

CHANGES TO PSLE IN 2021



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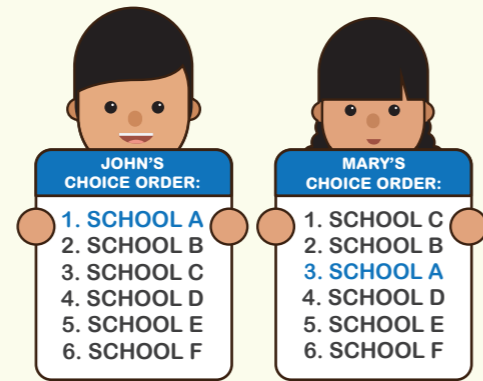
From T-score to Wider Scoring Bands



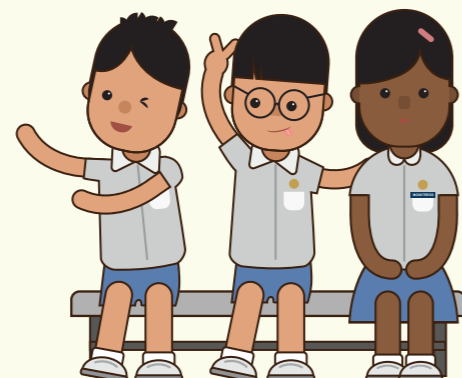
AL 1
AL 2
AL 3
AL 4
AL 5
AL 6
AL 7
AL 8

- Students are less finely differentiated on the basis of every mark. Each subject will be scored using 8 Achievement Levels (ALs), with AL 1 being the best.
- Students who demonstrate similar achievement for a subject will receive the same AL grade.
- These standards will remain the same from year to year.

Choice Order of Schools Matters More in Posting

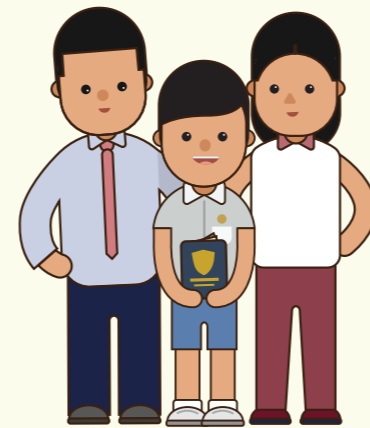


- While academic merit remains the first criterion for Secondary school posting, choice order as a new tie-breaker is designed to recognise the different considerations families have when choosing a suitable secondary school.
 - If 2 students with the same PSLE Score apply for a place in a school, the following tie-breakers* will be used:
 - Citizenship
 - Choice Order of Schools
 - Computerised Balloting
- * Tie-breakers are listed based on level of importance



(New) Supporting Students and Parents in Making Subject Choices

Presentation of Results in Achievement Levels (ALs)

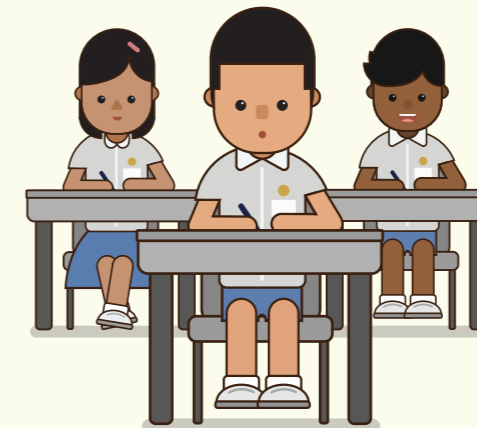


- From the 2020* P5 cohort, exam results of P5 and P6 students will show the ALs to familiarise the students with the new scoring system.
- * 2020 P6 cohort will not be affected

Holistic Development Profile (HDP)		
Subject	Mark	AL
English Language	85	2
Mathematics	75	4
Science	65	5
Mother Tongue Language	55	6
Total AL Score: 17		

Information on Secondary schools' indicative Cut-Off Points (COPs) will be provided in AL terms in the first half of 2021. They will be derived from PSLE Scores and choice patterns of the 2020 Secondary 1 posting exercise.

Scoring for Foundation Level Subjects

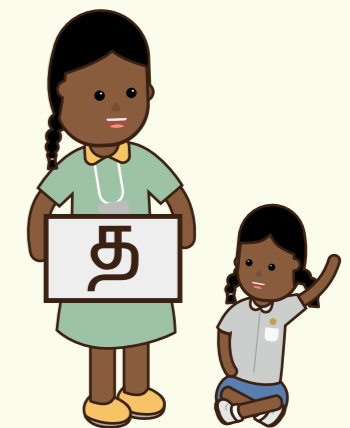


- Foundation level subjects cater to students who require additional help to build up strong fundamentals, giving them confidence to learn at a pace and level suited to them.
- Foundation level subjects will be graded AL A to AL C under the new scoring system.

Grades for Foundation Subjects	Foundation Raw Mark Range	Equivalent Standard Level AL
A	75-100	6
B	30-74	7
C	<30	8

- Students' PSLE Score will be the sum of the four AL scores of all Standard and Foundation subjects they take.
- For Secondary 1 posting, Foundation level subject scores will be converted to the equivalent standard level subject scores before the total score is calculated.

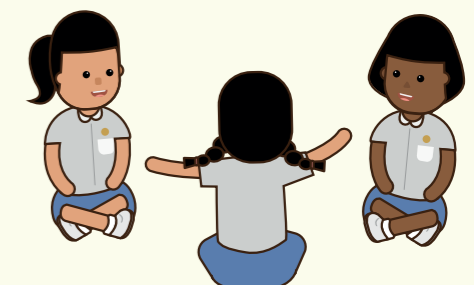
Eligibility for Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) in Sec Sch



- Eligibility for HMTL in Secondary schools will be based on the criteria below.

Criteria Under The New Scoring System
PSLE Score of 8 or better
OR
PSLE Score of 9 to 14 inclusive; and achieving
i) AL 1/AL 2 in MTL or
ii) Distinction/Merit in HMTL

- Secondary schools have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students, if they are assessed to have high ability and interest in MTL, and are able to take HMTL without affecting their performance in other subjects.



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