Scheme	School Choices	Applicable Level	Best Suited For	School Place Guaranteed?	Test Required?	Typical Application Period
Assured School Placement (ASP)	Choose from 1 to 3 schools offered by MOE	Primary & Secondary	Parents who want certainty of a school place near home	✓ Yes (school with vacancy near residence)	School-based assessment may be conducted	Term 1 to term 3 for same-year admission. Applications submitted in term 4 will be processed in December for admission to the following year.
SPERS-Sec	Choose up to 6 eligible schools	Entry to Sec 1-3	RS seeking admission based on merit and school choices	✓ Yes, subject to test performance, school choices and available school vacancies	Centralised English & Mathematics tests	July. Admission is in January of the following year.
SPE	Choose up to 6 eligible schools	Entry to Sec 1-3	RS who miss SPERS-Sec because they cannot return in time	✓ Yes, subject to test performance, school choices and available school vacancies	Centralised English & Mathematics tests	November. Admission is in February of the following year.
DSA-Sec	Apply directly to specific schools	Entry to Sec 1	Students with talents in sports, arts, leadership, STEM, etc.	✗ No, subject to school's selection	Selection trials/interviews	May to June. Admission is in January of the following year.
SPERS-JC/MI	Approach eligible JC/MI directly	Pre-U 1	RS seeking admission to JC/MI after overseas secondary education	✗ No, subject to test performance	Centralised English, Mathematics and General ability tests	July to October. Admission is in February of the following year.
DSA-JC	Apply directly to specific schools	Pre-U 1	Students with talents in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas	✗ No, subject to school's selection	Selection trials/interviews	May. Admission is in February of the following year.
Direct School Application	Apply directly to a school of choice	Primary, Secondary, JC/MI	Parents with a specific school in mind	✗ No, subject to availability of vacancies and school's assessment	School-based assessment may be conducted	Anytime. To seek admission within the same academic year, you may approach your school of choice directly before September. For JC/MI, you need to approach school before January of the new academic year.