

SPERS and Supplementary Placement Exercise Format

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

1. SPERS-Sec and Supplementary Placement Exercise: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for the English and Mathematics tests 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 tests, applicants will each be provided with a list of schools that they are eligible for, based on their performance in the tests. This will ensure that RS are of similar abilities as the students in the schools that they are eligible for. They will proceed on to the School Option Phase.
3. SPERS-JC/MI: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for the English, Mathematics and General Ability tests to determine the schools they would be eligible for.
4. 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.

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

5. During the school option phase, applicants will be required to submit their school choices online. Applicants can submit a maximum of six choices 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 the chosen schools, MOE will assign the applicant a place in a secondary school with vacancies near the applicant's 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 the child's list of eligible schools and if there is a vacancy in the course that the child is eligible for. The school has the discretion to assess the child, including setting school-based assessments, and decide whether to admit the child.

Schedule for 2016 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	5 Jul- 2 Sep 16	Registration for SPERS-Sec tests
	23 Sep 16	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests
School Option Phase	24 Nov 16	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools they are eligible for
	25 Nov – 29 Nov 16	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	13 Dec 16 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	14 Dec – 30 Dec 16	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	21 Dec 16 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	22 Dec – 30 Dec 16	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

Schedule for 2016 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	5 Jul – 21 Oct 16	Registration for SPERS-JC/MI tests
	17 Nov 16	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI tests
School Admission	28 Dec 16 (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 to 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, namely the Eligibility Phase, the School Option Phase and the School Posting Phase.

Schedule for 2016 Supplementary Placement Exercise

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	4 Oct – 6 Dec 16	Registration for Supplementary Placement Exercise
	15 Dec 16	Conduct of centralised tests
School Option Phase	16 Jan 17	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools they are eligible for
	17 Jan – 19 Jan 17	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	1 Feb 17 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1 to 3)
	2 Feb – 8 Feb 17	Applicants to report to school