

## Direct School Admission in West Spring Secondary School

1. The DSA-Sec Exercise was first introduced in 2004 as part of MOE's move towards a more flexible and broad-based education system. Under the DSA-Sec Exercise, schools will be able to select a percentage of their students for admission outside of the centralized posting system, via their own selection criteria. 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.
2. From 2026, application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be opened from May to June 2026. For more details, please refer to MOE website – [www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec).

### DSA-Sec@ West Spring Secondary School

3. West Spring Secondary School (WSSS) welcomes prospective students who demonstrate talent, passion, and ability in our identified Sports and Performing Arts talent categories. They are **Badminton, Football, Shooting** and **Choir**. Successful applicants will join WSSS in January 2027. Students who are keen to apply should possess strong level of motivation and commitment to the talent area. While achievement level and mastery in their chosen area is key, we are also scouting for students who display strong potential in their areas of choice. Generally, students should have:
  - Growth mind-set and learning disposition to cope well with the Total curriculum offered in WSSS.
  - Leadership potential to serve others
  - Passion for life and learning
  - Potential to contribute to the WSSS community
4. Students admitted into WSSS via DSA will have the opportunity to be trained and guided by professional coaches and experienced CCA Teachers in-charge. Nurturing each individual's talent area, the school seeks to provide every DSA student with quality programmes, activities, and opportunities to represent the school in competitions. Besides development in their talent area, we will monitor and motivate students to excel in their academic performance.

5. In West Spring Secondary, the 4 talent areas under DSA-Sec are:

- **Badminton;**
- **Football;**
- **Shooting;**
- **Choir.**

Our selection criteria, in general, are as follows:

- **Interest and Passion:** Applicants should demonstrate a keen interest in and passion for their respective talent areas
- **Talent and Aptitude:** Applicants should demonstrate evidence of talent and/or aptitude in their talent area
- **Conduct and Attitude for Learning:** Applicants Obtain a Conduct Grade of 'Good' or better in Primary 5 (Overall) & Primary 6 (Mid-year)
- **Leadership:** Applicants should role model good values and demonstrate the commitment to serve others.

| Talent Area     | Description   | Selection Criteria  | Selection Process   |
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| <b>Shooting</b> | Participate in the following talent development programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participate in National School Games</li> <li>• Coaching Junior Players</li> <li>• External School competitions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medically fit for physical activities</li> <li>• Perfect vision or,</li> <li>• Should applicants suffer from Myopia: the conditions must be correctable to 20/20 and less than 500 degrees when uncorrected.</li> <li>• Experience in shooting sports participation or external training</li> <li>• Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.</li> </ul> | Applicants are required to attend an interview and selection trial (Jul/Aug)<br><br><b>Applicants will be selected based on the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strength test (weight of Pistol)</li> <li>• Shooting Trial (Based on groupings and scores)</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Football</b></p> | <p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Coaching of junior players</li> <li>• National School Games (NSG)</li> <li>• External football competitions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medically fit for physical activities</li> <li>• Demonstrate aptitude in, and passion for Football</li> <li>• Applicants who are in the primary school football team or training in external clubs are encouraged to apply.</li> <li>• Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.</li> </ul> | <p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and selection trial( Jul/Aug)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants will be asked to demonstrate skills pertaining to football.</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Badminton</b></p> | <p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership opportunities</li> <li>• Participate in National School Games</li> <li>• Coaching of Junior Players</li> <li>• External School competitions</li> <li>• Planning and organisation of intra and inter-class programmes or inter-school friendly games.</li> <li>• Day camps</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Medically fit for physical activities.</li> <li>● Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Badminton.</li> <li>● Applicants who are in the primary school Badminton team or training in external clubs are encouraged to apply.</li> <li>● Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.</li> </ul> | <p>Applicants are required to attend an interview and selection trial (Jul/Aug)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicants will be asked to demonstrate skills pertaining to Badminton.</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Choir</b></p> | <p>Participate in the following talent development programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participate in the SYF Arts Presentations</li> <li>● External school competitions</li> <li>● Coaching of juniors / beginner singers</li> <li>● Student leadership opportunities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strong proficiency in singing</li> <li>● Substantial experience in vocal performance</li> <li>● Applicants who do not have prior experience may also apply. The school will assess applicants based on the selection criteria, which may include assessing the potential of the applicants.</li> </ul> | <p>Applicants are required to attend an audition and interview conducted in school (July / Aug).</p> <p>Applicants may also bring along relevant exam certificates and testimonials during the audition.</p> <p>Applicants will be selected based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aptitude in singing / vocal performance</li> </ul> |
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## Application Process

6. **Online application (6 May – 2 Jun 2026)** Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 6 May 2026, 11am to 2 Jun 2026, 4.30pm. For more details, please refer to MOE website – [www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec). Parents/ guardians who are unable to apply online can approach their child’s primary school for assistance. Applicants NOT studying in MOE mainstream primary schools, including Returning Singaporeans and International Students, will need to apply for a Registration Numbers (RGxxxxxxx) before they can apply through the DSA-Sec Portal – please refer to MOE website at: <https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application>.
7. There is no need to submit any supporting documents during the online application stage. Your child’s primary school records (for example, P5 academic results, CCA, school-based activities, achievements, or awards) will be automatically shared with the schools.

8. An applicant can indicate up to 3 choices. A maximum of 2 choices for the same school under two different talent areas of that school.
9. You can update, withdraw, and re-submit your application during the application period. Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. **The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 6 May 2026, 11am to 2 Jun 2026, 4.30pm.** For more details, please refer to MOE website – [www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec](http://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec).
10. **Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the student's aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the school's academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent.**
11. **Trials, selection test, and interviews (July to August).** You will receive notification from us by **Fri 10 Jul 2026**, if your child has been shortlisted to undergo Direct School Admission (DSA) selection trials/auditions/interviews.
12. **Notification of outcome by school (between 17-28 Aug).** Applicants will be notified of the outcomes between 17-28 August 2026. The school's decision is final. The school reserves the right not to release the reasons for non-selection of applicants.
13. Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.
14. Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are required to honour their commitment to the school and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for from year 1-4.
15. For further enquiries, please email [westspringss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:westspringss@moe.edu.sg).