

2023 Subject-Based Banding Briefing for P4 Students

9 OCT 2023 @ 9.30AM

Subject-Based Banding (Primary)

- **Subject-based Banding (Primary) offers students the option of taking the 4 core subjects at either the Standard or Foundation level, depending on their strengths. This will allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subject they need more support in.**
- **Schools will continue to recommend based on the following:**
 - **Student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject; and**
 - **Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination**

Considerations for recommendation of P5 Subject Combination

1. P4 results
2. Minimum required marks met at P4
3. Past year performances of the student's subject (P1-P3 results)

Examples	Results	Subject Combination
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passes all subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4S
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passes all subjects and does very well for MTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4S 1H (HMT)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passes some subjects and fails some	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4S• 3S 1F• 2S 2F• 1S 3F
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fails all subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4F

**School's
recommendation
on Pupil's
Subject
Combination at
Primary 5 2024**

Option		Subject Combination
Option 1	4S 1H (HMT)	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science, * Higher Mother Tongue
Option 2	4S	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science
Option 3	4F	Foundation English, Foundation Mother Tongue, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science
Option 4	3S 1F(FMT)	English Language, Mathematics, Science, * Foundation Mother Tongue
Option 5	3S 1F(FMA)	English Language, Mother Tongue, Science, * Foundation Mathematics

**School's
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Subject
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Primary 5 2024**

Option		Subject Combination
Option 6	2S 2F(FMA & FSC)	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, * <u>Foundation Mathematics</u> , * <u>Foundation Science</u>
Option 7	2S 2F(FMA & FMT)	English Language, Science * <u>Foundation Science</u> , * <u>Foundation Mother Tongue Language</u>
Option 8	1S 3F(FMT, FMA, FSC)	English, * <u>Foundation Mother Tongue</u> , * <u>Foundation Mathematics</u> , * <u>Foundation Science</u>



THE PSLE SCORING AND S1 POSTING

The PSLE Score

- The ALs for the four subjects, i.e., English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science will be added to form the PSLE score.
- The PSLE score will be used for students' Secondary One course placement and school posting.

WHAT ARE ALs?

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

- AL stands for Achievement Level (AL).
- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.

WHAT ARE AIs?

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
A	75 – 100	6
B	30 – 74	7
C	< 30	8

- AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively, to derive a student's overall PSLE Score.

Overall AL Score Table

Standard Subject		Foundation Subject	
AL	Reference Raw Mark Ranges	AL	Reference Raw Mark Ranges
1	≥ 90		
2	85 – 89		
3	80 – 84		
4	75 – 79		
5	65 – 74		
6	45 – 64	A	≥ 75
7	20 – 44	B	30 – 74
8	< 20	C	<30

4 Subject ALs will be added to form the PSLE Score

- The PSLE Score ranges from 4 to 32, with **4** being the best.



English (82 marks) AL3

Mother Tongue (89 marks) AL2

Mathematics (95 marks) AL1

Science (85 marks) AL2

PSLE Score: 8
(3+2+1+2)

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7	20 – 44
8	< 20

4 Subject ALs will be added to form the PSLE Score

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English (66 marks) AL5

Mother Tongue (48 marks) AL6

F.Mathematics (50 marks) ALB

F.Science (43 marks) ALB

PSLE SCORE: 25
(5+6+7+7)



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AL	Reference Raw Mark Ranges	AL	Reference Raw Mark Ranges
1	≥ 90		
2	85 – 89		
3	80 – 84		
4	75 – 79		
5	65 – 74		
6	45 – 64	A	≥ 75
7	20 – 44	B	30 – 74
8	< 20	C	<30

How do YOU ENTER secondary school?



PSLE SCORE	POSTING GROUP	SUBJECT LEVEL FOR MOST SUBJECTS
4 – 20	3	G3
21 and 22	2 or 3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	2	G2
25	1 or 2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA)	1	G1

- 4 Subject ALs are added to form the PSLE Score.
- PSLE Scores range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.
- You will be placed in a secondary school through one of three posting groups based on your PSLE Score – Posting Group 1, Posting Group 2 or Posting Group 3.
- Posting groups will not limit your secondary school experience or post-secondary options.

4 Subject ALs will be added to form the PSLE Score

- Students will be placed in secondary school courses based on their PSLE score
 - Posting Group 1, 2 or 3

ENGLISH	AL3
MOTHER TONGUE	AL2
MATHEMATICS	AL1
SCIENCE	AL2

PSLE SCORE: 8

Placement Outcome (Posting Group)	PSLE Score
PG3	4 – 20
PG3 / PG2 Option	21 – 22
PG2	23 – 24
PG1/ PG2 option	25
PG1	26-30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA



Scoring of Subjects for S1 posting

- A student's PSLE Score is the sum of the four AL scores across his/her Standard and Foundation subjects.

English AL4

Foundation Mother
Tongue ALB

Foundation Mathematics ALB

Science AL5

PSLE SCORE: 23
(4+7+7+5)

Placement Outcome	PSLE Score
PG3	4 – 20
PG3 / PG2 Option	21 – 22
PG2	23 – 24
PG2 / PG1 option	25
PG1	26-30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA



P4 SBB Timeline 2023

Fri, 3 Nov

- CMs to issue out OPTION FORMs with result slips

Tue, 7 Nov

- Collect back OPTION FORMs from parents

Tue, 14 Nov

- Issue report book

AIPS Parental Option Form (4S, 3S)



AHMAD IBRAHIM PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIMARY 4 PARENTAL OPTION FORM

Name of Student: _____ Reg. No: _____ Class: P4 _____

PART 1: SCHOOL'S RECOMMENDATION ON STUDENT'S SUBJECT COMBINATION AT PRIMARY 5, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has completed four years of primary education. Based on his/her academic records and our assessment of his/her performance, we recommend that he/she takes the following subject combination in Primary 5 next year as indicated in the box below:

Option	Subject Combination	School's Recommendation	Parent's Option
4S1H(HMT)	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science, Higher Mother Tongue Language		
4S	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Mathematics, Science		
3S1F(FMT)	English Language, Mathematics, Science, Foundation Mother Tongue Language		
3S1F(FMA)	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Science, Foundation Mathematics		
2S2F(FMA, FSC)	English Language, Mother Tongue Language, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science		
2S2F(FMA, FMT)	English Language, Science, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Mother Tongue Language		
1S3F(FMT, FMA, FSC)	English Language, Foundation Mother Tongue Language, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science		
4F	Foundation English Language, Foundation Mother Tongue Language, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science		

Please indicate your option and return it to your child's/ward's class mentor **by 7 November 2023**.

Please adhere to the deadline as the information needs to be submitted to MOE. Should you need further clarification, please contact the school.

2 November 2023

Principal's Signature

Date

Dear Principal,

I have taken note of the school's recommendation. The subject combination I have opted for my child/ward at Primary 5 next year is indicated by a tick (✓) in the box. I understand that this option is given only once at the end of Primary 4.

Parent's/ Guardian's Name (in block letters)

Parent's/ Guardian's Signature

Date



AHMAD IBRAHIM PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIMARY 4 PARENTAL OPTION FORM

Name of Student: _____ Reg. No: _____ Class: _____

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Your child has completed four years of primary education. Based on his/her academic records and our assessment of his/her performance, we recommend that he/she takes the following subject combination in Primary 5 next year as indicated in the box below:

Option	Subject Combination	School's Recommendation	Parent's Option
3S	English Language, Mathematics, Science (<u>Officially</u> exempted from Mother Tongue)		
2S1F(FMA)	English Language, Science, Foundation Mathematics (<u>Officially</u> exempted from Mother Tongue)		
1S2F(FMA, FSC)	English Language, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science (<u>Officially</u> exempted from Mother Tongue)		
3F	Foundation English Language, Foundation Mathematics, Foundation Science (<u>Officially</u> exempted from Mother Tongue)		

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PART 2: PARENT'S OPTION ON STUDENT'S SUBJECT COMBINATION AT PRIMARY 5, 2024

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Parent's/ Guardian's Name (in block letters)

Parent's/ Guardian's Signature

Date

Thank You