

SPERS and SPE Format

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

1. SPERS-Sec and SPE: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants suitable for the centralised test 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 students 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 students are of similar abilities as the students in the schools that they are applying to. RS students can indicate their school preferences during the School Option Phase, and they will be posted to a suitable school with vacancies.
3. SPERS-JC/MI: Under the Eligibility Phase, applicants suitable for the centralised test 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 students 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 RS students receive the list of JC/MI they are eligible to apply for, they can approach that JC/MI for the school's admission consideration.

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. During the School Posting Phase, some additional school places are set aside for RS students. This recognises that RS students have similar abilities as their cohorts.
7. The School Posting Phase will take into account the performance of the RS students at the SPERS-Sec and SPE tests, 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 residence.
8. After receiving their postings, applicants should complete the admission formalities at their posted school. If they choose not to accept the posting, they could approach another school directly via email or phone. The school will consider the application, subject to the availability of vacancies and suitability of the applicant.

Schedule for 2021 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	7 Jul – 26 Aug 21	Application for SPERS-Sec tests
	21 Sep 21	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests
School Option Phase	18 Nov 21	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	19 Nov – 23 Nov 21	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	14 Dec 21 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	15 Dec – 30 Dec 21	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	22 – 27 Dec 21 (tentative)	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	23 Dec – 30 Dec 21 (tentative)	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

Schedule for 2021 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	7 Jul – 22 Oct 21	Application for SPERS-JC/MI tests
	11 Nov 21	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI tests
School Admission	27 Dec 21 (tentative)	Applicants to receive lists of JC/MI that they are eligible for and to email/call the listed JC/MI to arrange for an appointment to complete admission formalities

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 SPERS-Sec. 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 2021 SPE (Tentative)

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	1 Oct – 19 Nov 21	Application for SPE tests
	7 Dec 21	Conduct of SPE tests
School Option Phase	17 Jan 22	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	18 Jan – 20 Jan 22	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	4 Feb 22	Release of school posting results (Sec 1 to 3)
	7 Feb – 11 Feb 22	Applicants to report to school