



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on DSA-Sec (Year 1)**

Dear Parents & Guardians

We thank you very much for your interest in the ACS (Independent) Direct School Admission (DSA)-Sec Exercise. It is our hope that this FAQ will help to answer the questions you may have. You may also wish to access the school website <https://www.acsinddep.moe.edu.sg/admissions/dsa-year-1/> for more information.

While we understand that you may be anxious about the outcome of your son's application, **there is no need to call to enquire about the status of your application.** We assure you that **all applicants** will be duly notified about the DSA-Sec outcome: successful students will be contacted by telephone from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September; and unsuccessful applicants will be informed via email by mid-September. Please be informed that the school will not accept any appeals. We ask for your patience and understanding in this matter.

ACS (Independent) DSA-Sec Committee

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### **A. Questions relating to DSA-Sec Application**

#### **A1. What is DSA-Sec?**

DSA-Sec stands for Direct School Admission-Secondary. The DSA-Sec exercise provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Participation in DSA-Sec is optional. Primary 6 students who do not want to participate in the DSA-Sec will continue to seek admission based on their PSLE score through the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting.

Students may apply through DSA-Sec to ACS (Independent) for the listed specific talent areas. The final selection is dependent on various factors such as the number and quality of applications received, the school's talent requirements, the availability of suitable candidates, and vacancies. There is no guarantee that at least one offer will be granted for every listed talent area as selection is dependent on these factors. Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.

Students who wish to participate in ACS (Independent)'s DSA-Sec exercise are required to apply through the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal that will be opened from mid-May 2026 to early June 2026. Applicants can opt for Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme, Integrated Programme (IP) or No Preference (i.e., to be considered for both SEC Programme and IP).

- Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme is a four-year course which leads to the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate.
- Integrated Programme (IP) is a six-year through train course which leads to the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

**Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school and programme and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for. If they are not able to fulfil the DSA commitment without valid reason, they may be required to transfer out to another school. Hence, please consider carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school through DSA-Sec. DSA-Sec SEC Programme and DSA-Sec IP students are expected to remain in the DSA school for 4 years and 6 years respectively.**

## **A2. How do you select the students? What do you look out for?**

For DSA-Sec SEC Programme and IP, students will be selected based on their Primary 5 academic results or equivalent results from 2025 and ability in talent domains: **Badminton, Basketball, Bowling, Canoeing, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Humanities, International Chess, Mathematics, Music Elective Programme, Robotics, Rugby, Sailing, Science, Shooting, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball and Water Polo.**

Records in the MOE DSA-Sec Portal to be considered for selection include national age group rankings and/or results from national inter-primary school competitions and/or results from other competitions sanctioned by the respective National Sport Associations or relevant competition organisers. Physical fitness test results, experience, qualifications and participation in the Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) will also be considered.

**For Bowling, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Rugby, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball and Water Polo**, all applicants must participate in our talent selection trials. For details on talent selection trial date, time and venue, please refer to the document titled **'2026 DSA-Sec Talent Selection Trial for 2027 Year 1 Intake'**.

**For Badminton**, to be eligible to attend selection trial, applicants should have competed at SBA sanctioned National Age-Group competitions or NSG Zonal and National Schools' competitions at the primary school level. The selection trial dates are 8 July 2026 (Wed) or 9 July 2026 (Thu).

**For Basketball**, only selected applicants will be invited for trial. Strong consideration will be given to an applicant's competitive experience, including participation in National Schools Games at the primary level as well as age-group competitions sanctioned by Basketball Association of Singapore (BAS) and International Basketball Federation (FIBA). The first round of selection trial is on 10 July 2026 and the final round including a short interview session for shortlisted applicants only is on 16 July 2026.

**For Canoeing, International Chess, Sailing and Swimming**, we do not conduct selection trials and records from MOE DSA-Sec Portal will be used for consideration.

**For Golf**, applicants must have a Golf handicap of not more than 15. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials.

**For Humanities**, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.

**For Mathematics**, we do not conduct selection trials. Only Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) organized by HCI, Round 1 Platinum awardees will be considered. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.

**For Music Elective Programme**, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for auditions. The audition dates are 8 July 2026 (Wed) afternoon or 15 July 2026 (Wed) afternoon in ACS(I) Music Room 1, Level 4 Old Block where Clock Tower is located.

**For Robotics**, shortlisted applicants will be contacted for selection trial. There will be no additional interview round. Main trial date is 11 July 2026 (Sat) from 9 am to 11:30 am (report by 8:45 am) and reporting venue is ACS(I) Foyer outside Administration Office. **\*\*Make-up trial date is 17 July 2026 (Fri) from 2:30 pm to 5pm (report by 2:15 pm) and the reporting venue is ACS(I) Foyer at Clock Tower. \*\***There will be a segment on team challenge thus applicants are strongly encouraged to join the main trial because there may not be enough applicants to form a team during the make-up trial.

**For Science**, we do not conduct selection trials. Only Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) Gold awardees with a score of 85 marks and above for both Mathematics and Science in Primary 5 (overall marks) will be considered. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews.

**For Shooting**, strong consideration will be given to an applicant who has prior shooting experience, including participation in Singapore Cup (Monthly Shoot) held at SAFRA Yishun. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interviews/selection trials. Trial Date and Interview is 10 July 2026 (Friday) from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

**There is no need for applicants to contact our teachers. After 28 June 2026, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials, interviews or auditions, where applicable.**

***Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted/given an offer. Due to different profiles of applicants, selection/shortlisting trends may differ year on year.***

**A3. Are students who are not studying in the Singapore local schools eligible to apply for the DSA? I am not sitting for PSLE; can I apply for DSA-Sec? How and when do I apply?**

Yes, you can participate in the DSA-Sec exercise. However, you need to obtain a Registration Number (RGxxxxxx) via MOE DSA Website (online form) to access the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal. Please refer to MOE website at <https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application>. Such students include Returning Singaporeans, International (foreign) Students studying overseas or in local international schools, students in Special Education Schools or religious schools (e.g., Pathlight, Madrasah, San Yu Adventist) and home-schoolers. All successful International (foreign) Students are reminded to register and take part in the Admission Exercise for International Students (AEIS) test conducted by the MOE as the offers given to them remain conditional offers until they fulfill the requirements of the AEIS.

**A4. When and how do I apply for DSA-Sec?**

Below are the details of applying through the online MOE DSA-Sec Portal:

- a) **Cost** – Free of charge.
- b) **Application Period** – From mid-May to early June.
- c) **Authentication** –
  - Applicants studying in MOE mainstream primary schools: only one parent’s SingPass is needed to log in to MOE weblink – <https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec> . If parent/guardian is unable to apply online, they can approach the child’s primary school for assistance.
  - Applicant **NOT** studying in MOE mainstream primary schools: You need to apply for a Registration Number (RGxxxxxx) via MOE DSA-Sec Website (online form) to access the MOE DSA-Sec Portal. Please refer to MOE weblink at <https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application>. Such students include Returning Singaporeans, International (foreign) Students studying overseas or in local international schools, students in Special Education Schools or religious schools (e.g., Pathlight, Madrasah, San Yu Adventist) and home-schoolers. All successful International (foreign) Students are reminded to register and take part in the Admission Exercise for International Students (AEIS) test conducted by the MOE as the offers given to them remain as conditional offers until they fulfill the requirements of the AEIS.
- d) **Choices** – An applicant can apply up to three choices.
- e) **Dual track school** – For each talent area, applicants are required to indicate their preference for SEC Programme, Integrated Programme (IP) or No Preference (i.e., to be considered for SEC Programme and IP). The school may offer the applicants a track that is different from their indicated preference, based on the school’s assessment of their suitability. It is recommended to indicate “No Preference” so that you can have 2 considerations, i.e., IP and SEC Programme.
- f) **Information to provide** – To make the application easier, applicants will only need to provide (i) choice of schools and talent areas and (ii) contact details. An optional field will also be provided for applicants to indicate up to 10 non-school-based activities and achievements they may have participated in. Applicants studying in MOE mainstream primary schools will have their primary school information such as their Primary 5 to Primary 6 (where available) academic results, other information from Primary 4 to Primary 6 i.e., Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Values in Action (VIA) involvement, School-based activities/achievements/awards (such as Edusave awards, National School Games and Junior Sports Academy participation) shared directly with the DSA-Sec secondary schools that they apply to.

#### **A5. Can I apply for DSA-Sec in other schools too?**

Each applicant is eligible to apply to a maximum of three DSA-Sec schools. **Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the students' aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the schools' academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent. In addition, students in MOE mainstream primary schools must sit for the PSLE and obtain a score that will enable them to be eligible for admission to the school's programme (i.e., PSLE score of 22 or less).**

### **B. Questions relating to DSA-Sec Outcome**

#### **B1. When will we know the auditions/ interviews/ selection trials result? Will the school inform us?**

The auditions/ interviews/ selection trials result will not be revealed to the students or parents. The result is not the only criteria for consideration. The school also considers applicants' Primary 5 academic results (where available) or equivalent results and the records from the MOE DSA-Sec portal.

All applicants will be duly notified of the outcome of their DSA-Sec applications. **Successful candidates (Confirmed Offers and Waitlist Offers) will be contacted by telephone from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.** If you are not contacted, it is likely that you are unsuccessful in the DSA-Sec exercise and will be informed via email by mid-September. **Please be informed that the school will not accept any appeals.**

#### **B2. If I have been informed that I am successful in my application, do I have to accept the offer immediately?**

There is no need to accept any offer during the DSA-Sec exercise period. Students who are given Confirmed Offers (CO) or Waitlist offers (WL) are required to indicate their DSA-Sec school preference during the School Preference Submission period in late October. Successful students will receive an email instruction and SMS notification from Postman.gov.sg regarding the School Preference Submission before the submission period starts. **Both parents will be required to log in to the DSA-Sec portal using their Singpass to submit their school preference.** Upon the release of PSLE results in November and if the successful DSA student obtains a PSLE score of 22 or less, he will be informed of his DSA-Sec posted school and is not required to participate in the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting exercise to opt for secondary schools. However, if he is eligible for 3<sup>rd</sup> Language, he may submit his 3<sup>rd</sup> Language option during the MOE S1 school choice submission period. If he does not wish to take up 3<sup>rd</sup> Language, he does not have to do anything.

**Students successfully allocated to a school via DSA-Sec are NOT allowed to participate in the MOE Secondary 1 (S1) Posting exercise as they are expected to honour the commitment made to the DSA-Sec school when they exercise their CO or WL offer. Students are also NOT allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results. They are expected to honour their commitment to the posted DSA schools for the duration of the programme they are admitted to (4 years for SEC Programme and 6 years for Integrated Programme) and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for. If they are not able to fulfil the DSA commitment without valid reasons, they may be required to transfer out to another school. Hence, please consider carefully before you accept an offer to be admitted to a school through DSA-Sec.**

#### **B3. Is my Confirmed Offer for DSA-Sec dependent on my PSLE results?**

Once you have accepted ACS (Independent)'s Confirmed Offer during the School Preference Submission period in late October, either for SEC Programme or Integrated Programme (IP), your place in the school is guaranteed if your PSLE score is 22 or less.

#### **B4. If I accept your offer, can I also accept other schools' offers? How many offers can I accept?**

You can receive as many Confirmed Offers or Waitlist Offers as you wish. However, after our school has made the Confirmed Offer or Waitlist Offer to you, we would appreciate that you inform us as soon as possible if you do not intend to take up our offer during the School Preference Submission period. This will allow us to offer the place to other students who did not receive any offer from our school.

**B5. I received a Waitlist offer. How and when do I know that my offer is changed to a Confirmed Offer?**

A student who receives a Waitlist Offer and indicated our school as his first choice during the School Preference Submission period will only know if the offer is converted to a Confirmed Offer when he receives his PSLE results in late November.

**B6. From previous years of the DSA-Sec exercise, how many students apply via the DSA-Sec exercise and how many will be successful in the application to ACS (Independent)?**

The school received more than 1,000 DSA-Sec applications last year. The number of DSA-Sec places varies from year to year depending on MOE's advice on the enrolment numbers for the school for the year. **The school takes in more students via the MOE S1 Posting exercise which is based on students' PSLE results.**

**C. Questions relating to IP, IB & Mother Tongue Language in the School**

**C1. What is IP? What is IB? Do local universities recognise IB diploma?**

IP stands for Integrated Programme – a six-year through train course. Students spend six years in ACS (Independent) and are not required to sit for the Singapore-Cambridge GCE O-Level Examination (now known as Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate Examination) except for Mother Tongue Language at Year 4 (Secondary 4). In their fifth and sixth years, IP students will do the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) which is an established pre-university course of study. ACS (Independent)'s IP students will sit for the IB Diploma Examination, not the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level Examination.

As the IB programme is a university-bound course of study, most of our students will apply for a university course of study after obtaining their IB Diploma. The local universities recognise and accept the IB Diploma. University admission will depend on the university and the course applied for. The IB Diploma is a very well-recognised international pre-university qualification and established universities around the world readily give places to IB Diploma graduates.

**C2. If I offer Higher Mother Tongue Language in primary school, do I have to do Higher Mother Tongue Language in secondary school?**

The eligibility to offer Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) Language in secondary school is decided by the Ministry of Education (MOE) based on students' PSLE AL Score. Students who are eligible for HMT Language will be given the option to offer HMT Language or Mother Tongue (MT) Language. Students are to indicate the option chosen during the school's online Secondary 1 registration exercise, accessible through the school website, which will take place after the release of MOE S1 Posting results in December.

**Students in O-Level Programme [now known as Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Programme]**

HMT Language students will only be allowed to drop HMT Language if they are not coping well with the subject. HMT Language students will be required to sit for the MT Language Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination in Secondary 3 and the HMT Language Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination in Secondary 4. If a student does not perform well in the Secondary 3 MT Language Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination, he may request to drop HMT Language and re-take the MT Language Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination in Secondary 4.

**Students in Integrated Programme (IP)**

At Secondary 4, MT Language students will sit for the MT Language Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination and HMT Language students will sit for the HMT Language Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination.

### **C3. I am exempted from Mother Tongue (MT) Language in primary school. Do I have to offer Mother Tongue Language in your school?**

If you have been exempted from offering MT Language by MOE in primary school, the exemption is still applicable in ACS (Independent).

If you are an IP student, the exemption will carry through until the end of Year 6. For International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, all Year 5 and 6 students are required to do a Group 2: Language Acquisition subject: Language B or Language *ab initio* (beginner). Students who are exempted from MT Language will offer Spanish *ab initio*. Spanish *ab initio* is offered in the school during curriculum time.

### **C4. Do you offer G2 Chinese Language in your school? How do I apply to do it?**

Yes, Year 1 to 4 students can opt to do G2 Chinese Language based on MOE guidelines. Students will be required to inform the school during the online Secondary 1 registration exercise, accessible from the school website.

### **C5. Can I opt to do Hindi, Punjabi or other Non-Tamil Indian Languages in your school? Are the classes conducted in the school?**

Hindi is conducted in our school with a special arrangement with a private Hindi teacher. Students will be required to pay for the cost of these lessons. Students who wish to offer Punjabi or other Non-Tamil Indian Languages will be required to offer these languages outside school and after school curriculum hours.

## **D. Question on CCAs**

### **D1. What are your CCAs and how many CCAs my son must take?**

We have a very wide range of CCAs. Please refer to the school website - <https://www.acsindp.moe.edu.sg/student-development/cca/> for the full range of CCAs available in our school. It is compulsory for all our Year 1 (Secondary 1) students to have two CCAs when they join ACS(I) – one Uniformed Group (UG) and the other, either a Sport, a Performing Art or a Club/Society. However, students are allowed to drop one CCA when they reach Year 3 (Secondary 3). The school's two-CCA policy aims to help students achieve a holistic education. It enables students to discover their strengths, interests and talents and equip them to handle challenges they may face later in life.

Year 5 to 6 students (equivalent to junior college years 1 to 2) are required to participate in one CCA.

## **E. Questions on School Fees and Financial Matters**

### **E1. What are your school fees per month?**

Fees charges for 2026 are as follows:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>School Fee (per month)</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Fee (per month)</b>	<b>Total Fee (per month)</b>
<b>Express Year 1 to Year 4</b>	Singaporean	\$320	\$45	\$365
	Singapore PR	\$1,350	\$45	\$1,395
	Foreigner (ASEAN)	\$2,350	\$45	\$2,395
	Foreigner (non-ASEAN)	\$2,550	\$45	\$2,595
<b>Integrated Programme (IP) Year 1 to Year 4</b>	Singaporean	\$340	\$45	\$385
	Singapore PR	\$1,380	\$45	\$1,425
	Foreigner (ASEAN)	\$2,500	\$45	\$2,545
	Foreigner (non-ASEAN)	\$2,700	\$45	\$2,745
<b>International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) Year 5 to Year 6</b>	Singaporean	\$450	\$50	\$500
	Singapore PR	\$1,550	\$50	\$1,600
	Foreigner (ASEAN)	\$3,100	\$50	\$3,150
	Foreigner (non-ASEAN)	\$3,400	\$50	\$3,450

*Please note that school fees and miscellaneous fees are subject to change during the year.*

Students who will pay Foreigner (ASEAN) school fees are citizens of the following countries:

Brunei Darussalam	Cambodia	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia
Myanmar	Philippines	Thailand	Vietnam	

## **E2. Does your school offer scholarships? How do I apply?**

Students who are Singapore Citizens and have obtained outstanding results in their PSLE may be awarded the ESIS (Edusave Scholarships for Independent Schools) by MOE. There is no need to apply for ESIS. All awardees will be informed when they receive their PSLE results.

### ESIS Award amount

If your child is not receiving the MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB), he will be awarded the lesser of the following amounts:

- \$2,400 a year.
- The total annual school fee is minus the amount of school and standard miscellaneous fees that they would pay to attend a government or government-aided school.

If your child is receiving the MOE ISB, he will be awarded the lesser of the following amounts:

- \$2,400 a year.
- The total annual school fee minus the school fee subsidy provided under the MOE ISB.

## **E3. Do you have financial assistance schemes? How do I apply?**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) provides financial assistance to students who are **Singapore Citizens** in independent schools. The scheme is known as the MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) for Independent Schools. Singapore Citizen students who wish to apply for the financial assistance scheme can approach the school for assistance.

### MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) for Singapore Citizens only

1. Student must be a Singapore Citizen enrolled as a full-time student in an Independent School and must not be enrolled in any other schools or institutes of higher learning.
2. The student must attend school regularly. As financial assistance is provided to assist students in paying expenses in connection with attending school, a student who fails to attend school regularly for any reason (including but not limited to Leave of Absence, medical leave, or hospitalization leave) shall have his eligibility for financial assistance reassessed. In such circumstances, the MOE is entitled to withdraw, reduce and/or withhold financial assistance without providing further reasons.
3. The student must not be receiving financial assistance provided by more than one MOE-funded school or institute of higher learning.
4. Please refer to the table below for the eligibility criteria at time of application and upon submission of complete documents, and benefits provided under MOE ISB.
5. The student's current school must be notified of any changes to any of the criteria in paragraphs 2 to 4 in writing.

The school does not offer any financial assistance schemes for Singapore Permanent Residents (SPRs) or International (Foreign) Students.

**Singapore Citizen students** applying for the MOE ISB need to meet either the monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) or the Per Capita Income (PCI) criterion. Once approved, MOE ISB will provide the benefits shown on the table below:

Income Limits (Meet one of the following criteria)		Financial Assistance to Students
Monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) <sup>1</sup>	Per Capita Income (PCI) <sup>2</sup>	
Not exceeding \$4,000	Not exceeding \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% subsidy of school and miscellaneous fees.</li> <li>• Free textbooks and school attire at Secondary level; Annual Bursary of \$1,600 at Pre-University level.</li> <li>• Full subsidy for examination fees<sup>3</sup>.</li> <li>• Transport Subsidy: \$21 per month from the month of approval, up to \$252 per annum (for students taking public transport). The public transport subsidy will only be provided from the effective month of the MOE ISB till December of the year.</li> <li>• School meal subsidies that pay for 10 meals per school week for secondary level.</li> </ul>
\$4,001 - \$5,500	\$1,001 - \$1,375	Subsidy such that student pays the same fee <sup>4</sup> as students studying in government and government-aided schools (GGAS).
\$5,501 - \$9,000	\$1,376 - \$2,250	Subsidy such that student pays 1.5x GGAS fee <sup>3</sup> .
\$9,001 - \$12,000	\$2,251 - \$3,000	33% subsidy of school and miscellaneous fees.

<sup>1</sup>Gross Household Income (GHI) refers to the total gross household income of all family members in the same household as the student.

<sup>2</sup>Per Capita Income (PCI) refers to monthly GHI divided by the number of family members in the same household as the student.

<sup>3</sup>Applicable only to Singapore Citizen students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) in Government-funded schools. Examination fees for Singapore-Cambridge SEC exam and GCE A-level exam have been waived for all Singapore Citizen students in Government-funded schools.

<sup>4</sup>GGAS fee comprises school fee and miscellaneous fee payable by Singapore Citizen students in GGAS.

**Singapore Citizen students** who wish to apply for the MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) scheme have to apply for the scheme directly to MOE using this link: <https://go.gov.sg/moe-efasis>.

Applications may be made throughout the year as exigencies of each family's financial situation demand. However, each MOE ISB award is effective from the month the application is approved and **may not** be backdated. Approved MOE ISBs are valid till December of the year. Fresh applications will have to be submitted for each academic year. Please ensure that the ISB application is accompanied by all relevant documents required by MOE as stipulated on the MOE ISB application form. Omission may result in a delay in the processing of the application and in turn, a delay in the awarding of the MOE ISB. Students should pay the full amount of school and miscellaneous fees until their application for the MOE ISB has been processed and have received written advice from the school.

In April 2019, MOE introduced the **UPLIFT Scholarship** for Singapore Citizens to recognise the achievements of students from lower income families who have performed well academically or demonstrated strengths in specific talent areas admitted into Independent Schools. The UPLIFT Scholarship consists of a cash award of \$1,200 per annum to help offset the out-of-pocket expenses for students from lower income households. The UPLIFT Scholarship is subject to students meeting the renewal criteria each year and is awarded to students who are:

- Singapore Citizens attending independent schools;
- Admitted to the independent school through Direct School Admission (DSA) at Secondary 1 or Pre-University 1 and/or qualified for the Edusave Scholarships for Independent Schools (ESIS) or ESIS (Yearly Award);
- From families with monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) ≤\$5,500 or Per Capita Income (PCI) ≤\$1,375;
- Awarded the EAGLES award after admission to the Independent School;
- Have a record of good conduct.

For students who received the ESIS (Yearly Award) and/ or EAGLES, the tenure is for 1 year and income eligibility is assessed based on family's financial status in the year of tenure.

Apart from the MOE ISB and UPLIFT Scholarship for Singapore Citizen students, our school has various financial assistance programmes in place for Singapore Citizens. Should you require assistance with school fees, please approach our Deputy Principal, Mr Patrick Soo at [patrick@acsindep.edu.sg](mailto:patrick@acsindep.edu.sg) or School Secretary, Ms Eunice Seah at [eunice@acsindep.edu.sg](mailto:eunice@acsindep.edu.sg).

**E4. If my child already has an MOE Scholarship (e.g., ESIS/RSP/MEP), can my child still apply for the financial assistance scheme?**

Yes, your child is eligible to apply for the MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) if your child is a Singapore Citizen.

**F. Questions on Other School-related Matters**

**F1. What is the maximum PSLE Score for entry to ACS (Independent)? What is the highest PSLE Score for IP?**

The PSLE score range of 2025 PSLE students posted to our school for 2026 Secondary 1 are:

Course	Affiliated primary schools - ACS (J) and ACS (P)	Other primary schools
Integrated Programme	4 - 7	
Posting Group 3	7 - 13	7 - 8

The PSLE cut-off score for the SEC Programme is 13 points for the affiliated primary schools, i.e., ACS (Junior) and ACS (Primary). There is no affiliation PSLE score for the IP.

**F2. What are your school hours?**

The school hours for 2026 are as tabulated below. The reporting time for all levels is **7:45 am**. To allow our students additional rest time, the school will start at **8:45 am every Wednesday**.

Year	Day	School Hours
Year 1 to Year 4	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	7:45 am to 2:40 pm
	Wednesday	8:45 am to 3:00 pm
	Friday	7:45 am to 1:00 pm
Year 5 & Year 6 (JC 1 and JC 2)	Monday	7:45 am to 4:00 pm
	Tuesday & Thursday	7:45 am to ranges from 2:40 pm till 4:00 pm
	Wednesday	8:45 am to ranges from 3:00 pm till 4:00 pm
	Friday	7:45 am to 1:00 pm

Note

- All students are reminded to arrive at school earlier to ensure there is sufficient time to report to the Chapel or Assembly venues.*
- Year 1 to 2 and Year 4 students will be involved in various Values in Action (VIA) programmes on selected Thursdays. To ensure meaningful interaction and engagement with the community, VIA sessions are likely to end after 2:40 pm. The actual dismissal time and dates will be advised closer to the respective sessions.***

**F3. Can students apply to stay in ACS (Independent) Boarding School? What are the fees?**

Yes, but this is subject to approval from the school's Senior Admin. New applicants will be charged a non-refundable admin fee of \$80, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$200 which is deductible from the 1<sup>st</sup> payment.

Additional fees for vacation stay during the school holidays will be charged at weekly fees depending on the duration of the stay.

The current Boarding School Fees (inclusive of current GST) which are charged by semesters are as follows:

Type	Per semester (20 weeks)	Per week (for vacation stay during the school holidays )
ACS(I) Pupil (Singapore citizen) *	\$5,450	\$272.50 per week
ACS(I) Pupil (Singapore PR) *	\$6,104	\$305.20 per week
ACS(I) Pupil (Foreigner) *	\$7,194	\$359.70 per week
Single Room	\$13,080	\$654.00 per week
Double Room (30 SQM)	\$11,772	\$588.60 per week

\*Refer to 4 or 6 Bedded Rooms only.

More information on the ACS (Independent) Boarding School are available at our school website - <https://www.acsinddep.moe.edu.sg/about-acs-independent/boarding-school/> .

**F4. How will the Secondary One registration exercise be carried out at the end of the year?**

The Secondary One (S1) registration exercise will be conducted online after the release of the posting results in December. The link for the registration will be made available on the school's website. Parents and students need not visit the school to take part in the S1 registration exercise. Computer terminals will be made available at the school Administration Office for students without internet access. Information on orientation, sales of books and uniforms will be available for download after the completion of the online registration.

**F5. Is there any process for appeal/transfer after S1 Posting Results Release?**

Students who are unsuccessful in their S1 Posting may submit their appeals via the school's website - <https://www.acsinddep.moe.edu.sg/admissions/s1-posting-exercise/appeals/> which will be open during the S1 appeal period. To submit appeals, students must meet the current PSLE cut-off point. You may call the school's main telephone line 6733 1633 on the day of the release of S1 posting results to check the current PSLE cut-off point.