

SPERS and SPE Format

Eligibility Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec, SPE & SPERS-JC/MI

1. **SPERS-Sec and SPE:** Under the Eligibility Phase, eligible applicants will sit for English and Mathematics tests to determine the schools they would be eligible for. Besides assessing applicants' literacy and numeracy skills, the tests will also include non-content-based general ability items which assess reasoning and thinking skills. This will provide a more holistic assessment of RS who have attended overseas schools with curricula different from Singapore's.
2. Based on their performance in the tests, applicants will each be provided with a list of schools that they are eligible to apply for. This will ensure that RS are of similar abilities to the students in the schools that they are applying to.
3. **SPERS-JC/MI:** Under the Eligibility Phase, eligible applicants will sit for the English, Mathematics and General Ability tests to determine the schools they would be eligible to apply for.
4. As the number of RS seeking admission to JC/MI is usually small, there is no need for MOE to conduct a centralised posting exercise for this group. Hence, there is no School Option Phase or School Posting Phase under SPERS-JC/MI. After the RS receive the list of JC/MI they are eligible to apply for, they can approach that JC/MI to complete the admission process.

School Option Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and SPE Only

5. During the School Option Phase, applicants will be required to submit their school choices online. Applicants can submit a maximum of six choices based on the list of eligible schools given to them.

School Posting Phase – Applicable to SPERS-Sec and SPE Only

6. During the School Posting Phase, some additional school places are set aside for RS so that they have an opportunity to seek admission to a secondary school of their choice.
7. During the School Posting Phase, MOE will take into account the performance of the RS in the SPERS-Sec and SPE tests, their school choices, and the places available in these schools. In the event that an applicant is not successfully posted to any of the chosen schools, MOE will assign the applicant a place in a secondary school with vacancies as near to the applicant's residence as possible.
8. After receiving their posting results, applicants should complete the admission formalities at their posted school. If they choose not to accept the posting, they could approach another school directly via email or phone. The school will consider the application, subject to the availability of vacancies and suitability of the applicant.

Schedule for the 2023 SPERS-Sec

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	11 Jul – 24 Jul 23	Application for SPERS-Sec tests
	15 Sep 23	Conduct of SPERS-Sec tests
School Option Phase	16 Nov 23	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	17 Nov – 21 Nov 23	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	12 Dec 23*	Release of school posting results (Sec 2 & Sec 3)
	13 Dec – 29 Dec 23*	Sec 2 & 3 applicants to report to school
	20 – 22 Dec 23*	Release of school posting results (Sec 1)
	21 Dec – 29 Dec 23*	Sec 1 applicants to report to school

**Dates are tentative*

Schedule for the 2023 SPERS-JC/MI

Phase	Period	Events
Eligibility Phase	11 Jul – 20 Oct 23	Application for SPERS-JC/MI tests
	9 Nov 23	Conduct of SPERS-JC/MI tests
School Admission	26 Dec 23*	Applicants to receive lists of JC/MI that they are eligible for and to email/call the listed JC/MI to arrange for an appointment to complete admission formalities

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Supplementary Placement Exercise (SPE)

9. The SPE is applicable for admission to Secondary 1 to 3 and is intended for RS who are unable to take part in SPERS-Sec. The SPE is similar in format to SPERS-Sec and involves the same three phases – namely the Eligibility Phase, the School Option Phase and the School Posting Phase.

Schedule for the SPE

Phase	Period*	Events
Eligibility Phase	1 Nov – 13 Nov 23	Application for SPE tests
	6 Dec 23	Conduct of SPE tests

Phase	Period*	Events
School Option Phase	12 Jan 24	Applicants to receive lists of secondary schools that they are eligible for
	15 Jan – 17 Jan 24	Applicants to submit secondary school choices to MOE
School Posting Phase	1 Feb 24	Release of school posting results (Sec 1 to 3)
	2 Feb – 8 Feb 24	Applicants to report to school

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