

### FAQ for Sec 3 Placement (NA/NT)

#### Administration

- 1. Will Sec 2NA students be promoted to 3 Express if they have achieved 70% average marks?**

To be promoted to 3 Express, the student must attain a minimum 70% score for all subjects and be deemed to be able to cope well academically. The school will base the decision on input from the relevant academic Heads of Department.

- 2. If a 2NT student obtains 70% overall, can he/she be promoted to Sec 3NA?**

No. 2NT will only be laterally transferred to 2NA, not 3NA so that the students have an opportunity to experience in doing the NA subjects for a year as subjects offered in NT course are different.

- 3. If a 2NT student is laterally transferred to 2NA, will he/she follow the NA curriculum? Will his/ her progression be 3NA, 4NA (take GCE N(A) Exam), 5NA (take GCE O level Exam)?**

Yes.

- 4. To qualify for promotion from Sec 2NA to 3Express, must students attain a minimum 70% score for overall or 70% each subject?**

Students who obtain 70% or higher (average of all subjects) and deemed able to cope with Express course can be laterally transferred to Sec 3 Express.

- 5. What is the placement process when a student is laterally transferred from Sec 2NA to 3Express at the end of the year?**

If your child is eligible to laterally transfer to 3 Express at end of the year, they will be informed and will be eligible to make their choice from the Express subjects' combination.

- 6. Does the school allow NA stream students to take a subject at O level when they achieve 70% for the subject this year?**

No. The student must attain a minimum 75% score for the subject and be deemed to be able to cope well in the subject.

- 7. If a student passes 4 subjects at GCE N(A) Level Exam, can he/she go to Secondary 5?**

He / She will qualify for ITE and not Secondary 5.

**8. Can CCA points be used for application for entrance to PFP, DPP and Higher Nitec?**

CCA points cannot be used for PFP, DPP and Higher Nitec. But if students choose to go Sec 5, and stay in the same CCA at Sec 5, CCA bonus points can be used to compute your net aggregate score for posting to polytechnic.

**9. Is the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) only offered to NA students?**

Yes.

**10. How are the Out-Of-Stream (OOS) subject marks computed in the aggregate for Polytechnic admission?**

The marks for OOS subjects will be converted accordingly to N Level marks. There are no bonus points for OOS subjects. The conversion is shown in the presentation slides. Please visit our school website to retrieve these slides.

**11. Are both NITEC/Higher Nitec offered at ITE?**

Yes, there are 2-year Nitec courses and 3-year Higher Nitec courses available for NA/NT students. To apply, you may check out more information in the ITE portal at [www.ite.edu.sg](http://www.ite.edu.sg)

**12. Does NT students taking SBB have to complete 5 years of secondary education before going to ITE/Nitec?**

No, NT students will be taking their national examination at the end of Secondary 4 and move to the next stage of education at ITE.

**13. Do NT students, regardless of SBB, only have the ITE path (Nitec/Higher Nitec) in the next stage of education?**

Yes, Nitec or Higher Nitec. However, whether it is Nitec or Higher Nitec would depend on their performances for the various subjects. NT students taking SBB subjects at a higher demanding level can enjoy the grade conversion.

**14. How many subjects do students need to pass to be admitted to ITE?**

It will largely depend on the course he / she wants to pursue. For instance, some courses will state:

3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in Mathematics or Science\* and two other subjects and some other courses may state:

3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English Language and two other subjects

**15. How many subjects do students need to pass to enter Higher Nitec?**

It will largely depend on the course he / she wants to pursue.

**Nature of subjects**

**16. What are the English and Mother Tongue subjects in N(T) known as?**

English Language Syllabus T and Basic Mother Tongue are subjects offered to N(T) stream students.

**Eligibility and combination selection**

**17. Can NA students choose Additional Math as an O Level subject?**

There is no option to offer O Level A Math to 3NA students. Students can choose to take N Level A Math together with O Level Math.

**18. Can students select Literature if he/she is promoted from Sec 2NA to 3Express?**

Yes. There is an option to take Literature if they are promoted to 3Express.

**19. Will Sec 4 students taking O Level E Mathematics skip their N level E Mathematics paper and take only O level E Math paper?**

Yes. In Sec 4, he/she will only sit for O level E Math paper.

**20. Why are Literature and Food Consumer Education not offered?**

While one of the considerations for subjects offered is manpower availability, the school also studies data of subject offering over the years and decides on subjects to be offered.

**21. Is there a need for non-Out-Of-Stream students doing N Level A Mathematics to take O Level Mathematics?**

Yes, this is to ensure that the students can cope with the rigour of A Mathematics.