

## Direct School Admission 2023 (for Secondary 1 cohort of 2024)

DSA-Sec aims to promote holistic education and provides Primary 6 (P6) students an opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE).

Parents and students are encouraged to choose schools wisely based on the students' aptitudes and strengths, bearing in mind the school's academic and non-academic requirements, and the programmes available to develop the area of talent.

Students who are successfully admitted to a 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 Sec 1 - 4 or 5.

## Direct School Admission to CHIJ Secondary (for Secondary 1 cohort of 2024)

**CHIJ Secondary** is a vibrant community of students and staff who strive for excellence in literary and oral skills, language and the arts, as well as sports. The nurturing and caring environment develops in students a variety of life skills through joyous participation in school life, guided by moral values which are rooted in our school's mission.

An IJ education prepares students to face life's challenge by nurturing in them a faith in God, a spirit of concern for others and a passion for life-long learning and innovative skills. To find out more about CHIJ Secondary, you may visit our school website ([www.chijsec.edu.sg](http://www.chijsec.edu.sg)) or our Virtual Open House page (<https://sites.google.com/chijsec.edu.sg/virtualopenhouse/homeij>)

CHIJ Secondary will also be hosting a **ZOOM Webinar** to help interested parents and students find out more about the DSA process and how their daughters may benefit from a CHIJ Secondary education. You may register for the DSA Webinar [here](#).

As an **Autonomous School**, CHIJ Secondary admits **up to 20%** of our Secondary One cohort through the Direct School Admission Exercise.

If you possess talent in our niche areas and are enthusiastic about pursuing a holistic IJ education in an exciting and challenging environment that brings out the best in you, we invite you to apply now to be a part of the CHIJ family!

## Our Niche Areas and Admission Criteria for DSA Selection

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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.

Please declare any medical issues. Any non- or false declarations may result in you losing your DSA place in the school.

| Talent Areas        | Selection Process 1<br>(Talent-Area Specific)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Selection Process 2<br>(Group Interview)                                                                                                  | Programmes and opportunities<br>for successful applicants                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Badminton           | Students will be asked to demonstrate their fundamental sports skills, sports-specific skills and also their in-depth knowledge of the sport.<br><br>The specific tasks will be made known to them after the application period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | A face-to-face interview with key personnel in the school will be conducted for students to assess their commitment and motivation level. | Successful applicants will be involved in school team training, with the opportunity to represent the school in National Inter-School Competitions, as well as other related sports competitions.                                 |
| Basketball          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Bowling             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Netball             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Rhythmic Gymnastics |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Tennis              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Track & Field       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Concert Band        | Students will be asked to play their band instrument.<br><b>Band instruments that are eligible for DSA are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Woodwind instruments</b> such as clarinet, bassoon, oboe, flute and saxophone.</li> <li>● <b>Percussion instruments</b> like different types of drums and xylophones.</li> <li>● <b>Brass instruments</b> such as the trumpet, trombone, tuba, trumpet and euphonium</li> </ul> <p>The specific details of what they would be required to play will be made known to them after the application period.</p> |                                                                                                                                           | Successful applicants will be involved in CCA training sessions, with the opportunity to represent the school in Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations, as well as related performances and local or overseas competitions. |

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| Choir    | Students will be asked to sing acapella and without a score. The specific songs to be sung will be made known to them after the application period.                                                      |  |                                                                                                                                                      |
| Debating | Students will be asked to provide a personal response to a resource regarding a current affairs matter. The specific current affairs matter will be made known to the students nearer to the trial date. |  | Successful applicants will be involved with school team training, with the opportunity to represent the school in related inter-school competitions. |

Please take note that meeting all the criteria does not guarantee that the student will be shortlisted/given an offer.

## Admission Guide

1. Apply via <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>
2. Application will close at **on Wednesday, 31 May 2023 (Singapore Time)**.
3. Applications that are sent through post, fax or e-mail **will not** be entertained. All applications must be submitted via the DSA portal.
4. Applicants will be informed of the trials and interview **by email**. It is the responsibility of parents to check their SPAM folders, so as to avoid missing emails that have been sent regarding the trials and interviews. Make-up trials/interviews will not be conducted.
5. Successful DSA-Sec candidates are NOT allowed to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools. Your child will receive their DSA-Sec allocation results, together with their PSLE results. They will also not be allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results as students are expected to honour their commitment to the posted DSA school for the duration of the programme that they are admitted to.
6. For any enquiries, please contact

**DSA Coordinator (CHIJ Secondary)**  
(9.00 am to 5.00 pm on weekdays)  
Tel: 6353 4972; Email: [chijtpss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:chijtpss@moe.edu.sg)  
(Subject: DSA Enquiries)

## Important Dates

| Process                                                                         | Date / Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Application opens                                                               | 11am, Thursday, 4 May 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>CHIJ Secondary Zoom Webinar for Direct School Admission (DSA)</b>            | Date: May 17, 2023 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM Singapore<br><a href="https://moe-singapore.zoom.us/j/85935263951">https://moe-singapore.zoom.us/j/85935263951</a><br>Meeting ID: 859 3526 3951<br>Passcode: CHIJdsa<br><br><a href="#">Register via this link</a> |
| <b>Closing date for submission of application form and supporting documents</b> | 3pm, Wednesday, 31 May 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Face-to-face trials and Interviews for Talent Areas</b>                      | 26 June, 2023, Monday to 11 September 2023, Monday (Applicants will be informed of the specific dates/times of their interviews around end-June)                                                                                                          |
| <b>Notification Email to DSA students (Outcome of application)</b>              | By 11 September, 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **A. ADMISSION TO CHIJ SECONDARY**

### **1. What is Direct School Admission (DSA)?**

Direct School Admission (DSA) gives schools the flexibility in selecting students in the niche areas as specified by the individual schools. This also allows Primary 6 students to be recognised on a more diverse range of achievements and talents.

### **2. Is there an admission quota for DSA in CHIJ Secondary?**

CHIJ Secondary admits up to 20% of her Secondary 1 students via DSA.

### **3. How much flexibility is given to CHIJ Secondary to select students?**

Schools can decide on their own admission criteria. However, primary school students must achieve PSLE results that would enable them to be eligible for admission to the stream/course being offered by the school.

### **4. Can I apply to CHIJ Secondary through another CCA not listed in the school's niche areas?**

No. Applicants may only apply through the talent areas listed.

### **5. Must I still sit for PSLE if I have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) for CHIJ Secondary?**

Yes, students must sit for the PSLE, even though they have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) from CHIJ Secondary.

### **6. Can a student below Primary 6 apply for DSA?**

No, admission to Secondary 1 is only for Primary 6 students or its equivalent.

### **7. What is the closing date for submission of DSA application to CHIJ Secondary?**

The closing date for submission is Wednesday, 31 May 2023. Late applications will not be considered.

### **8. Can I still opt for CHIJ Secondary in the Posting Exercise if I do not make it through the DSA selection rounds?**

Yes, you can still choose CHIJ Secondary in the Centralised Posting Exercise, after you have received your PSLE results. However, this admission will be solely based on your PSLE results and availability of places in the school.

### **9. Can I apply for more than one niche areas?**

Yes. CHIJ Secondary allows you to apply to more than one niche area, but you will be chosen based on ONE programme only. For instance, if you apply for DSA through Netball and Basketball and you are successful, you will only get a Confirmed Offer based on either Netball or Basketball.

### **10. Where can I get more information regarding DSA?**

For more details regarding DSA- Secondary, please visit the MOE DSA Website.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec>

## **B. CHIJ SELECTION PROCESS**

### **1. How does CHIJ Secondary select the students?**

Face-to-face Trials will be conducted by the respective CCA Teacher-in-Charge and coaches/instructors. There will also be an interview conducted with school leaders and selected key personnel.

### **2. When will I be notified of the trials and interviews?**

Letters of notifications will be sent **by email** to applicants informing them of the e-trials and e-interview dates/time.

### **3. Will I receive a letter if I am not short-listed for the trial and/or interview?**

You **will not** receive a notification email if you are **not short-listed** for the trial and/or interview.

### **4. When will I know if I have been selected?**

The outcome of DSA applications (successful or unsuccessful) will be released by **11 September, via email**.

## **C. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS**

### **1. Do I still have to take part in the MOE Posting Exercise if I am selected by CHIJ Secondary?**

Students will receive their DSA-Sec allocation results, together with their PSLE results. Students who are successfully allocated to their DSA-Sec schools will NOT be allowed to participate in the annual Sec 1 Posting Exercise to opt for secondary schools, and are expected to honour the commitment to the allocated DSA Sec school for the entire duration of the programme.

They will also NOT be allowed to transfer to another school after the release of the PSLE results.

However, you will still be issued an Option form, where you will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in elective programmes that you are eligible for.



## Useful MOE weblinks

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| DSA-Sec Main Webpage                                  | <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec">https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec</a>                     |
| Instructions on Application (Mainstream students)     | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/dsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/dsa-sec-application</a>       |
| Instructions on Application (Non Mainstream Students) | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application">https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application</a> |
| Direct to DSA-Sec Portal (Mainstream Students)        | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec">https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec</a>                   |
| Direct to DSA-Sec Portal (Non Mainstream Students)    | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms">https://go.gov.sg/apply-dsa-sec-nms</a>           |
| DSA-Sec iFAQs                                         | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaq">https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secfaq</a>                         |
| DSA-Sec School Finder                                 | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder">https://go.gov.sg/dsa-secschfinder</a>             |