even, animation. Typically, a portfolio could contain up to 10 pieces of work.

16. What criteria should applicants possess?

We are looking for applicants who show strong interest and talent in the area they are applying for (e.g., Coding/ Robotics/ Math/ Science for STEM). We are also on the lookout for applicants with good conduct, confidence, leadership, strong values and keen on joining the Saints Family.

17. What must I bring along if I am shortlisted for selection(trials/auditions/interview)?

Shortlisted applicants will be informed of the list of items required when contacted by the school.

USEFUL MOE WEBLINKS

DSA-Sec Main Webpage	https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec
Instructions on Application (Mainstream students)	https://go.gov.sg/dsa-sec-application
Instructions on Application (Non Mainstream Students)	https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application
Direct to DSA-Sec Portal (Mainstream Students)	https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec
Direct to DSA-Sec Portal (Non Mainstream Students)	https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms

DSA-Sec iFAQs	<u>https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaq</u>
DSA-Sec School Finder	<u>https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder</u>
Full Subject-Based Banding	<u>https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/full-subject-based-banding/main.html</u>