

Infosheet: Comparing AEP and other pathways to pursue Art in secondary school

| | Art offered as elective subject at upper secondary level | MOE Special Art Programmes | | |
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| | | Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) | Art Elective Programme (AEP) | |
| | | | EITHER In-house programme at an AEP school | OR Centre-based programme at the AEP Centre |
| Summary | At upper secondary level, students may offer Art as one of their optional subjects (also known as 'electives') in addition to their compulsory subjects to further their artistic knowledge and skills. | Students at EAP schools may offer the EAP – a 2-year enhanced Art curriculum which extends the O-Level Art syllabus with more advanced Art learning experiences. | Students at AEP schools may offer the AEP – a 4-year enhanced Art curriculum which extends the O-Level Higher Art syllabus with more advanced Art learning experiences. | Students at non-AEP/EAP schools may offer the centre-based AEP – a 4-year enhanced Art curriculum which extends the O-Level Higher Art syllabus with more advanced Art learning experiences. |
| Target group | Offered by schools to their own students. | Offered by EAP schools to their own students only. | Offered by AEP schools to their own students only. | Offered by AEP Centre to external students from non-AEP and non-EAP schools. |
| Starting point | Sec 3 | Sec 3 | Sec 1 | Sec 1 |
| Duration | 2-3 years | 2 years | 4 years | 4 years |
| Art syllabus & national examination | N(T)-Level Art N(A)-Level Art O-Level Art O-Level Higher Art (availability of syllabuses varies across schools) | O-Level Art O-Level Higher Art (availability of syllabuses varies across schools) | O-Level Higher Art | O-Level Higher Art |
| Art curriculum at lower secondary level | Lower Sec Art | Lower Sec Art | Higher Art (An enriched curriculum with additional curriculum time, taking the place of regular Lower Sec Art curriculum) | Higher Art (An enriched curriculum with additional curriculum time, taking the place of regular Lower Sec Art curriculum at students' own schools) |
| Subject exemptions at lower secondary | — | — | Lower Sec Design & Technology (D&T), and Lower Sec Food & Consumer Education (FCE) | Lower Sec Design & Technology (D&T), and Lower Sec Food & Consumer Education (FCE) |
| No. of secondary schools offering | Over 95% of secondary schools offer at least one of the Upper Sec Art syllabuses (excluding Integrated Programme and specialised schools) | 9 | 7 | 1 |

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| Schools | | CHIJ Katong Convent Jurong West Secondary School Meridian Secondary School Nan Chiau High School Naval Base Secondary School New Town Secondary School Ngee Ann Secondary School Orchid Park Secondary School St. Andrew's Secondary School | Bukit Panjang Govt. High School CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh) Hwa Chong Institution Nanyang Girls' High School National Junior College Victoria School Zhonghua Secondary School | AEP Centre (National Junior College) |
| Course eligibility | Offered at student's course level (Exp, N(A) or N(T)) or at a higher level through subject-based banding. | All courses (Exp, N(A) or N(T)) | All courses (Exp, N(A) or N(T)) | All courses (Exp, N(A) or N(T)) |
| Other eligibility criteria | Subject to school-based criteria. | Subject to school-based EAP criteria and selection exercise. | Subject to school-based AEP selection exercise. | Subject to centralised AEP Centre selection exercise conducted by MOE and NJC. Must not be a student from one of the 7 AEP schools or 9 EAP schools. |
| Application | All secondary students make their choice of Upper Sec elective subjects at the end of Sec 2. | Attend the school-based selection exercise at the end of Sec 2. | Upon admission into one of the 7 AEP schools, attend the school-based selection exercise at the beginning of Sec 1. | Upon admission into a non-AEP or non-EAP school, apply online to attend the centralised AEP Centre selection exercise at the beginning of Sec 1. The application window is open to Sec 1 students only in the first half of January every year. |
| Selection activities | School-based selection process | Selection exercise involves a review of the student's art portfolio, an interview and/or short art task(s). | Selection exercise involves a review of the student's art portfolio, an interview and/or short art task(s). | Selection exercise involves a review of the student's art portfolio, an interview and/or short art task(s). |
| Additional fees | — | — | — | — |
| Fee subsidy on enrolment | — | — | Up to \$2,400 per year school fee subsidy for students enrolled in AEP at Independent Schools (i.e. Hwa Chong Institution and Nanyang Girls' High School). | — |