



Gan Eng Seng School

Direct School Admission (DSA) Exercise 2025

Applied Learning Programme

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Overview



Gan Eng Seng School (GESS) welcomes Primary 6 students to participate in the 2025 Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec) Exercise for Admission to Secondary One in 2026.



GESS prides itself as being one of the few secondary schools in Singapore with a rich heritage which spans more than 140 years.

What is Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec)?



- ❑ DSA-Sec Exercise was introduced in 2004.
- ❑ DSA-Sec Exercise seeks to promote holistic education.
- ❑ Direct School Admission (DSA) 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 Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).



Criteria for Applications

STEM (Boys & Girls)

Applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Mathematics or Science, have an inquiring mind, and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Demonstrate creative ways in problem-solving.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) **STEM assessment; and**
- b) **interview**

Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted / given an offer. Due to different profiles of applicants, selection/ shortlisting trends may differ year on year.

STEM



Criteria for Applications

Basketball (Boys)

Male applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Basketball and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) general physical ability test;
- b) talent-specific test; and
- c) interview

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Sports



Criteria for Applications

Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

Applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Cross Country and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) general physical ability test;
- b) talent-specific test; and
- c) interview

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Sports



Criteria for Applications

Football (Boys)

Male applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Football and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) general physical ability test;
- b) talent-specific test; and
- c) interview

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Sports



Criteria for Applications

Table Tennis (Girls)

Female applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Table Tennis and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Have attained at least a NAPFA 'Silver' Award or better in Primary 6.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the trial and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) general physical ability test;
- b) talent-specific test; and
- c) interview

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Sports



Criteria for Applications

Choir (Boys & Girls)

Applicants should:

1. Have a passion for singing/ music and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Be willing to perform with musicality and confident stage presence as part of the Performing Arts.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) a solo vocal performance [to be pre-prepared];
- b) a talent-specific test; and
- c) interview

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Performing Arts



Criteria for Applications

English Drama (Boys & Girls)

Applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Drama productions and acting, and be able to work well in a team; and
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) a solo performance [to be pre-prepared];
- b) a dramatic delivery based on a short monologue provided; and
- c) interview

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Performing Arts



Criteria for Applications

Marching Band (Boys & Girls)

Applicants should:

1. Have a passion for music and playing in an ensemble, and be able to work well in a team; and
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) a solo performance [to be pre-prepared] on relevant Band instrument(s);
- b) aural tests and playing of scales; and
- c) interview

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Performing Arts



Criteria for Applications

Modern Dance (Boys & Girls)

Applicants should:

1. Have a passion for Dance and be able to work well in a team;
2. Have obtained a Conduct Grade of 'Very Good' or better in Primary 5 and 6; and
3. Exhibit a passion for dance and is able to express creativity in dance routines.

Only short-listed applicants will be invited to the school for the audition and an interview.

The session consists of:

- a) a solo dance performance [to be pre-prepared];
- b) a performance reproduced based on a dance sequence provided; and
- c) interview

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Performing Arts



For more information on DSA Categories

DSA	URL
STEM (Boys & Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/nuturegess/celebrating-the-good/gess-distinctive-programm/gess-probes-alp/
Basketball (Boys)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/basketball/
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/cross-country/
Football (Boys)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/football/
Table Tennis (Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/sports/table-tennis/



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Choir (Boys & Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/choir/
English Drama (Boys & Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/drama/
Marching Band (Boys & Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/band/
Modern Dance (Boys & Girls)	https://www.ganengsengsch.moe.edu.sg/cca/performing-arts/contemporary-dance/



Flow Chart for DSA-Sec Application

DSA-Sec Application to GESS

Applied Learning Programme (STEM)

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Submit application by **3 Jun 2025, Tuesday** by **3 pm** via
MOE online DSA-Sec Portal

Interviews / Trials for shortlisted applicants

22, 24, 25 & 29 July, 1 Aug 2025

GESS will notify all applicants on one of the following three outcomes via post by **4 September 2025**:

- ☐ Confirmed Offer
- ☐ Waiting List
- ☐ Unsuccessful



Important Schedule (I)

Date	Day	Details
7 May 2025, 11am to 3 Jun 2025, 3pm	Wed	<p>Opening Date and time for DSA applications. Application for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and will be open from 7 May 2025, 11am to 3 Jun 2025, 3pm.</p> <p>For more details, please refer to MOE website: www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec.</p>
3 Jun 2025 (by 3 pm)	Tue	<p>Closing Date and Time for DSA applications. No late applications will be entertained.</p> <p>Meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.</p>
22 Jul 2025 24 Jul 2025 25 Jul 2025 29 Jul 2025 1 Aug 2025	Tue Thu Fri Tue Fri	<p>Shortlisted candidates will be contacted to attend the DSA interview and trial/audition.</p> <p>Shortlisted candidates are to bring all additional relevant documents (non-school based experiences and competitions) on day of interview / trial.</p>



Important Schedule (II)

Date	Day	Details
4 Sep 2025	Mon	All applicants will be informed of the selection outcome by Gan Eng Seng School <u>via post</u> .
27 Oct to 31 Oct 2025	Mon to Fri	<p>Students are required to submit their School Preference Submission (SPS) from <u>27 Oct 2025, 9am</u> to <u>31 Oct 2025, 3pm</u> to MOE.</p> <p>Please note that DSA-Sec offers will be considered lapsed if students do not submit their School Preference Submission (SPS) to MOE during this period.</p>



Important Notes for Applicants (I)



Category

Details

Additional notice

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.

Additional notice

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.



Important Notes for Applicants (II)



Category	Details
Applications that are not accepted	The school shall not accept the following applications: a) incomplete applications; b) application not sent via MOE online DSA-Sec Portal; and c) late submission.
Interviews and Trials	Only for shortlisted applicants.
Upon admission via DSA	Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school, and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for from year 1-4.



Contact Information (I)

DSA Category	Name of Teacher	Email
STEM (Science) (Boys & Girls)	Mdm Goh Yuh Mein	goh_yuh_mein@schools.gov.sg
STEM (Mathematics) (Boys & Girls)	Mr Marcus Quek Zhi Whui	quek_zhi_whui@ @schools.gov.sg
Basketball (Boys)	Mr. Tay Chew Woo	tay_chew_woo@schools.gov.sg
Football (Boys)	Mr. Chee Fook Sing	chee_fook_sing@schools.gov.sg
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	Mr. Tan Yong Geng	tan_yong_geng@schools.gov.sg



Contact Information (II)

DSA Category	Name of Teacher	Email
Table Tennis (Girls)	Mr. Jeffrey Phua	phua_jeffrey@schools.gov.sg
Choir (Boys & Girls)	Mrs. Chandrima Roy	chandrima_roy@schools.gov.sg
English Drama (Boys & Girls)	Mdm Geetha d/o Muthu	geetha_muthu@schools.gov.sg
Modern Dance (Boys & Girls)	Mdm. Asnur Mursalin Bte Aspar	asnur_mursalin_aspar@schools.gov.sg
Marching Band (Boys & Girls)	Ms. Herianti Samsudin	herianti_samsudin@schools.gov.sg



**Thank You
for your interest in joining us.**



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