

SPERS and SPE Format

Eligibility Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec, SPE & SPERS-JC/MI

1. SPERS-Sec and SPE: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants will sit for English and Mathematics tests to determine the schools they would be eligible for. Besides assessing applicants' literacy and numeracy skills, the tests will also include non-content-based general ability items which assess reasoning and thinking skills. This will provide a more holistic assessment of RS who have attended overseas schools with curricula different from Singapore's.
2. Based on their performance in the tests, applicants will each be provided with a list of schools that they are eligible to apply for. This will ensure that RS are of similar abilities as the students in the schools that they are applying to. 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 to apply 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 can approach and which they are eligible to apply to for admission.

School Option Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and SPE 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 SPE Only

6. At the School Posting Phase, secondary schools will admit a small number of RS, over and above their planned capacity. 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 SPERS-Sec and SPE tests, 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 residence.

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 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, such as through the use of school-based assessments, and decide whether to admit the child.

Schedule for 2019 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	3 Jul - 30 Aug 19	Application for SPERS-Sec tests
	17 Sep 19	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests
School Option Phase	14 Nov 19	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	15 Nov – 19 Nov 19	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	12 Dec 19 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	13 Dec – 31 Dec 19	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	20 Dec 19 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	23 Dec – 31 Dec 19	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

Schedule for 2019 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	3 Jul – 18 Oct 19	Application for SPERS-JC/MI tests
	14 Nov 19	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI tests
School Admission	26 Dec 19 (tentative)	Applicants to receive lists of JC/MI that they are eligible for and to approach any listed JC/MI for admission

Supplementary Placement Exercise (SPE)

9. The SPE 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 SPE is similar in structure to SPERS-Sec and involves the same three phases, namely the Eligibility Phase, the School Option Phase and the School Posting Phase.

Schedule for 2019 SPE

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	1 Oct – 27 Nov 19	Application for SPE tests
	10 Dec 19	Conduct of SPE tests
School Option Phase	14 Jan 20	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	15 Jan – 17 Jan 20	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	3 Feb 20 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1 to 3)
	4 Feb – 10 Feb 20	Applicants to report to school