

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

1. If my son is not from St Andrew's Junior School, can I apply for a place at St Andrew's Secondary School (SASS)?

Yes, your son can apply for a place at SASS via Direct School Admission or through the Secondary 1 Posting process. For the latter, the process is based on PSLE score according to the order of their school choices and vacancies at the selected schools.

Your son may apply to SASS through the Direct School Admission (DSA) exercise if he has strengths in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (ALP), Concert Band, Visual Arts, or selected CCAs (LLP). For more information, you may wish to visit:

<https://standrewssec.moe.edu.sg/admissions/direct-school-admission>.

Since 2019, MOE has reserved 20% of all places in secondary schools with affiliated primary schools for non-affiliated students.

2. What is the PSLE score range for entry to St Andrew's Secondary School?

The aggregate range varies from year to year and is dependent on the applicants for each year. You may refer to the Secondary Schools booklet for the details for 2022. For reference, the score range for the 2022 Secondary 1 enrolment for non-affiliated students for the three streams were as follows:

Express	Normal (Academic)	Normal (Technical)
10	22	27

3. Can my son appeal if he misses the cut-off point?

We are unable to accept appeals from applicants whose PSLE aggregate score is below our cut-off aggregate score for the Secondary One Posting Exercise. If your PSLE aggregate score is above our cut-off aggregate score and you wish to appeal to our school, you can submit an Appeal Form with photocopies of the relevant documents for consideration. The outcome of your appeal will be made known to you as and when there is an available vacancy, which may occur during the first two weeks when school reopens.

4. What are the streams offered at SASS?

We enroll students who qualify for the Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) streams.

5. What are the available CCAs at SASS? Can my son join more than one CCA?

SASS requires all students to choose a main CCA from either the Sports & Games, Uniformed Groups, Performing Arts or Club/Societies. To better manage their academic and non-academic pursuits,

students are discouraged from joining more than one CCA to have a balanced and holistic development portfolio.

6. Is SASS affiliated to St Andrew's Junior College (SAJC)?

SASS students have the benefit of two bonus points, by affiliation, when applying to St Andrew's Junior College.

7. What are the school's niche programmes?

SASS has niches in Design Engineering (Applied Learning Programme) and Sports for Life (Learning for Life Programme). Your son may apply to SASS through the Direct School Admission (DSA) exercise if he has strengths in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (ALP), Concert Band, Visual Arts, or selected CCAs (LLP). For more information, you may wish to visit: <https://standrewssec.moe.edu.sg/admissions/direct-school-admission>

8. If my son accepts a DSA (Sports and Games) offer from SASS, does he need to join this CCA?

Yes. All students who have accepted our DSA-Sports offers are committed to the development of their specified talents in the respective CCAs throughout their years at SASS.

9. My son is studying a NTIL (Non-Tamil Indian Language) in primary school. Does he need to reapply at SASS? Are NTIL lessons conducted in school?

Students who have obtained approval at the primary level to study a NTIL are not required to reapply at secondary school. They must continue to offer the approved non-MTL or NTIL at secondary and pre-tertiary levels.

SASS offers in-house Hindi lessons. Students studying other NTIL are required to attend lessons with the NTIL community groups and sit for examinations set by the Board for the Teaching and Testing of South Asian Languages.

10. Are Higher Mother Tongue Languages offered at SASS?

From 2023, SASS will not offer Higher Mother Tongue Languages (MTL). Students who wish to take Higher MTL may do so at other centres outside the school.

11. Can my son bring his mobile phone to school?

SASS allows students to bring their mobile phones to school as a means for contacting their family. However, phone usage is not allowed until the end of the timetabled lessons, to ensure students stay focused and make good use of their time during breaks.

12. What are the school fees?

As SASS is a government-aided school, regardless of the track admitted to, a Singaporean citizen pays \$15 per month, including miscellaneous and other fees.

Permanent Residents, International Students (ASEAN) and other International Students pay \$380, \$780 and \$1400 per month respectively.

13. What is the start time for regular school days?

Morning assembly starts at 7.30am on regular school days.

14. How does one travel to SASS via public transport?

The school is located near Potong Pasir MRT (NE10) and is also easily accessible via public buses. The nearest exit to the school is Exit C, which is about 500 metres away from school.

The nearest bus stops are B61089 (along Potong Pasir Avenue 3) and B60089 (along Jalan Toa Payoh). Both bus stops are within 5 minutes walking distance to the school.

15. SASS is an Anglican school, does that mean my son has to attend Chapel lessons and/or say prayers?

A short morning devotion and prayer is shared at morning assembly. Parents who do not wish their children to attend weekly Chapel lessons, could write in to the Principal. Non-Christian students are not required to participate during prayer at morning assembly, they should, however, remain silent during the devotion and prayer as a sign of respect.

16. SASS is a pilot school for Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB). What is FSBB?

We started the implementation of subject based banding (SBB) in 2018, which has enabled students posted to the N(A) and N(T) courses to take subject(s) at a higher academic level starting from Secondary one.

In 2020, the school has also piloted Full SBB (FSBB) alongside 27 Secondary Schools in Singapore. This involved re-organising Form classes with students of different streams, common subject offerings as well as offering students to take Humanities at a higher academic level.

FSBB students take subjects at different academic levels (G1, G2 and G3), mapped from the Express, Normal Academic and Normal Technical streams, and based on their strengths. This empowers students to further develop their strengths in subjects they have performed well in at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Students who have done consistently well in their SBB subjects also appreciated being offered the option to laterally transfer to a more demanding course (i.e. from N(T) course to the N(A) course, or from the N(A) course to the Express course). Mixed class groupings encourage students to forge wider friendship circles and a stronger culture of peer support.