

Information on Subject-Based Banding (SBB), PSLE Scoring & S1 Posting

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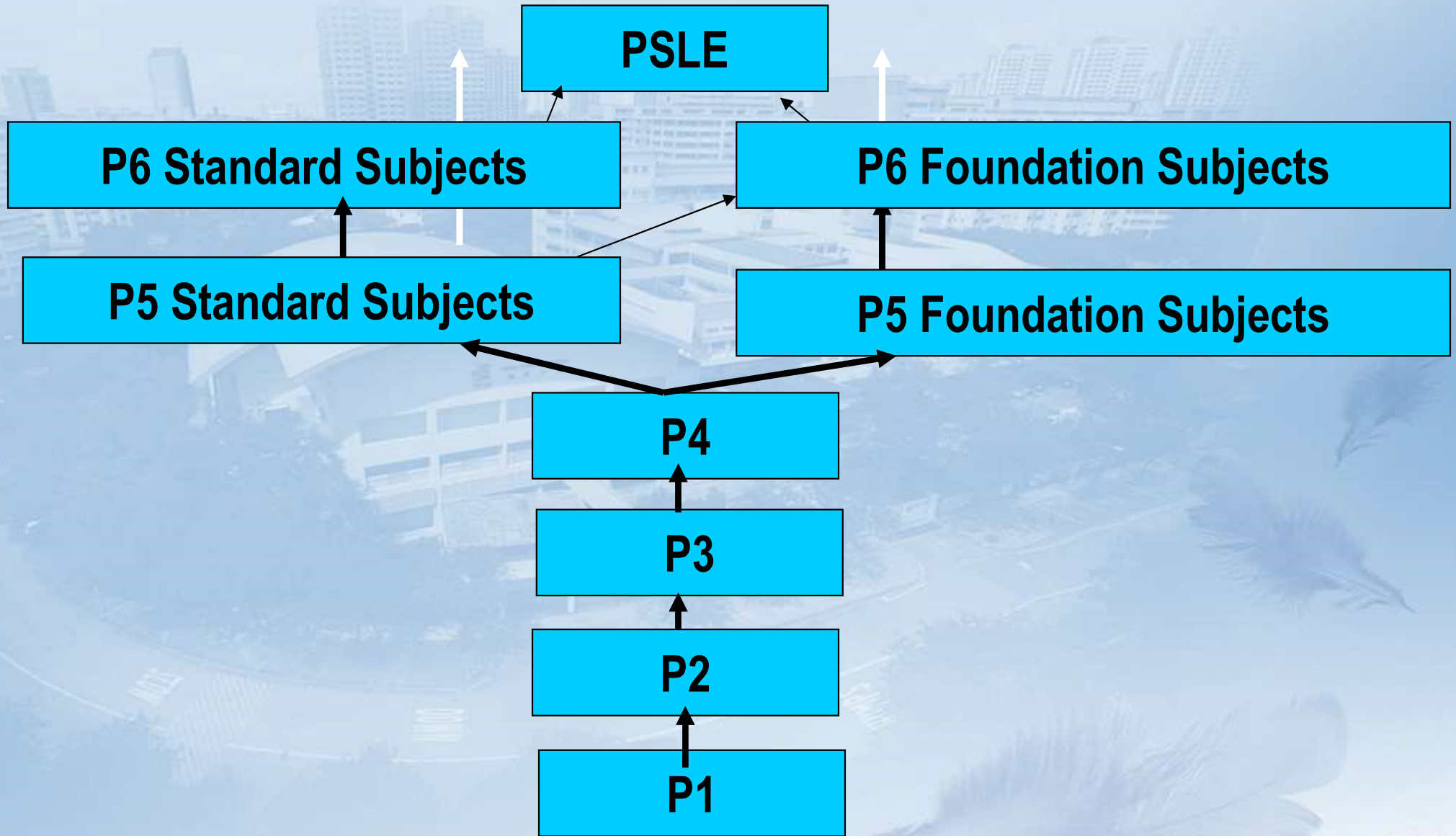
- Slido
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- Email: yuhua_ps@moe.edu.sg
- Form Teachers/ Subject Teachers
- *Slides will be uploaded onto School Website*
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SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

Subject-based banding (SBB) gives your child the opportunity to take a combination of subjects at standard and foundation levels based on their strengths.



Subject-Based Banding (2007)



Subject-Based Banding (SBB) at Primary 4 Level

Subject Combination	Subjects
4S + HMT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Standard Subjects - English / Maths / Science / Mother Tongue (MT)• 1 Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) Subject
4S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Standard Subjects - English / Maths / Science / MT
3S +1F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Standard Subjects - English / Maths / Science• 1 Foundation Subject - MT
2S +2F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Standard Subjects - English / MT• 2 Foundation Subjects - Maths / Science
4F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Foundation Subjects - English / Maths / Science / MT

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

- The current PSLE scoring system **will not change** the considerations for deciding on a student's subject combination.
- Schools will continue to recommend based on the following:
 - Student's **aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject**;
 - Student's **ability to cope** with a particular subject combination; and
 - Whether the subject combination focuses sufficiently on literacy and numeracy, and facilitates the student's articulation to secondary school and beyond.
- Offering subjects at Foundation level enables students to focus on **building up strong fundamentals in these subjects and better prepares them for progression to secondary school.**

An example of subject combination that suits a child's strength and ability

I'm good in English and Mother Tongue, but I need more support in Math and Science.

Subject-Based Banding		
	Standard Level	Foundation Level
English	√	
Mother Tongue	√	
Mathematics		√
Science		√

How does Subject-based Banding work?

School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results and other considerations.

Pass all 4 subjects and performs very well in Mother Tongue Language

- 4 Standard subjects + Higher Mother Tongue

Pass all 3 or 4 subjects

- 4 Standard subjects

Pass 2 subjects or less

- 3 Standard + 1 Foundation Subject
- 2 Standard + 2 Foundation subjects
- 4 Foundation Subjects

SBB Option Form

PART 2

PARENT'S OPTION ON PUPIL'S SUBJECT COMBINATION AT PRIMARY 5, 2022

Name of Pupil: _____ ID No. _____ Class: Pri 4 _____

I have taken note of your recommendation in **Part 1**. The subject combination I have opted for my child at Primary 5 next year is indicated by a tick (✓) in the box below.

Option	Subject Combination	Subject Combination Code	Tick (✓) 1 only
1	English, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science, Higher Mother Tongue Language	4S 1H	
2	English, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science	4S	
3	English, Mathematics, Science, Foundation Mother Tongue Language	3S 1F	
4	Foundation English, Foundation Mother Tongue Language, Foundation Mathematics, examinable Foundation Science	4F	

Part 2 – Parent's Option

Subject Combinations determined by School at the end of P5

Pupil takes a subject combination determined by the school

End of P5

Pupils who do not meet expectations

All other pupils

switch some subjects to foundation level

continue with the same subject combination

Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

End of P6

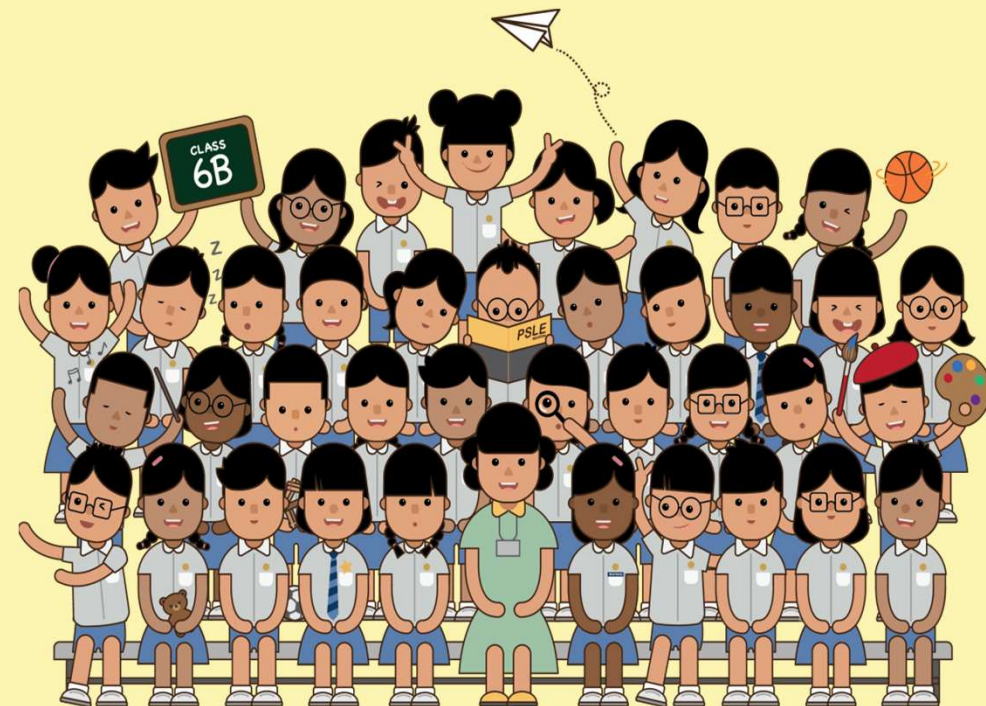
2023 P4 Year-End Examination Time Table

Date (Tentative)	Paper
9 Oct, Monday	EL & MT (Paper 1)
26 Oct, Friday	EL & MT Oral Exam
23 Oct to 26 Oct	<i>Written Papers & Listening Comprehension (LC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EL Paper 2 & LC (23 Oct, Mon)• Mathematics (24 Oct, Tues)• MT Paper 2 & LC (25 Oct, Wed)• Science (26 Oct, Thurs)

Option forms will be given to parents
after Admin Day on 8 November.

PSLE SCORING & S1 POSTING

IT'S PART OF A BIGGER STORY



THE PSLE CHANGES ARE PART OF A BIGGER STORY

Over the years, we have been fine-tuning the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths and interests, while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results.

Our changes PSLE scoring aim to:

- Reduce fine differentiation at a young age
- Recognise students' level of achievement, regardless of how their peers have done



HOW PSLE SCORING WORKS



WIDER SCORING BANDS

(a) Reduces fine differentiation of students

- Students with similar scores in each subject will be grouped into wider bands measured in 8 ALs.

(b) Reflects a student's individual level of achievement

- Unlike the current T-score, the students' AL for each subject will reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

4 SUBJECT ALs WILL BE ADDED TO FORM THE PSLE SCORE

- The PSLE Score ranges from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.
- Students will be placed in secondary school courses based on their PSLE score – Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical).

ENGLISH	AL3
MOTHER TONGUE	AL2
MATHEMATICS	AL1
SCIENCE	AL2

PSLE SCORE: 8

Posting Group	PSLE SCORE
3	4 – 20
2 or 3	21 – 22
2	23 – 24
1 or 2	25
1	26-30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA



S1 POSTING

- Academic merit, i.e. the PSLE Score, remains the first criterion for secondary school posting.
- If two students with the same PSLE Score vie for a place in a school, the following tie-breakers will be used:
 1. CITIZENSHIP
 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING









USE OF HCL FOR ADMISSION INTO SAP SCHOOLS



THIS HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE FOR ENTRY TO SAP SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE

Students who obtained a Distinction/Merit/Pass for HCL at the PSLE and an overall PSLE Score of 14 or better will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools.

- Students who obtain a Distinction / Merit / Pass in Higher Chinese Language and a PSLE Score of 14 or better are eligible for posting advantage.
- Students will be ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
 - Their HCL performance will be indicated in their PSLE Score.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 posting.

			<u>PSLE Score</u>
1st		7	NO HCL 7
2nd		8	DISTINCTION 8D
3rd		8	MERIT 8M
4th		8	PASS 8P
5th		8	NO HCL 8
6th		9	DISTINCTION 9D

ELIGIBILITY FOR HMTL IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- The eligibility criteria for taking HMTL is intended to ensure that students can cope with the higher academic load, and takes reference from the current criteria.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL HMTL

(i) PSLE Score of 8 or better

OR

(ii) PSLE Score of 9 to 14 inclusive; and attain

- AL1 / AL2 in MTL or
- Distinction / Merit in HMTL

- For students who do not meet the above criteria, secondary schools will continue to 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.

SCORING FOR FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECTS



FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES TO BE LESS FINELY DIFFERENTIATED

- Under the new AL system, Foundation subject grades will be graded in 3 scoring bands from AL A to C.
- Like Standard subject ALs, the Foundation subject ALs will reflect a student's level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

Foundation Level AL Reflected on Result Slip	Foundation Raw Mark Range
A	75 – 100
B	30 – 74
C	< 30

FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES

- For the purpose of S1 posting, Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively, to derive a student's overall PSLE Score.
- Similar to the current PSLE scoring system, this mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of their readiness to access the curriculum at the secondary level.

Foundation Level AL Reflected on Result Slip	Foundation Raw Mark Range	Equivalent Standard Subject AL	Standard Raw Mark Range
A	75 – 100	6	45-64
B	30 – 74	7	20-44
C	< 30	8	<20

SCORING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECTS FOR S1 POSTING

- A student's PSLE Score is the sum of the four AL scores across his/her Standard and Foundation subjects.
- Students taking Foundation subjects are eligible for the Express Course, as long as they meet the course placement criteria.
- With Full Subject-based Banding in secondary schools, students may also take subjects at a higher level for those that they are strong in.

ENGLISH	AL3
FOUNDATION MOTHER TONGUE	ALB (7)
FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS	ALB (7)
SCIENCE	AL5
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PSLE SCORE: 22	

Posting Group	PSLE SCORE	SUBJECT LEVEL FOR MOST SUBJECTS
3	4 – 20	G3
2 or 3	21 – 22	G2 or G3
2	23 – 24	G2
1 or 2	25	G1 or G2
1	26-30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA	G1

THANK YOU!

