

DUNMAN HIGH SCHOOL
2020 DSA-SECONDARY EXERCISE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the DSA Domain Criteria for this year DSA Exercise?

There are six Domain Criteria for the DSA 2020 and they are:

- Bilingualism
- Music Elective Programme
- Performing Arts (Chinese Orchestra, Choir, String Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Chinese & International Dance)
- Sports (Badminton, Basketball, Sailing, Shooting, Softball (for girls only), Table Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wushu)
- Leadership (Girl Guides, NPCC, Scouts, SJB)
- STEM (Mathematics, Science, Infocomm, Robotics)

2. Can the student apply to join Dunman High School even if he/she did not offer Higher Chinese in his/her primary school

Yes, the student may apply for admission even if he/she did not offer Higher Chinese (HCL) in his/her primary school. However he/she is required to offer HCL once he/she is posted to DHS. (Please refer to Q3 below).

3. Must I take up Higher Chinese Language (HCL) if I am posted to DHS?

DHS is a SAP school and SAP schools nurture students to be proficient in both English Language (EL) and Chinese Language (CL) and to have a good understanding and appreciation of Chinese Culture. Students posted to our school are required to offer HCL.

4. How do I submit my DSA application?

From 2019, application for DSA-Sec can only be submitted through the on-line DSA-Sec portal (www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec). The application is free of charge and will be opened from 12 May to 5 Jun 2020. You would need a Singpass login of one of the parents to access the portal.

5. How does a student from a non-mainstream primary school apply for the DSA-SEC.

The student is required to obtain a registration number from MOE Customer Service Centre.

6. How many choices can I exercise in the application?

An applicant can indicate up to three (3) choices. Each choice consists of a secondary school and a talent area offered by that secondary school. Maximum choices for each DSA-Sec school: Of the three choices, an applicant may use a maximum of two choices to apply to the same school, for two different talent areas of that school.

7. When is the DHS e-Open House?

Saturday, 23 May 2020.

8. When is the closing date for the 2020 DSA Ex?

The centralised application is opened from 9am on 12 May to 3pm on 5 June 2020.

9. When will the trials for the CCAs be conducted?

1 July to 21 August 2020

10. When will the applicants be notified of the outcome of the DSA application?

Letters informing applicants on the outcome will be issued by 14 September 2020.

11. What is the quota for DSA intake this year? What about the breakdown of DSA intake based on the academic and non-academic domains?

Based on past years' record, IP schools take in 30-35% of each cohort through the DSA. We do not have a pre-determined percentage of successful DSA applicants for academic and non-academic domains.

12. Is leadership experience (for example, prefectorial board) in the primary school a criteria for DSA selection?

Leadership experience would be a key criteria for selection of applicants for Leadership (UG) Talent Area. While it is not a key selection criteria for other DSA Talent Areas, it would also be considered during our selection process.

13. What is meant by 'strong (overall) academic results'? Is there a fixed mark the school is looking at?

We need to ensure a certain level of academic achievement in primary school as it serves as an indicator of how well the students are able to cope with the academic rigour of an IP school. However, we do not have a fixed mark for this criterion as we consider each applicant *holistically*, including their achievement in their talent area and personal qualities.

14. If a student is successful in the DSA application, what will the student still need to obtain for PSLE T-score?

If a student is successful in the DSA application and given a Confirmed Offer, he/she is guaranteed a place in the school provided that he/she accepts the offer and qualifies for the Express course based on his/her PSLE results.