

MOE's efforts to meet demand for places in Special Education Schools

Date	Developments												
2013	<p>Metta School's extension block, which officially opened in 2013, provided an additional 150 school places for students with Mild Intellectual Disability (MID), including those who also have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).</p>												
2013	<p>Delta Senior School, catering to students with MID, including those who also have ASD, moved into its new purpose-built vocational school with specialised facilities in July 2013. Since January 2014, the school has offered two programmes, namely the Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ) Work Experience Programme, and the LEAD Programme (renamed from the Transition Programme in 2017).</p>												
2017 - 2018	<p>Three government-funded SPED schools which offer ASD programmes for students with moderate-to-severe ASD, expanded their school places.</p> <p>Autism Association Singapore (AAS), AWWA and Rainbow Centre (RC) each opened one additional school. The three schools can take in 75 additional students per year.</p> <p>The three additional schools are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1189 1385 1487"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="416 1189 735 1263">Social Service Agency</th> <th data-bbox="735 1189 1023 1263">School</th> <th data-bbox="1023 1189 1385 1263">Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 1263 735 1337">Autism Association Singapore</td> <td data-bbox="735 1263 1023 1337">Eden School 2</td> <td data-bbox="1023 1263 1385 1337">Site of former Hong Kah Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 1337 735 1411">AWWA</td> <td data-bbox="735 1337 1023 1411">AWWA School 2</td> <td data-bbox="1023 1337 1385 1411">Site of former Bedok West Primary School</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 1411 735 1487">Rainbow Centre</td> <td data-bbox="735 1411 1023 1487">Rainbow Centre School 3</td> <td data-bbox="1023 1411 1385 1487">Site of former Si Ling Secondary School</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*All three schools are currently operating at interim sites. Construction at permanent sites is underway.</i></p>	Social Service Agency	School	Location	Autism Association Singapore	Eden School 2	Site of former Hong Kah Primary School	AWWA	AWWA School 2	Site of former Bedok West Primary School	Rainbow Centre	Rainbow Centre School 3	Site of former Si Ling Secondary School
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Jul 2019	<p>Autism Resource Centre (Singapore), which offers the national curriculum to students with ASD in Pathlight School, will operate its second school in Tampines.</p> <p>This school will provide about 500 primary level school places and will be located at the site of the former East View Primary School at Tampines Street 91.</p> <p>Meanwhile, students of the second school will continue to study at Pathlight School's Chong Boon campus.</p>												

Nov 2019	<p>MOE will be working with various Social Service Agencies (SSAs) to set up three new Government-funded SPED schools for students with moderate-to-severe SEN who have ASD:</p> <p><i>New school for students with moderate-to-severe SEN who have ASD and intellectual impairment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metta Welfare Association will be operating this new SPED school in 2021 for students who have ASD and intellectual impairment. The new purpose-built school will be located in the East. It will provide about 25 places per cohort, which at a steady state, will translate to 300 additional school places for students with ASD and intellectual impairment. In the interim, from 2021, students will have their lessons at the current Metta School in Simei. <p><i>Two new schools for students with moderate SEN who have ASD and can access the National Curriculum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOE will be opening two new SPED schools which will deliver the Singapore primary and secondary national curriculum, and a suitable post-primary programme for students who are unable to access the national secondary curriculum. MOE is working with Autism Resource Centre (Singapore) to set up one of these two schools. For the second new school, MOE has conducted a limited invitation for proposals and will be announcing more details in 2021.
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