



**DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION-SEC EXERCISE**

**INTRODUCTION**

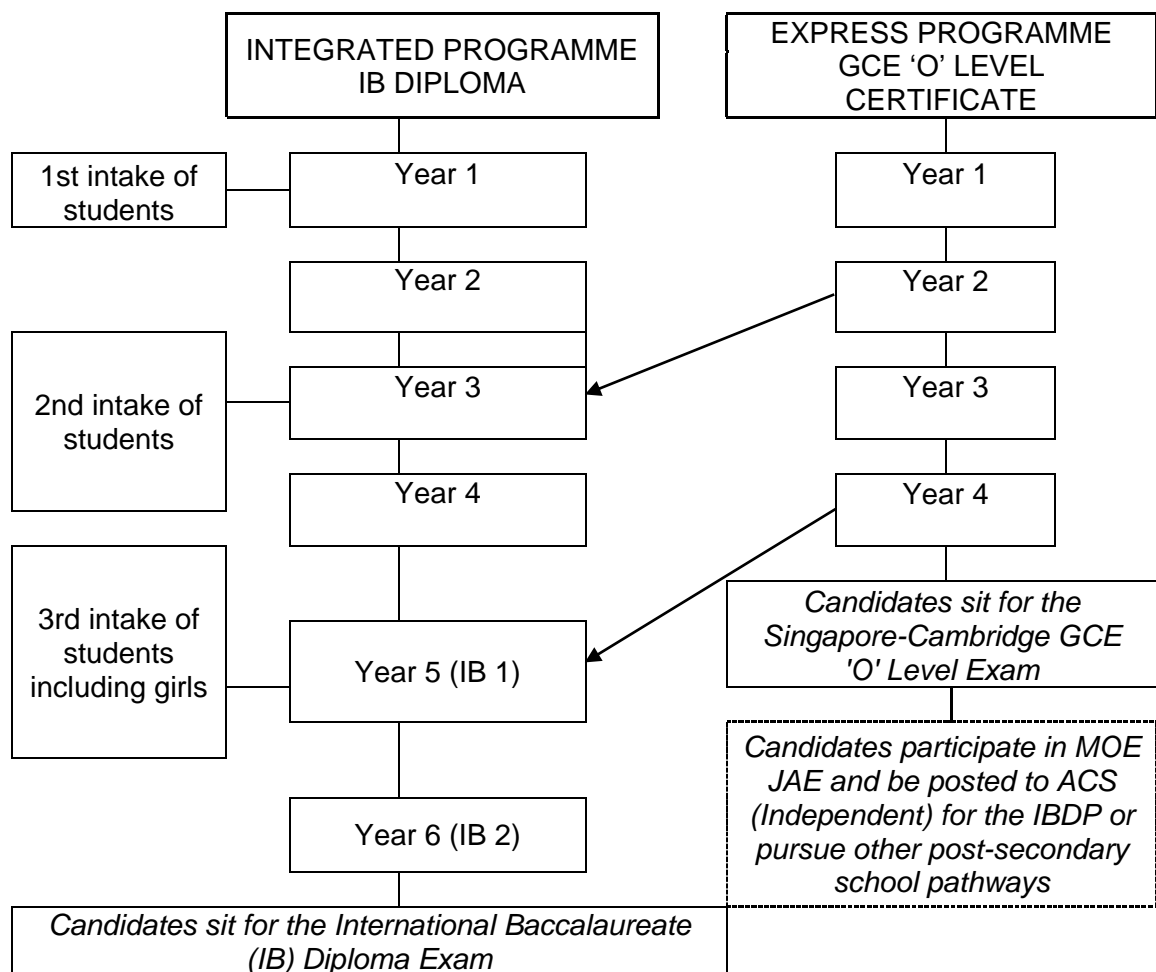
The Direct School Admission-Sec (DSA-Sec) Exercise was introduced by the Ministry of Education to allow schools greater flexibility in student admission. Through the DSA, ACS (Independent) has the flexibility to take in students based on diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents beyond PSLE. Participation in DSA-Sec is optional. Students not participating in DSA-Sec will participate in Secondary 1 (S1) Posting and be posted to secondary schools based on their PSLE results.

**APPLICATION**

2020 Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) for admission to Secondary 1 in 2021 **will commence from 12 May 2020 to 5 June 2020. All applicants are required to apply through the MOE Centralised DSA-Sec Portal.**

Applicants may apply for ACS (Independent)'s

- **Express Programme:** a four-year course which leads to the Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' Level Examination or
- **Integrated Programme:** a six-year through train course which leads to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.



## SELECTION CRITERIA

### 1. Admission Criteria for the ACS (Independent) four-year Express Programme or six-year Integrated Programme (open to male students only)

a. For admission into the ACS (Independent) Express Programme or Integrated Programme, students will be selected based on the following:

- Primary 5 academic results or equivalent results from 2019 and 2020;
- Talents in the following areas: Cross Country, Track & Field, Badminton, Basketball, Ten-Pin Bowling, Cricket, Rugby, Softball, Squash, Tennis, Water Polo, Canoeing, Computer Programming, Golf, Music Elective Programme, Sailing, Shooting, Swimming, Chess – International, Robotics, Mathematics and Science;
- Selection trials will not be conducted this year because of the COVID-19 situation. Records in the MOE Centralised DSA-Sec Portal to be considered for selection includes national age group rankings and/or results from national inter-primary school competitions and/or results from other competitions sanctioned by the respective National Sports Associations. Physical fitness test results, experience, qualifications and participation in the CCA(s) will also be considered.
- For Basketball, Softball, Track & Field, Water Polo and Music Elective Programme, applicants will be asked to participate in performance tasks through video conferencing.
- For Mathematics, Science, Ten-Pin Bowling, Cricket, Cross Country, Rugby and Golf (must have a Golf handicap of not more than 18), applicants will be interviewed through video conferencing, if necessary.

b. Depending on vacancy, students admitted into the Express Programme via the DSA-Sec may be offered the Integrated Programme (IP) based on the student's PSLE results after the release of the Posting results for Secondary Schools. The PSLE cut-off point for intake into IP for the past few years was between 253 to 257 (cut-off point for 2020 IP was 256).

c. There are two other entry points into the ACS (Independent) Integrated Programme - at Year 3 and Year 5 (see diagram above). Details on Year 3 and 5 admissions will be released the year prior to the intake year.

2. Students successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the annual S1 Posting Exercise 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.

3. 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 your child's 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 Express Programme.

## DSA YEAR 1 TIME FRAME

Activity	Applicable to:	Timeline
<p>Talents that require applicants to participate in performance tasks through video conferencing are: Basketball, Softball, Track &amp; Field, Water Polo and Music Elective Programme.</p> <p>Talents that require applicants to be interviewed through video conferencing, if necessary are: Mathematics, Science, Ten-Pin Bowling, Cricket, Cross Country, Rugby, Golf (must have a Golf handicap of not more than 18).</p> <p>Applicable for DSA-Sec Integrated Programme (IP) leading to IB Diploma and/or DSA-Sec Express Programme leading to Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' Level Examination.</p>	All	<p>Registration for Talent Selection Trial(s) is <b>via MOE Centralised DSA-Sec Portal from 12 May 2020 to 5 June 2020</b>. Each applicant can indicate <u>up to three choices</u>. Each choice consists of a secondary school and a talent area offered by that secondary school.</p> <p>Of the three choices, an applicant may use a maximum of two choices to apply to the same school, for two different talent areas of that school.</p> <p>If a talent area is offered for both the O-Level and Integrated Programme (IP) in a dual-track school, applicants are to indicate a preference or no preference. (The school may offer the applicants a track that is different from their indicated preference, based on the school's assessment of their suitability.)</p> <p><b>There is no need to pay application fee.</b></p> <p>Below are the details of applying through MOE Centralised DSA-Sec Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants studying in MOE mainstream primary schools: Only one parent's SingPass is needed to log in. If parent/guardian is unable to apply online, they can approach the child's primary school for assistance.</li> <li>Applicant <b>NOT</b> studying in MOE mainstream primary schools: You need to obtain a Registration Number (RGxxxxxxx) online at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application</a> from 12 May 2020 to 5 June 2020, before you can apply through the MOE Centralised DSA-Sec Portal. Such students include Returning Singaporeans, International Students studying overseas or in local international school, students in Special Education Schools (e.g., Pathlight) and home-schoolers. For all shortlisted International Students, please be reminded to take the Admission Exercise for International Students (AEIS) test.</li> </ul> <p><b>Once you have submitted your application through the MOE Centralised DSA-Sec Portal by 5 June 2020 your application is valid.</b></p> <p><b>There is <u>no need</u> to contact our teachers. After 18 June 2020, our teachers will contact you for participation of performance tasks and/or interviews through video conferencing where applicable.</b></p>
<p>Issuance of Confirmed Offer or Waitlist letters to successful applicants by email. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by email. *</p>	All	By 14 September 2020
<p>Issuance of School Preference Form to successful applicants by MOE.</p>	All	26 October 2020
<p>Registration of DSA-Sec choices via the MOE School Preference Form by successful applicants.</p>	All	26 October – 30 October 2020
<p>Release of DSA-Sec results</p>	All	During the release of PSLE results in end November 2020

*\*Please note that no appeals will be entertained.*

## TALENT DOMAINS

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1.	Cross Country	Ms Linda Goo	<a href="mailto:lindagoonlh@acsindep.edu.sg">lindagoonlh@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	67769523
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3.	Badminton	Mr Samuel Sim Mr Khoo Kian Teck	<a href="mailto:samuel@acsindep.edu.sg">samuel@acsindep.edu.sg</a> <a href="mailto:khookianteck@acsindep.edu.sg">khookianteck@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700656 68700674
4.	Basketball	Mr Wong Ping Loong	<a href="mailto:wongpingloong@acsindep.edu.sg">wongpingloong@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	67739218
5.	Ten-Pin Bowling	Mr Benjamin Wong	<a href="mailto:benjaminwongzm@acsindep.edu.sg">benjaminwongzm@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	67739202
6.	Cricket	Mr Mohamed Shariff	<a href="mailto:shariff@acsindep.edu.sg">shariff@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700467
7.	Rugby	Mr Chia Choy Kian	<a href="mailto:choykian@acsindep.edu.sg">choykian@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700361
8.	Softball	Mrs Yoon Lay Beng	<a href="mailto:laybeng@acsindep.edu.sg">laybeng@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700429
9.	Squash	Ms Mavis Hoon	<a href="mailto:mavishoon@acsindep.edu.sg">mavishoon@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700661
10.	Tennis	Ms Audrey Tay	<a href="mailto:audrey@acsindep.edu.sg">audrey@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700450
11.	Water Polo	Mr Ho Yee Cheong	<a href="mailto:ycho@acsindep.edu.sg">ycho@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700361
12.	Canoeing	Mr Jeffrey Tan	<a href="mailto:jeffreyt@acsindep.edu.sg">jeffreyt@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700657
13.	Computer Programming	Mr Foo Kam Meng	<a href="mailto:kammeng@acsindep.edu.sg">kammeng@acsindep.edu.sg</a>	68700375
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