

Details on PSLE Scoring and Secondary One Posting**Achievement Levels**

Each PSLE subject will be scored using 8 Achievement Levels (ALs), with AL1 being the best.

A student's AL for each subject will reflect his level of achievement, rather than how he has performed relative to his peers. The PSLE Score is the sum of ALs across the four subjects, ranging from 4 (best) to 32.

The 8 ALs are designed to reflect broadly different levels of achievement, and are set based on the learning objectives of the curriculum. They reflect educationally meaningful differences that enable schools to better guide students' secondary school journeys.

AL	Reference Raw Mark Range
1	≥ 90
2	85-89
3	80-84
4	75-79
5	65-74
6	45-64
7	20-44
8	< 20

Foundation-level subjects

Under the new system, Foundation-level subjects will also be scored using ALs.

Foundation-level subjects are enablers to support the learning needs of a small number of students for whom Standard-level subjects are less suitable. When offering a subject at the Foundation-level, students receive additional support to build up strong fundamentals and better prepare for progression to secondary school. Through this, the students also strengthen their confidence to pursue learning at a level suitable for them.

Streaming

Students will continue to be placed in the appropriate secondary school course—Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical), based on their PSLE Scores.

This enables us to better customise our teaching to support the needs of the students, so they can learn at a pace comfortable to them.

Placement Outcome	PSLE Score
Express	4-20
Express / N(A) option	21-22
N(A)	23-24
N(A) / N(T) option	25
N(T)	26-30, with AL7 or better in both English and Mathematics

Secondary 1 Posting

Posting will continue to be based on academic merit first, i.e. using the PSLE Score.

With wider scoring bands, more students will have the same PSLE Score and schools will be less differentiated by cut-off points. The following tie-breakers will be used for students with the same PSLE Score:

- i) Citizenship
- ii) Choice Order **[New]**
- iii) Computerised Balloting

Choice order will be a new tie-breaker. It recognises the different considerations that students and parents have in making school choices, e.g. a school's ethos, culture, programmes and CCAs, as well as distance between the school and a student's home.

For admission to Special Assistance Plan (SAP) schools, students will continue to be recognised for their achievements in HCL through a posting advantage.