

DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION EXERCISE 2019
(For Admission into Secondary 1 in the year 2020)

A. INTRODUCTION

Singapore Chinese Girls' School is a dual-track school that promotes a culture of excellence in the holistic development of our students. We offer the 4-year GCE O-Level Programme and the 6-year Integrated Programme leading to the GCE A-Level Programme at Eunoia Junior College in Years 5 and 6.

The Direct School Admission Exercise allows students to seek admission to SCGS based on a range of achievements and talents.

<p>The 4-year GCE O-Level Programme</p>	<p>CCA and leadership (Sports, Performing Arts, Clubs)</p> <p>Students who have excellent leadership skills and those who are talented in one of the fifteen Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) may apply for DSA into either the O-Level Programme or the Integrated Programme</p>
<p>The 6-year Integrated Programme</p>	<p>CCA, leadership & specific academic talents</p> <p>Students who have excellent leadership skills or specific academic/CCA talents, and who are suited for the Integrated Programme, may apply for DSA into the Integrated Programme.</p>

Selection is based on the following:

1. Past achievements in specific area of talent,
2. Performance in audition/trial (for CCA) or test (for specific academic area),
3. Primary 5-6 academic performance (to determine suitability for O-Level/Integrated Programme), and
4. Performance at Interviews for shortlisted applicants

Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the student's aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the schools' academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent.

B. CRITERIA FOR TALENT AREAS

Criteria for the respective talent areas are as follows:

LEADERSHIP (O-Level and Integrated Programmes)	
Shortlisted candidates typically possess excellent leadership skills exhibited as a student leader and have held notable leadership positions in school such as positions in the Executive Committee in the Prefectorial Board (or equivalent) or CCA in the school.	

CLUBS (O-Level and Integrated Programmes)	
Robotics	Shortlisted candidates typically have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Participated in national robotics competitions such as First Lego League, National Junior Robotics Competition or National Robopreneur Carnival. 2) Understanding and experience in Lego Mindstorm EV3 3) Construction and programming skills

PERFORMING ARTS (O-Level and Integrated Programmes)	
Talent	Shortlisted candidates typically have:
Band (Concert) [Not Chinese Orchestra] * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least two (2) years of musical training or involvement in musical activity (e.g. school band, ensemble) on any western woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument (not limited to western percussion). ● Grade 3 or higher certification in the ABRSM or Trinity Exam, or equivalent* in any western woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument (not limited to western percussion). <p>Achievements or awards related to music performance[#] on western woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument (not limited to western percussion) are a bonus.</p>
Choir * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least three (3) years of musical training or involvement in musical activity (e.g. choir) on the voice. ● Grade 5 or higher certification in the ABRSM or Trinity Exam in Singing (solo), or equivalent* <p>Achievements or awards related to music performance[#] on voice are a bonus.</p>
Dance (International) * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least five (5) years of dance training or involvement in dance activity (e.g. dance CCA). ● Grade 5 or higher certification in RAD or CSTD Ballet, or equivalent* <p>Achievements or awards related to Dance performance[#] are a bonus.</p>

PERFORMING ARTS (O-Level and Integrated Programmes)	
Talent	Shortlisted candidates typically have:
Drama (English) ^ * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least three (3) years of theatre training or involvement in theatre activity (e.g. school Drama CCA, theatre school or theatre productions)^ and a good command of the English language. ● Grade 5 or higher certification in Speech and Drama and/or Musical Theatre (individual) in the Trinity College London Exam, or equivalent* <p>Achievements or awards related to theatre performance# are a bonus.</p>
Drama (Chinese) ^ * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least three (3) years of theatre training or involvement in theatre activity (e.g. school Drama CCA, theatre school or theatre productions)^ and a good command of the Chinese language. ● Grade 5 or higher certification in Speech and Drama and/or Musical Theatre (individual) in the Trinity College London Exam, or equivalent* <p>Achievements or awards related to theatre performance# are a bonus.</p>
Handbell Ensemble * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least two (2) years of musical involvement in handbell ensemble ● Grade 5 or higher certification (Theory & Practical) on any musical instrument, or equivalent* <p>Achievements or awards related to music performance# on the handbell are a bonus.</p>
String Ensemble * #	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed at least two (2) years of musical training or involvement in musical activity (e.g. string ensemble) on violin, viola, cello or double bass. ● Grade 6 (Merit) or higher certification in violin, or equivalent*; OR Grade 4 (Merit) or higher certification in cello, or equivalent*; OR Grade 3 (Merit) or higher certification in viola or double bass, or equivalent*. <p>Achievements or awards related to music performance# on violin, viola, cello or double bass are a bonus.</p>

Explanatory notes:

* Applicants without the above certification are to submit a **video recording** of one (1) work that best demonstrates the applicant's performance abilities. Videos should be recorded in a single take, without editing, and cannot be professionally produced. Upload the video to any video uploading websites (e.g. Google Drive or YouTube). Title the video: [Applicant's Name_DSA_CCA-Name]. Ensure privacy setting is set to 'Public' or 'Anyone with the Link'. Share the video link in the online application form for DSA at Step 3 under Non School-based Awards / Activities.

Examples include:

- National competitions (e.g. Singapore Youth Festival, National Piano & Violin Competition) or international competitions
- Solo masterclasses and/or workshops
- Solo/group concerts or performances

^ For Drama, please indicate role played in theatre production (e.g. acting, back-stage)

SPORTS (O-Level and Integrated Programmes)	
Talent	Shortlisted candidates typically are as follows:
Badminton	1) Player of Top 4 Team in National School Games Championships <u>or</u> 2) Player of Top 2 Team in National School Games Championships (Zone) <u>or</u> 3) Top 4 in Individual Placing or Quarter Finalist in National Age-Group Championships or a major championships organised by the Singapore Primary Schools Sports Council or the National Sports Association. Note: Submission of recommendations by qualified coaches will be taken into consideration only after applicants have been shortlisted for the interview.
Basketball	
Gymnastics (Artistic & Trampoline)	
Netball	
Squash	
Swimming (Competitive / Synchronised)	
Tennis	

SPECIFIC ACADEMIC TALENTS (Integrated Programme ONLY)	
English Language	Shortlisted candidates typically possess talent in the specific academic area as evidenced by significant achievements in relevant activities/competitions at national/international levels or any such equivalent demonstration of talent.
Mathematics	
Mother Tongue Languages (Chinese, Malay & Tamil)	
Science	

Note:

Students who do not meet the criteria may still apply, but chances of being shortlisted are much lower.

C. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

From 2019, application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal.

For more details, please refer to MOE website – www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS (8 MAY 2019 – 4 JUN 2019)

- a. **Cost** – No Fees are charged.
- b. **Application Period** – Four weeks, from **8 May 2019, 9am to 4 Jun 2019, 3pm**.
- c. **Choices** – An applicant can indicate up to three choices. Each choice consists of a secondary school and a talent area offered by that secondary school.
- d. **Maximum choices for each DSA-Sec school** – Of the three choices, an applicant may use a maximum of two choices to apply to the same school, for two different talent areas of that school.
- e. **Dual track school** – If a talent area is offered for both the O-Level and Integrated Programme (IP) in a dual-track school, applicants are to indicate a preference for one of the programmes or no preference.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- a. **Applicants studying in MOE mainstream primary schools**
Only one parent's SingPass is needed to log in. If parent/ guardian is unable to apply online, they can approach the child's primary school for assistance.
- b. **Applicants NOT studying in MOE mainstream primary schools**
You need to obtain a Registration Number (RGxxxxxxx) at MOE Customer Service Centre (CSC) from **8 May 2019, 9am to 4 Jun 2019, 3pm**, before you can apply through the DSA-Sec Portal. (This includes Homeschoolers, returning Singaporeans and international students)
Refer to the MOE website at:
<https://va.ecitizen.gov.sg/cfp/customerPages/moe/displayresult.aspx?MesId=5509687>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All International students are required to take part in the Admission Exercise for International Students (AEIS) before they are considered for DSA-Sec allocation.

International students who fail AEIS will not be considered for DSA-Sec allocation.

International students who do not register will not be considered for DSA-Sec allocation even if they are accepted by their schools of choice.

Please refer to the AEIS website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/international-students/admissions-exercise>

Schedule for Auditions, Trials, Written Tests and Interviews

Shortlisted applicants will be informed of the confirmed dates and times through email or telephone.

Date(s)/Time	Process	Remarks
Fri 5 July Fri 12 July Supplementary date	Written Test for <u>all</u> Integrated Programme (IP) applicants applying through academic talents: English Language, Mathematics, Mother Tongue Language or Science	Each shortlisted applicant may sit for only one special talent written test.
Thu 4 July – Thu 18 July	Badminton Trials	5 July, 12 July 3.30pm @ Shaw Hall
	Basketball Trials	4 July, 5 July and 9 July 3pm @ OCBC Arena (Hall 1) (tbc)
	Artistic & Trampoline Gymnastics Trials	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Gymnasium
	Netball Trials	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Shaw Hall
	Squash Trials	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Yio Chu Kang Squash Courts
	Tennis Trials	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Tennis Courts
	Robotics Auditions	4 July, 9 July 4pm - 5.15p @ Computer Lab 1
	Concert Band Auditions	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Band Room
	Choir Auditions	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Sunshine Room
	Dance Auditions	4 July, 9 July 3.45 to 5.45pm @ Dance Studio
	Chinese Drama Auditions	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Bicultural Room
	English Drama Auditions	4 July, 9 July 3.30pm @ Room 99 (tbc)
	Handbells Ensemble Auditions	4 July, 9 July 4pm @ Room 98
String Ensemble Auditions	9 July, 11 July 3.30pm @ Level 4 Gallery (tbc)	
Mon 15 July – Tue 13 August	Interviews	Shortlisted applicants are to bring: 1. Letters of recommendation (where applicable) 2. Certified True Copies of Optional Certificates not issued by the School/MOE.

The school reserves the right NOT to release the reasons for non-selection of applicants and/or the results of the auditions, trials, written tests and interviews.

D. ELIGIBILITY

1. Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents should be born between 2 Jan 2003 and 1 Jan 2008.
2. International Students (ie: non-SC/SPR) should be born between 2 Jan 2005 and 1 Jan 2008.

E. IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. Once an applicant is successfully allocated to **Singapore Chinese Girls' School**, she will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the annual Secondary One Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools, and will be expected to honour the commitment to SCGS for the entire duration of the programme . She will also **NOT** be allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results. If she is admitted based on a CCA, no change of CCA is allowed for 4 years unless there are medical reasons.
2. **Integrated Programme applicants** successfully allocated into the Joint Integrated Programme at SCGS, must commit to 6 years, 4 years in SCGS and 2 years in Eunoia Junior College.
If she is admitted based on a CCA, she will be committed to 4 years of CCA in SCGS, no change of CCA is allowed for 4 years unless there are medical reasons. She will have a choice of CCA when she joins Eunoia Junior College.
3. No one deserving of a place in the school need be discouraged because of financial considerations. Financial assistance schemes are in place to support talented students. All students interested in an SCGS education and who can see their talents advanced at SCGS should apply.