

(A) Administration**1. Will the presentation slides shown during Placement Briefing be provided to parents?**

The information will be provided on the school website.

2. Is the allocation of subjects based on subject merit of End of Year Exam only, or overall Sec 2 results?

Subject allocation by merit is based on overall Sec 2 results.

3. How will students know which subject combination they are eligible for?

After End-of-Year examinations, students will be shown their Overall percentage score for all subjects. This will allow students to check if they have met the criteria for subjects such as A Math and Pure Sciences, thereby knowing which subject combination they are eligible for.

4. Does the school allow G2 students to take a subject at G3 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.

5. Do students remain in their current Sec 2 class regardless of which combination they choose?

Students will remain in their current form class as they progress into Upper Sec, regardless of the subject combination they are allocated.

(B) Nature of Subjects**1. Can G2 students take Additional Mathematics (A Math) at G3 Level?**

There is no option to offer G3 A Math to G2 students. Students can choose to take G2 A Math and G3 Math.

2. What does 'elective subject' mean?

Elective subjects mean under the option of the subject combination, the student will only select one of the subjects offered.

For example, in the elective subject of A Math/Art, students can select only one but not both subjects in the combination.

3. What is Science PC/CB?

This is the shortened form of the names of the elective subjects Science (Physics, Chemistry) and Science (Chemistry, Biology). As this is an elective subject, students will select either one but not both.

4. What does SSGY and SSHY stand for?

These are the shortened forms of the elective subjects Humanities (Social Studies, Geography) and Humanities (Social Studies, History). As this is an elective subject, students will select either one but not both.

5. If my child chooses SSHY, does it mean the subject consists of half the content from Social Studies and the other half of the content from History?

Yes, SSHY is a combined subject, results from each half to make up combined score for SSHY (Humanities: Social Studies, History)

6. If my child is not strong in Mother Tongue, is it advisable to drop the subject at G2 Level?

MOE education policy states that it is compulsory for all students to study an official MTL as second language. Students may be eligible for MTL exemption if:

- they are Singaporeans returning from overseas in the middle of their primary school education journey,
- they have been overseas for a long period of time and had no opportunity to learn an official MTL, a Non-Tamil Indian Language (NTIL) or an approved Foreign or Asian Language, or
- they have special educational needs, with severe difficulties in coping with overall learning.

However, your child may consider taking Mother Tongue Language 'B' Syllabus (MT B). If a child is taking MT B, the subject cannot be calculated as one of the subjects for EMB3 as MT B assessment grading is unlike other subjects. Students will be assessed to have attained a Merit, Pass or Ungraded result in the subject. G2 students are offered only 6 subjects, so if your child is taking MT B, your child's options for Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) options will be based on only 5 subjects. After deciding on taking MT B, students **cannot revert** to G2 MT subject.

7. What is POA?

POA stands for Principles of Accounts.

8. What do students study in POA, Art?

Details of subjects for Express course can be viewed from MOE website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/courses/express/electives#subjects>

(C) Eligibility and Combination Selection**1. What are the requirements for Sec 2 Normal (A) students to qualify for Secondary 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 student in Sec 2 Normal Technical (2NT) obtains 70% overall, can he/she be laterally transferred to Sec 3NA?

No. 2NT will only be laterally transferred to 2NA, not 3NA.

3. What is the eligibility criteria for Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)?

To be eligible to apply for the PFP, N (A) students must

- a) obtain ELMAB3 (English Language, Mathematics, Best 3 subjects) raw aggregate score of 12 points or better (excluding CCA bonus point) at the GCE N (A) Level examination.
- b) Meet the following subject-specific requirements based on your preferred courses.

Please visit the following website for more information:

https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_eligibility.html

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

Application to PFP and DPP is based on raw aggregate score of 12 points and 19 points or better (not including bonus point) respectively. However, bonus points will be used in computing the ELMAB3 net aggregate score for course posting within the PFP. Please note that eligibility to apply for PFP does not guarantee placement in the programme. Students placed on the PFP may or may not be posted to the course of his / her choice, subject to competition based on merit and the availability of places. Please visit the following website for more information:

https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/pfp_eligibility.html

Applications to Nitec and Higher Nitec courses in ITE via JIE 'N' exercise is based on best 4 GCE 'N' subjects including pre-requisites and bonus points. Please visit the following website for more information: [jien-2024-intake-entry-requirements.pdf \(ite.edu.sg\)](#)

For students who choose to go Sec 5, and stay in the same CCA at Sec 5, CCA bonus points can be used to compute the net aggregate score for posting to polytechnic.

5. If a student is able to achieve 2 CCA bonus points at Sec 4 but unable to get into PFP, will the 2 CCA points still be considered for Polytechnic entry at Sec 5?

If your child is in the same CCA at Sec 5, then the CCA points can be used in Sec 5.

6. Is it possible to switch to Polytechnic after studying 2 years in ITE?

This depends on the course requirements and the GPA requirements for the Polytechnic course. Generally, students need to complete NITEC and Higher NITEC before applying for Polytechnic courses. However, the Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) allows Secondary 4 N(A) students to be admitted directly into a 2-year Higher Nitec programme at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) without having to sit for the O-Level examinations or undergo a Nitec programme. If they successfully complete the course with the minimum required Grade Point Average (GPA), they are guaranteed a place in a polytechnic diploma course mapped to your Higher Nitec course. Please visit the following website for more information: [Direct-Entry-Scheme to Polytechnic Programme \(DPP\): Overview | MOE](#)

7. How many subjects do students need to pass to be eligible for admission to ITE?

It will largely depend on the course he/she wants to pursue. Some of the possible minimum entry requirements (MER) include the following. Please refer to the specific MER of the courses.

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

8. How are the Out-Of-Stream (OOS) subject marks computed in the aggregate for Polytechnic admission? In terms of entry requirement to JC/Poly, how do you compute the marks for students taking both O-Level and N-Level subjects?

The OOS subjects will be treated with a grade conversion to reflect the grade at less-demanding level. There are no bonus points for OOS subjects.

9. Do 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.

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

Yes, this is to ensure that the students can cope with the rigor of A Math subject.

11. During National Examinations, will Sec 4 OOS students need to sit for exams at both the NA/Express or NA/NT level for the subjects which they studied at more demanding level?

No. During National Examinations, student will only sit for exam paper for subject at the more-demanding level. They do not need to take examination for the subject at less-demanding level.

12. Can students take both A Math and POA?

Students can only be offered one of the subjects, not both.

13. If the student is unable to cope in a particular subject, is there a possibility of dropping it at Sec 3 or Sec 4?

The minimum number of subjects that NA/NT students must sit for at GCE N Level Examinations is 5. Hence, it is not recommended that students drop subjects to ensure they have the best chance to qualify for their course of choice in the Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs).