

SPERS and Supplementary Placement Exercise Format

Eligibility Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec, Supplementary Placement Exercise & SPERS-JC/MI

1. Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for English and Mathematics papers to determine the schools they would be eligible for. Besides assessing literacy and numeracy, the papers will also include non-content-based general ability items that assess reasoning and thinking skills. This will more holistically assess RS who have attended overseas schools with curricula different from Singapore's.
2. Following the conduct of the papers, applicants will each be provided with a list of schools that they are eligible for, based on their performance in the papers. This will ensure that RS are of similar abilities as the students in the schools that they are eligible for.
3. As the number of RS seeking admission to JC/MI is usually small, there is no need for MOE to conduct a centralised posting exercise for this group. Hence, there is no School Option Phase or School Posting Phase under SPERS-JC/MI. After the Eligibility Phase, successful applicants will each receive a list of JC/MI they are eligible for and can approach any of the listed JC/MI directly for admission.
4. For RS seeking admission to secondary schools, they will proceed on to the School Option Phase.

School Option Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and Supplementary Placement Exercise Only

5. Applicants seeking admission to secondary schools (Secondary 1 to 3) will be required to indicate a maximum of six choices in their school option forms, based on the list of eligible schools given to them.

School Posting Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and Supplementary Placement Exercise Only

6. Secondary schools will admit a small number of RS, over and above their planned capacity, at the School Posting Phase. This recognises that overseas Singaporean children may have similar abilities as the local cohort in these schools, even though they have been away and were thus unable to seek admission into these schools together with other Singaporean children who had taken the PSLE. This will not reduce the chances for students in Singapore to get into the schools of their choice as there will be no reduction in the number of school places available to them.

7. The School Posting Phase will take into account the performance of the RS at the Eligibility Phase, their school choices, and the places available in these schools. In the event that an applicant is not successfully posted to any of his/her chosen schools, MOE will assign him/her a place in a secondary school with vacancies near his/her home.

8. After receiving their postings, the RS should complete the admission formalities at their posted schools. If they choose not to accept the posting, they may still approach another school directly to apply for admission. The child will be admitted if the school approached is on his/her list of eligible schools and if there is a vacancy in the course that he/she is eligible for. Otherwise, the school has the discretion to assess the child, including setting school-based assessments, and decide whether to admit the child.

Schedule for 2010 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	26 Jul – 1 Oct 10	Registration for SPERS-Sec papers
	14 Oct 10	Conduct of SPERS-Sec papers
School Option Phase	11 Nov 10	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools they are eligible for
	11 Nov – 15 Nov 10	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	2 Dec 10 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	3 Dec – 17 Dec 10	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	22 Dec 10 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	23 Dec – 31 Dec 10	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

Schedule for 2010 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	26 Jul – 12 Nov 10	Registration for SPERS-JC/MI papers
	24 Nov 10	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI papers
School Admission	30 Dec 10 (tentative)	Applicants to receive lists of JC/MI they are eligible for and to approach any listed JC/MI for admission

Supplementary Placement Exercise

9. The supplementary exercise is applicable for admission to Secondary 1-3 and is intended for RS who are unable to take part in the SPERS-Sec exercise. The supplementary exercise is similar in structure to SPERS-Sec

and involves the same 3 phases, viz. the Eligibility Phase, the School Option Phase and the School Posting Phase.

Schedule for Supplementary Placement Exercise

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	15 Oct – 17 Dec 10	Registration for Supplementary Placement Exercise
	28 Dec 10	Conduct of centralised papers
School Option Phase	18 Jan 11	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools they are eligible for
	18 Jan – 20 Jan 11	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	31 Jan 11 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1-3)
	1 Feb – 11 Feb 11	Applicants to report to school