



ST. ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION & SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The DSA-Sec exercise is for male Primary 6 Singaporean, Singapore PR and International students who have outstanding talent in Concert Band, Hockey, Rugby, Tennis, Water Polo, STEM and Visual Arts.
2. Selection Criteria for students will be selected based on the following:
 - Primary 5 and 6 academic results or equivalent results for 2022 and 2023.
 - Talents in the following areas: Concert Band, Hockey, Rugby, Tennis, Water Polo, STEM & Visual Arts.
 - Records in the MOE 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 or relevant competition organisers. Physical fitness test results, experience, qualifications and participation in the Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) will also be considered.
 - There is no need for applicants to contact our teachers. After 26 June 2023, our teachers will contact the applicants for talent selection trials or auditions, and where applicable, interviews.
 - Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.
3. Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 4 May 2023, 11.00 am to 31 May 2023, 3.00 pm. For more details, please refer to the MOE website – www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec.
4. 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 the area of talent.
5. Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for from secondary 1 to 4.

ST. ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

Talent Areas	Selection Stage 1 (Talent-Area Specific Trial/Audition)	Selection Stage 2 (Face-to-face or Zoom Interview)	Selection Stage 3 (Outcomes)	Programmes and opportunities for successful applicants
Hockey Rugby Tennis Water Polo	<p>Students will be required to exhibit their proficiency in sports-specific abilities and their knowledge of the sport.</p> <p>After the application period, the students will be informed of the specific tasks that are expected of them.</p>	<p>Shortlisted applicants will be called up for an interview as arranged by the school.</p>	<p>Issuance of Confirmed Offer letters (CO), Wait List letters (WL) or Unsuccessful letters (R) to all applicants.</p> <p>Please note that the school is unable to accept any appeal.</p>	<p>Successful applicants will be involved in CCA training sessions, with the opportunity to represent the school in National School Games (NSG), as well as other related sports competitions.</p>
Concert Band	<p>Students will be required to play their band instrument.</p> <p>Band instruments that are eligible for DSA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flute/Piccolo ● Oboe ● Bassoon ● Clarinet and Bass Clarinet ● Alto/Tenor/Baritone ● Saxophone ● Cornet/Trumpet ● French Horn/Eb Horn ● Trombone ● Euphonium/Baritone ● Tuba ● Double/String Bass ● Percussion (including Mallet Percussion) <p>Following the application period, the students will be informed of the specific requirements on what to play during the audition.</p>			<p>Successful applicants will be involved in CCA training sessions, with the opportunity to represent the school in Singapore Youth Festival Arts (SYF) Presentations, as well as related performances and competitions.</p>

Visual Arts	<p>The students will be required to showcase their personal Art Portfolio, demonstrating their proficiency in various art techniques and skills.</p> <p>After the application period, the students will be informed of the specific tasks that are expected of them.</p>	Shortlisted applicants will be called up for an interview as arranged by the school.	<p>Issuance of Confirmed Offer letters (CO), Wait List letters (WL) or Unsuccessful letters (R) to all applicants.</p> <p>Please note that the school is unable to accept any appeal.</p>	Successful applicants will be Art advocates with the opportunity to be involved in competitions, projects and join our Enhanced Art Programme (EAP).
STEM	Students will be requested to exhibit their basic programming knowledge, fundamental circuit creation abilities and general STEM knowledge.			Successful applicants will be given Robotics as their CCA, with the opportunity to represent the school in related inter-school competitions.
<p>Please take note that meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.</p>				

DSA-SEC TIMELINE 2023

ACTIVITY	DATE & TIME
Application opens	11.00 am on Thursday, 4 May 2023
Closing date for submission of application form and supporting documents	3.00 pm on Wednesday, 31 May 2023 Submit the application online through the DSA-Sec Portal. https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa/application
Face-to-face trials/auditions and interviews for specific talent areas	Monday, 26 June - Wednesday, 30 August
Notification Letter of outcomes to DSA applicants (CO, WL, R)	Late Nov Collect the results at child's primary school

ST ANDREW'S SECONDARY SCHOOL DSA TRIALS FOR 2023 DSA-SEC EXERCISE

- Kindly wear your primary/designated school CCA T-shirt or PE T-shirt and bring along the required sports gear and equipment specific to your talent area on the day of the trials and auditions.
- Please ensure that you bring your personal water bottle and any necessary medication.

	Talent Areas	Date of Trial/Audition	Time	Reporting Time	Venue	Name of Teacher(s)	Email Address
1	Rugby	TBC	TBC	TBC	SASS	Mr Aaron Kong Mr Benedict Tan	kong_hon_ein_aaron@moe.edu.sg tan_kok_tze_benedict@moe.edu.sg
2	Hockey	TBC	TBC	TBC		Mdm Roshnah	roshnah_begum_mohd_abbas@moe.edu.sg
3	Water Polo	TBC	TBC	TBC		Mr Ng Eu Khim	ng_eu_khim@moe.edu.sg
4	Tennis	TBC	TBC	TBC		Ms Vanessa Poh	poh_jin_yu_vanessa@moe.edu.sg
5	Visual Arts	TBC	TBC	TBC		Ms Joanna Chew	chew_cher_joanna@moe.edu.sg
6	Concert Band	TBC	TBC	TBC		Mrs Carmen Ong	carmen_chan_jia_min@moe.edu.sg
7	STEM	TBC	TBC	TBC		Mr Gene Yeo	yeo_haig_gene@moe.edu.sg

****The table above will be updated after 26th June 2023***

FAQs

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