

Direct School Admission 2008 (for Sec 1 2009)

The Direct School Admission (DSA) Exercise aims to give Autonomous and selected secondary schools greater flexibility and choice in selecting students. This also provides Primary 6 students with the opportunity to exhibit their range of achievements and talents, be it academically, artistically or aesthetically.

Direct School Admission to CHIJ Secondary

CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh) is a vibrant community of students and staff who strive for excellence in drama, literary and oral skills, academic pursuits, art and sports. The nurturing and caring environment provides students with a plentitude of life skills through joyous participation in the buffet of school life, guided by moral values which are rooted in our school's mission.

An IJ education grooms students to face life's challenge by nurturing in them a faith in God, a spirit of concern for others, passion for life-long learning and innovative skills.

As an Autonomous School **CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh)** admits **10%** of our students through the Direct School Admission Exercise.

If you possess talents in our advertised **niche areas** and are enthusiastic about pursuing a holistic IJ education in an exciting and challenging environment that brings out only the best in you, we invite you to apply now to be a part of the vibrant culture at CHIJ Secondary!

Our Niche Areas & Admission Criteria

We admit students with a passion for sports, artistic talent in the arts and a keen eye and mind for Math and Science.

SPORTS

Netball
Rhythmic Gymnastics
Tennis
Tenpin Bowling

ART

Art Elective Programme

MATH & SCIENCE

STARPlus Programme

AESTHETICS

Choir
Concert Band
Dance
Drama

Admission Criteria for DSA Selection

	Niche Areas	Abilities/Talents	Achievements
A	<p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Netball ▪ Rhythmic Gymnastics ▪ Tennis ▪ Tenpin Bowling 	<p>Demonstrates strong leadership potential, responsibility and resilience</p> <p>Able to exhibit exceptional sports capabilities, fundamental sports skills and possesses knowledge of the sport(s)</p> <p>Highly committed and self motivated</p> <p>Strong academic performance is an advantage</p>	<p>Good track record of sports performance</p> <p>Represented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school (and/or) • combined schools <p>Participated in National and/or International Competitions</p>
B	<p>ART</p> <p>Art Elective Programme (AEP)</p>	<p>Possesses strong passion and talent for the visual arts</p> <p>Possesses a good command of the English Language</p> <p>Highly disciplined, with an eye for details</p> <p>Initiative to develop new ideas and experiment with various media</p>	<p>Be among the top 10% of your primary school</p> <p>Presentation of your portfolio of personal artworks and awards</p> <p>Attain a PSLE T-score of 230 and above</p>
C	<p>MATH & SCIENCE</p> <p>STARPlus Programme (Academic Excellence)</p>	<p>Possesses high intellectual ability and aptitude</p> <p>Highly self motivated; able to work independently as well as in a team</p> <p>Disciplined with good time management</p> <p>Strong interest in National Competitions (e.g. Odyssey of the Mind)</p>	<p>Good track record of Math and Science results</p> <p>Have taken part in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math (and/or) • Science <p>National competitions</p> <p>Attain a PSLE T-score of 240 and above</p>

D**AESTHETICS****▪ Concert Band**

Possesses passion and love for music and instruments

Able to prepare 2 pieces / excerpts of contrasting styles of no more than 5 minutes

Represented school in SYF and/or National Competitions is an advantage

Attain a PSLE T-score of 220 and above

▪ Choir

Possesses a strong talent and love for singing

Disciplined with an ability to balance academic work and CCA

Demonstrates a willingness to participate in top-notch choral competitions

Represented school in SYF and / or represented school in International Choir Competition

▪ Dance

Versatile in more than one dance genre and is technically competent

A fast-learner who is able to register choreography in a short time with an acute awareness and alertness for space and rhythm

A team player with a positive attitude

Attain a PSLE T-score of 220 and above

Represented school in SYF (Dance) Competition and/or any other National Competitions

▪ Drama

A strong enthusiasm for the dramatic arts with a good command of the English Language

Highly self motivated; able to work independently as well as in a team

Confident and able to perform well in front of an audience

Involvement in theatre and performance

Speech and Drama experience is an asset

Admission Guide

1. Download a copy of the **admission form**.
2. All completed forms must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:
(Documents must be endorsed by your Primary School.)
 - Passport-sized photo
 - Academic records (Primary 4 to current)
 - CCA/CIP Records of Achievements
 - Certificate of other Achievements
 - Any other relevant supporting documents (eg. Community service records, letters of commendations, teacher's reference form)

3. All application forms must be submitted in person or delivered to:

Attn: DSA Coordinator
CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh)
626 Lorong 1 Toa Payoh
Singapore 319764

4. Application will close on Monday, **7th July 2008 at 5 pm.**
5. Application forms that are sent through fax or e-mail will **not** be entertained.
6. Applicants will be informed of the trials (for sports), selection test (for AEP) and date of presentation (for STARPlus) by post. Short-listed applicants, after the trial, test and/or presentation will be required to attend an interview.
7. For any enquiries, please contact
 - **CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh)**
Ms Nadiah Yusoff / Ms Esther Yuen
(9 am to 6 pm on weekdays)
Tel: 6353 4972
 - Email: chijtpss@moe.edu.sg
(Subject: DSA Enquiries)

Admission Schedule

Process	Date / Time
Application opens	12 May 2008, 9 am
Closing date for submission of application form and supporting documents	7 July 2008, 5 pm
Notification of short-listed applicants (by post)	9 July 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trial for sports• Test for AEP• Presentation for STARPlus• Auditions for Aesthetics	9 July to 21 July 2008
Notification of short-listed applicants for interview (by post)	25 July 2008
Interview Sessions	5, 7 August 2008, 3 pm
Notification Letter (Outcome of application)	20 August 2008

A) Trials for Sports

B) Test Dates for AEP

C) Presentation for STARPlus Programme

D) Auditions for Aesthetics

NICHE AREAS	DATE AND TIME	VENUE
Choir	Wednesday, 9 July 2008, 3 pm	CHIJ Band Room, St Michael's Block, Level 5
Tennis	Monday, Thursday 10, 17 July 2008, 3 pm	SLF Foundation
Art Elective Programme (AEP)	Friday, 11 July 2008, 3pm	CHIJ Secondary, R106, St. Raphael's Blk, Level 1
STARPlus Programme - Presentation of Math and/or Science portfolio	Friday, 11 July 2008, 3 pm	CHIJ Secondary, R101, St. Raphael's Blk, Level 1
Dance Ensemble	Monday, 14 July 2008, 3pm	Dance Studio
Netball	(Between) 15-17 July 2008, 3 pm	CHIJ Secondary, Netball Courts
Drama	Wednesday, 16 July 2008, 2.30 pm	CHIJ Secondary, theARTSbox@IJ, Level 4
Rhythmic Gymnastics	Thursday, 17 July 2008, 3 pm	Potong Pasir Community Club
Tenpin Bowling	Thursday, 17 July 2008, 3pm	Orchid Country Club
Concert Band	Saturday, 19 July 2008, 9 am	CHIJ Band Room, St Michael's Block, Level 5

Frequently Asked Questions

A. Admission to CHIJ Secondary

1. What is Direct School Admission (DSA)?
2. Is there an admission quota for DSA in CHIJ Secondary?
3. How much flexibility is given to CHIJ Secondary to select students?
4. Can I apply to CHIJ Secondary through another CCA not listed in the school's niche areas?
5. Must I still sit for PSLE if I have received a Confirmed Offer (CO) for CHIJ Secondary?
6. Can a student below Primary 6 apply for DSA?
7. What is the closing date for submission of DSA application to CHIJ Secondary?
8. Can I still opt for CHIJ Secondary in the Posting Exercise if I do not make it through the selection rounds?
9. Can I apply for two niche areas?
10. Where can I go to get more information regarding DSA?

B. CHIJ Selection Process

1. How does CHIJ Secondary select the students?
2. When will I be notified of the trials/test/presentation?
3. Will I receive a letter if I am **not** short-listed for the interview?
4. When will I know if I have been selected into CHIJ Secondary?
5. I received a Confirmed Offer letter from CHIJ Secondary. Do I have to send out a letter of acknowledgement to CHIJ Secondary to inform them that I have received and acknowledged my placing in the school?

C. Successful Applicants

1. Do I still have to take part in the MOE Posting Exercise if I am given a Confirmed Offer by CHIJ Secondary?
2. If I am unsuccessful in getting into CHIJ Secondary via DSA, can I still select CHIJ Secondary during the centralised Secondary One Posting Exercise?

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, an Autonomous School, has the right to admit 10% of Secondary 1 students via DSA.

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

Schools can decide 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?

CHIJ Secondary will consider the request if the student excels exceptionally, with proven records of achievements and awards. The student should contact the DSA Coordinator directly.

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

Yes, all students must sit for the PSLE.

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 **7 July 2008** at **5 pm**. 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 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 two niche areas?

Yes. CHIJ Secondary does allow you to apply to two nice areas, but you will be chosen based on ONE programme only. For instance, if you apply for DSA through Netball and AEP and you are successful, you will only get a Confirmed Offer based on either Netball or AEP.

10. Where can I go to get more information regarding DSA?

For more details regarding DSA- Secondary: DSA Website
(http://www.moe.gov.sg/esp/schadm/dsa_sec)

B. CHIJ Selection Process

1. How does CHIJ Secondary select the students?

. Trials for Sports

Trials will be conducted by the respective CCA Teacher-in-Charge and coaches.

. Art Elective Programme (AEP)

Students will sit for a drawing test conducted by the AEP teachers.

. STARPlus Programme

Pupils will present their portfolio of Math and Science to the STARPlus Programme Teacher/s-in-Charge in school.

. Auditions for Aesthetics

The dates and venues of the selection process will be publicized through the school website. Short-listed applicants after the trials/test/presentation will sit for an interview scheduled on **5 or 7 August 2008**.

2. When will I be notified of the trials/test/ presentation?

Letters of notifications will be sent by post to applicants informing them of the trials, test or presentation dates, reporting time, and venue. You will be notified by **9 July 2008**.

3. Will I receive a letter if I am not short-listed for the interview?

Yes, you will receive a notification letter if you are **not** short-listed for the interview. You will be notified of the outcome of your trials/test/presentation by **29 July 2008**.

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

The outcome of applications for the entire DSA process will be released by **25 August 2008**.

C. Successful Applicants

1. I received a Confirmed Offer letter from CHIJ Secondary. Do I have to send out a letter of acknowledgement to CHIJ Secondary to inform them that I have received and acknowledged my placing in the school?

The Confirmed Offer letter issued out to successful DSA applicants from CHIJ Secondary will contain an acknowledgement slip. This acknowledgement slip is for the participants to confirm and acknowledge that they have been given a placing in the school.

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

No, you do not have to take part in the Centralised Posting Exercise. If you are successful in the DSA, you will be informed of the school that you have been admitted to during the Secondary 1 Posting Exercise.

However, you will still be issued an Option form. If you are eligible for elective programmes, you will be given the option to indicate your interest in the Option Form.