

Year 1 Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec)

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts & Visual Arts domain comprises the following talent areas:

- 1) Music
- 2) Visual Arts
- 3) Chinese Orchestra
- 4) Choir
- 5) Concert Band
- 6) String Ensemble

Applicants should apply for **ONLY ONE** talent area from the Performing Arts & Visual Arts domain. Please note that if an applicant applies for two talent areas from this domain, only the first talent area will be considered. Appeals or changes will not be permitted.

Performing Arts Selection Criteria

- ▶ You must demonstrate interest and talent in Performing Arts beyond the abilities of children in your age-group
- OR
- ▶ You must have a record of accomplished performance in Performing Arts at Singapore Youth Festival, national and/or international levels.

Required Commitment

- ▶ Successful applicants for the Performing Arts Domain are required to join the CCA of the talent area that they are accepted in.

2025 Schedule

MOE DSA-Sec application period starts	07 May 2025 (Wed)
MOE DSA-Sec application period ends	03 June 2025 (Tue)
Submission of Portfolio via the provided link (see <i>Submission Guidelines</i> below)	Between 04 – 20 Jun* 2025 <small>*By 9.00am</small>
Announcement of shortlisted Applicants via email regarding Performing Arts Trial session (<i>All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified.</i>)	03 Jul 2025 (Thu)
Closing date for selection of Performing Arts Trial (<i>for shortlisted applicants only</i>)	04 Jul 2025 (Fri), 9.00am
Shortlisted Performing Arts applicants will receive an email confirmation of their trial session	04 Jul 2025 (Fri)



DSA Performing Arts Trials	09 Jul 2025 (Wed) 10 Jul 2025 (Thu) 11 Jul 2025 (Fri) <i>Trials are in the afternoon.</i>
Announcement of shortlisted applicants for DSA Performing Arts Interview <i>(All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified)</i>	17 Jul 2025 (Thu)
DSA Performing Arts Interview <i>(for shortlisted applicants only)</i>	22 – 25 Jul 2025 (Tue – Fri)
Announcement of the DSA-Sec Results (CO/WL/UNS)	25 Aug (Mon) – 04 Sep 2025 (Thu)

Performing Arts Portfolio Requirements

The portfolio consists of 2 items:

1. **Personal Statement**
 - a. Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing your interest in your area of Performing Arts, how this interest has been developed, and how you hope to contribute to the school community through your talents. Please save this document with the filename format: <Name>_Personal Statement
2. **Top Five Performing Arts-related Awards, Accomplishments, or Certifications:**
 - a. Provide your top five Performing Arts-related awards, accomplishments, or certifications you have achieved in the last three years. Examples include awards received at a national (Singapore Youth Festival) or international competition(s), or participation in a Performing Arts event(s). Please save this document with the filename format: <Name>_Certificate 1, <Name>_Certificate 2, etc

Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Save all submission files in PDF or JPG/PNG format according to the specified filename formats.
- ▶ Upload your DSA Performing Arts Portfolio via this link <https://go.gov.sg/ri-performing-arts-portfolio>
- ▶ Submission starts on 04 Jun 2025 (Wed) and the submission deadline is on 20 Jun 2025 (Fri) by 9.00am.
- ▶ Late submissions and appeals will not be considered.

Dates for Performing Arts Trials

- ▶ Shortlisted applicants will be informed of the trial date and timing through email.

Annex A: Minimum Criteria for Specific Performing Arts

- ▶ To help you decide if you should apply for a particular Performing Arts talent area, we have listed the **minimum** criteria which you should have attained in the specific area.
- ▶ Applicants may not be shortlisted for an interview even when they meet the minimum criteria. The final shortlist will be decided based on the ranking of all applicants according to their performing arts trials, accomplishments and academic results.

Performing Arts	Minimum Criteria
Chinese Orchestra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in Chinese Orchestra and/or any Chinese Music Ensembles e.g. Guzheng Ensemble in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to the Chinese Orchestra e.g. Cello, Double Bass, Dizi, Erhu, Guzheng, Liuqin, Percussion, Pipa, Sheng, Suona, Yangqin, Zhongruan • Participation in SYF 2024 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts
Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in Choir in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to Choral Singing e.g. Voice • Participation in SYF 2024 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts
Concert Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in Wind/Concert Band and/or Orchestra in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to the Concert Band e.g. Bassoon, Clarinet, Euphonium, Flute, English Horn, French Horn, Oboe, Percussion, Piccolo, Saxophone, String Bass, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba • Participation in SYF 2024 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts
String Ensemble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in String Ensemble/Orchestra in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to the String Ensemble e.g. Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass • Participation in SYF 2024 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts

Important Notes

- ▶ The primary mode of communication is via email. Parents/guardians are reminded to **regularly check both the inbox and junk/spam folders of the email address** provided in the MOE DSA-Sec Portal throughout the DSA period for important updates, announcements, and instructions.
- ▶ Meeting all criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.
- ▶ We will not disclose details of the DSA-Sec selection process or interviews and reserve the right to neither discuss nor disclose reasons for non-selection.
- ▶ Coaches/instructors and teachers are not in any position to extend any offers to applicants. Performing Arts DSA Confirmed Offers/Wait Lists are determined by the school's DSA Selection Panel, which is chaired by the Principal.
- ▶ For any further enquiries, please email admissions@ri.edu.sg.