

**DUNMAN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2026 e-OPEN HOUSE & DSA EXERCISE**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS for PSLE Students**

**GENERAL Q & A**

**1. When is the DHS e-Open House?**

The **Open House** microsite will be available online from **23 May (Sat) to 2 June (Tue)**.

**2. Can the student apply to join DHS even if he / she did not offer Higher Chinese in his / her primary school?**

Yes, the student may apply for admission even if he / she did not offer Higher Chinese (HCL) in his / her primary school. However, he / she is required to offer Chinese Language as the Mother Tongue subject. Once he / she is posted to DHS, he / she would need to offer HCL from Sec 1 onwards. (Please refer to Q3 below).

**3. Must I take up Higher Chinese Language (HCL) if I am posted to DHS?**

DHS is an SAP school and SAP schools nurture students to be proficient in both English Language (EL) and Chinese Language (CL) and to have a good understanding and appreciation of Chinese Culture. Students posted to our school are required to offer HCL.

**4. Are the Year 1 students who are admitted via DSA, grouped in the same class? Will DSA and those who are admitted via PSLE T-score be placed in separate classes?**

All students, whether admitted through DSA or PSLE Posting Exercise, will be randomly placed in various classes. The only exceptions are those students on our School-Based Gifted Education (SBGE) programme.

**5. How much do I have to pay in school fees per month?**

	MOE school fee, miscellaneous fee & autonomous school fee
<b>Singapore Citizens</b>	\$28
<b>Permanent Residents</b>	\$703
<b>International Students (ASEAN)</b>	\$1,115.07
<b>International Students</b>	\$2,215.07

## DSA Q & A

### 6. What are the DSA Talent Areas for this year DSA Exercise?

The talent areas for the DSA 2026 are as follows:

- a) Bilingualism
- b) Music Elective Programme
- c) Performing Arts (Chinese Orchestra [including Guzheng], String Ensemble, Choir, Symphonic Band, Chinese Dance [for girls only] or Modern Dance [for girls only])
- d) Sports (Basketball, Badminton, Sailing, Softball [for girls only], Table Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball or Wushu)
- e) Leadership (Girl Guides, NPCC, Scouts, St. John Brigade)
- f) STEAM (Mathematics, Sciences, Infocomm, Robotics)

### 7. If a student is successful in the DSA application, what will the student still need to obtain for PSLE Achievement Level (AL)?

If a student is successful in the DSA application and given a Confirmed Offer, he / she is guaranteed a place in the school provided that he / she accepts the offer and qualifies for the Posting Group 3 (PSLE Score at least 22) based on his / her PSLE results.

### 8. Would Dunman High School consider the academic results of DSA applicants during selection?

We need to ensure a certain level of academic achievement in primary school as it serves as an indicator of how well the students are able to cope with the academic rigour of an IP school. However, we do not have a fixed mark for this criterion as we consider each applicant *holistically*, including their achievement in their talent area and personal qualities.

### 9. How do I submit my DSA application?

Application for DSA-Sec can only be submitted through the on-line DSA-Sec portal ([www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec)). The application is free of charge and will be opened from **6 May 2026, 11 a.m. to 2 Jun 2026, 4.30 p.m.** You would need a Singpass login of one of the parents to access the portal.

### 10. How does a student from a non-mainstream primary school\* apply for the DSA-Sec.

For a student from a non-mainstream primary school, the application is made up of 2 parts: (1) Getting a registration number and (2) Accessing the DSA-Sec portal with the given registration number. Please refer to the online DSA-Sec Portal (<https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application>).

**\*Non-mainstream school refers to home-schools, international schools, private schools, religious schools and Special Education (SPED) schools.**

**11. How many choices can I exercise in the application?**

An applicant can indicate up to three (3) choices. Each choice consists of a secondary school and a talent area offered by that secondary school. You may select up to 2 talent areas for the same school. If applying for 2 talent areas at the same school, list both as separate choices. The order of your 3 choices does not matter.

**12. When is the closing date / time for 2026 DSA-Sec application period?**

2 Jun 2026, 4.30 p.m.

**13. When will the selection/trials for the CCAs be conducted?**

1 July 2026 to 6 August 2026. If your child has been shortlisted to undergo DSA selection, you will receive notification from the school by 31 July.

**14. Is there an option for student to take Chinese if they are struggling in higher Chinese?**

With regard to Chinese language options, while we do not offer Chinese (CL) in Years 1 to 3, all our students take Higher Chinese (HCL) during this period. For students who may find the subject more challenging, we allow and support them to take the O-Level Chinese Examination in Year 3. To help them prepare, we also provide additional support, including a weekly afternoon lesson. If they perform well in the exam, they will continue with Higher Chinese in Year 4. However, if they do not pass, they will switch to Chinese (CL) in Year 4 and retake the O-Level Chinese Examination under that stream.

**15. What is the quota for DSA intake this year? What about the breakdown of DSA intake for the various talent areas?**

Based on past years' record, IP schools take in about 30% of each cohort through the DSA. We do not have a pre-determined percentage of successful DSA applicants for each talent area.

**16. Is leadership experience (for example, prefectorial board) in the primary school a criterion for DSA selection?**

Leadership experience would be a key criterion for selection of applicants for Leadership Talent Area. While it is not a key selection criterion for *other* DSA Talent Areas, it would also be considered during our selection process.

**17. For DSA (CCA), must I commit to the same CCA for 6 years? Can I have 2 or more CCAs?**

All successful DSA-Sec students must be committed to Dunman High School for 6 years. For students who have accepted DSA-Sec offers through a Talent Area in Sports, Performing Arts, Leadership or STEAM, commitment to the respective CCA is for 4 years. At the end of Year 4, all students, regardless of whether they were admitted via DSA-Sec or their PSLE results, will get to decide if they want to stay in their current CCA or change to a new one.

While we do have a few CCAs designated as 2nd CCA such as Debates and Library, participation in a second CCA is not compulsory and should only be considered if the student can cope. This will depend on the schedule of the student's main CCA and personal

commitments e.g. taking a 3rd Lang or MEP, private piano lessons and tuition etc. Most CCAs train at least twice a week and lessons end at 320 p.m. on some days. We hope that students will take some time to rest and not over-commit to 2 CCAs.

**18. When will the applicants be notified of the outcome of the DSA application?**

All applicants will receive their application outcomes between **17 and 28 August 2026**.

**19. If I have more than one DSA offers, when must I decide which to accept?**

If you have a Confirmed Offer (CO) or a Wait List (WL) offer, you will receive notification on the School Preference Submission in Oct 2026. You can submit up to three school choices, in order of preference, online or at the primary school. To gain admission to DHS, you still need to attain PSLE results that qualify for the Posting Group 3.

**20. What is the detail about the DSA-SEC selection criteria and procedure? How can my child prepare for the DSA-SEC application?**

Dunman High School offers DSA-Sec Talent Areas in both the academic and co-curricular domains. Our selection criteria and process may vary from year to year. To give you an idea of what the criteria and process look like for the current year, you may visit our DSA-Sec website at <https://www.dunmanhigh.moe.edu.sg/>.

DSA-Sec is an alternative way of seeking admission at a secondary school. To be successful for DSA-Sec, your child should have talent or achievements in a Talent Area which schools offer DSA in, such as a sport, the performing arts, or a specific academic subject, such as Mathematics or Sciences. In addition, your child should be passionate about and committed to developing her strengths in that area.

**21. Can I apply for DSA (Leadership) if I have no UG experience in Primary school?**

Students with no UG background may apply for DSA (Leadership) as long as they have had some leadership experience in their primary school. However, students who have been admitted via DSA (Leadership) will be required to commit to a UG of their choice (Girl Guides, NPCC, St. John or Scouts) for 4 years.

**22. Are all your sports teams made up of students admitted via DSA?**

No. In fact, there is a concerted effort to ensure that teams are not only made up of students admitted via DSA. All students admitted to DHS via their PSLE scores will have the opportunity to partake in a Sports Trial. This means that we do offer students a place in sports even if they have no experience in the sport. We select students based on their aptitude towards the sports and their potential to be developed.