



Direct School Admission in Yishun Secondary School

General Information about Direct School Admission (Secondary) 2020

The Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec) scheme provides students with the opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school, based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents that they can demonstrate beyond the PSLE.

From 2020, application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be opened from 12 May to 5 June 2020. For more details, please refer to MOE website – www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec.

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.

DSA-Sec @Yishun Secondary School

All Secondary One students admitted to our school via DSA-Sec will benefit from our talent development programmes to **develop their potential**, and/or to be groomed to be **leaders** in their respective talent areas. They will develop both performance and moral character through our customised programme as they grow within their respective CCAs and student development programmes.

In Yishun Secondary, the 5 talent areas under DSA-Sec are:

1. **Media:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media, they can look forward to be part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), and/or take part in CCAs such as Audio-Visual Aid (AVA) Club, Aperture Club (Photography and Videography).
2. **Music:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music, they can look forward to be part of our school's Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), Pop Music Performance and Music Creation, and/or in CCAs such as Choir, Guzheng Ensemble and Symphonic Band. Students who enter Yishun Secondary in the Normal (Technical) stream will have the opportunity to offer Music Syllabus T at the GCE N (T)-Level Examination.
3. **Dance:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Dance, they can be involved in dance performances at our school-based art showcases, as well as be part of school's cultural dance CCAs such as **Malay Dance** or **Indian Dance**. For students who demonstrate an aptitude and passion in contemporary, hip-hop and street dance, they can be part of the **Modern Dance**. They can be involved in external competitions that will

further develop their dance techniques and their character. Students will learn to lead, to care and to empathise as they plan and train for concerts and competitions.

4. **Drama-English:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Drama, they can participate in script writing workshops, gain exposure to different theatre forms, and be part of our D'Lite Club (English Drama CCA). Students are given opportunities to hone their leadership qualities and enhance their skills related to the craft.
5. **Basketball:** For students who demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball, they can look forward to planning and organising intra and inter school programmes, participate in National School Games and be a participant in Yishun Goes Global Programme.

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 should demonstrate evidence of good conduct in school, as well as a positive attitude for learning and demeanour

Talent Area	Student's experience in Yishun Secondary School	Selection Criteria	Selection Process
Media	<p>Audio-Visual Aid (AVA) Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Planning and organisation of school programmes • Recording Studio Workshop • Live Sound Workshop <p>Aperture Club (Photography and Videography)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Planning and organisation of school programmes • Photography and Editing Workshop • Video Editing Workshop (Adobe Premier Pro) • Participation as Student Photographers in school and external events <p><i>The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Yishun Secondary is Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), which is infused in our curriculum and CCAs such as Aperture and AVA clubs.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Media • Shortlisted students will be requested to submit their existing portfolio of work if they are shortlisted • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Media are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 (Video Conference Interview)</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and provide e-submission of samples of student's past work.</p> <p>For the e-submission in Stage 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Photography Applicants may submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sample of at least 3 original photographs 2. Videography Applicants may submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sample of an original video creation (duration of the video should be between 1 to 2 minutes) 3. Other Visual or Media Art (print making, filmmaking, poster design, drawing, etc) Applicants may submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sample of an original creation

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Music	<p>Choir/Guzheng Ensemble/Symphonic Band</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Participation in student leaders' workshops and conferences • Choir/Guzheng/Symphonic Band exchanges with other secondary schools • Master classes and workshops • Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations • Performance at <i>YSS Arts Extravaganza</i> • Training to be a student conductor (Choir and Symphonic Band) • Participation in local music festivals and competitions <p>Pop Music Performance and Music Creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Production and Song Writing Workshop with professional music producer. • Performances within and outside of school • Performance at <i>YSS Arts Extravaganza</i> • Participation in local music festivals and competitions <p><i>The Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Yishun Secondary is Sonic Arts (Music, Media and Technology), which is infused in our curriculum and Performing Arts CCAs.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Music • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc) • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Music are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 (Video Conference Interview)</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and provide e-submission of samples of student's past work or performance.</p> <p>For the e-submission in Stage 2 Duration of the video performance should be between 1 to 2 minutes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Guzheng Ensemble/Symphonic Band Applicants may submit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A video of past performance Pop Music Performance and Music Creation Applicants may submit a video on either one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing a verse and chorus of a pop/original song • Perform a song on any musical instrument • Present an original digital music creation

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Dance	<p>Indian Dance/Malay Dance/Modern Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Training to become student choreographer • Master classes and workshops • Performance at <i>Arts Extravaganza</i> • Performance at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations • Performances within and outside of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Cultural Dance, Contemporary, hip-hop and/or street dance. • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc) • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Dance are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 (Video Conference Interview)</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and provide e-submission of samples of student's past performance.</p> <p>For the e-submission in Stage 2 Duration of the video performance should be between 1 to 2 minutes</p> <p>Applicants may submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a video of past performance on a dance routine in their chosen dance genre (Indian, Malay or Modern Dance)

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Drama - English	D'lite Club (English Drama) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Performance at <i>Arts Extravaganza</i> • Script writing workshop • Exposure to different theatre forms • Performances within and outside of school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Drama • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. SYF, competitions etc) • Students <u>without</u> any prior experience or formal training in Drama are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 (Video Conference Interview)</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and provide e-submission of samples of student's past performance.</p> <p>For the e-submission in Stage 2 Duration of the performance should be between 1 to 2 minutes.</p> <p>Applicants may submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a video of past performance that deliver a dramatic performance with a prepared prose/play/scene

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Basketball	<p>Basket Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership opportunities • Participate in National School Games • Coaching junior players • Planning and organisation of intra and inter school programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate aptitude and passion in Basketball • Preferably have represented their primary schools in National/International events (e.g. National School Games, etc) • Students who are <u>not</u> in the primary school basketball team are <u>also</u> encouraged to apply 	<p><u>Stage 1 (Application)</u> Application will be conducted online. Do submit the child's application online through the DSA-Sec portal.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 (Video Conference Interview)</u> Applicants may be required to attend a video conference interview and provide e-submission of samples of student's past performance / matches.</p> <p>Basketball Skills Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants may undergo a basketball skill assessment which includes evaluation on Ball handling skills, Game awareness and Teamwork <p>For the e-submission in stage 2 Duration of the video performance should be between 1 to 2 minutes</p> <p>Applicants may submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a video of a basketball match or competition participated previously, or • a video demonstrating basketball movements

Yishun Secondary School DSA (Sec) 2020 Timeline

Date	Activity
12 May – 5 June	Application Window (for Primary 6 students)
1 July – 14 September	Selection trials: Video Conference Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="622 643 1816 675">• Shortlisted applicants will be informed by the school on details of the interview/audition<li data-bbox="622 703 1951 799">• Shortlisted applicants may submit video(s) of past performances/matches or photo(s) of their own works/creation (depending on the DSA talent area) prior to the video conference interview
15 – 17 September	Applicants will be informed of the selection outcome