

Cohort Briefing on Subject-based Banding 2023

Partnering Parents

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2023



- An understanding of how Subject-based Banding works



Why introduce [Subject-Based Banding?]

Introduced by
MOE in 2019

- ▶ Every child is unique and has different aptitudes, capabilities and talents.
- ▶ To recognise the different abilities of students
 - ▶ Provide more flexibility in subject combinations for students across subjects

What Subject-Based Banding means for your child?

- ▶ Greater flexibility in subject combinations
- ▶ Your child has the choice to take a combination of standard and foundation subjects, depending on his strengths

For the P4 Semestral Assessment, if your child	Your child may be recommended to take
Passes all 4 subjects and performs very well in MTL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 standard subjects + Higher Mother Tongue Language
Passes all 4 subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 standard subjects
Passes 3 subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 standard subjects; or • 3 standard subjects + 1 other foundation subject
Passes 2 subjects or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 standard subjects; or • 3 standard subjects + 1 other foundation subject; or • 2 standard subjects+ 2 other foundation subjects; or • 1 standard subject + 3 other foundation subjects; or • 4 foundation subjects

What are the choices available?

How does
Subject-Based
Banding
Work?

[At P4]

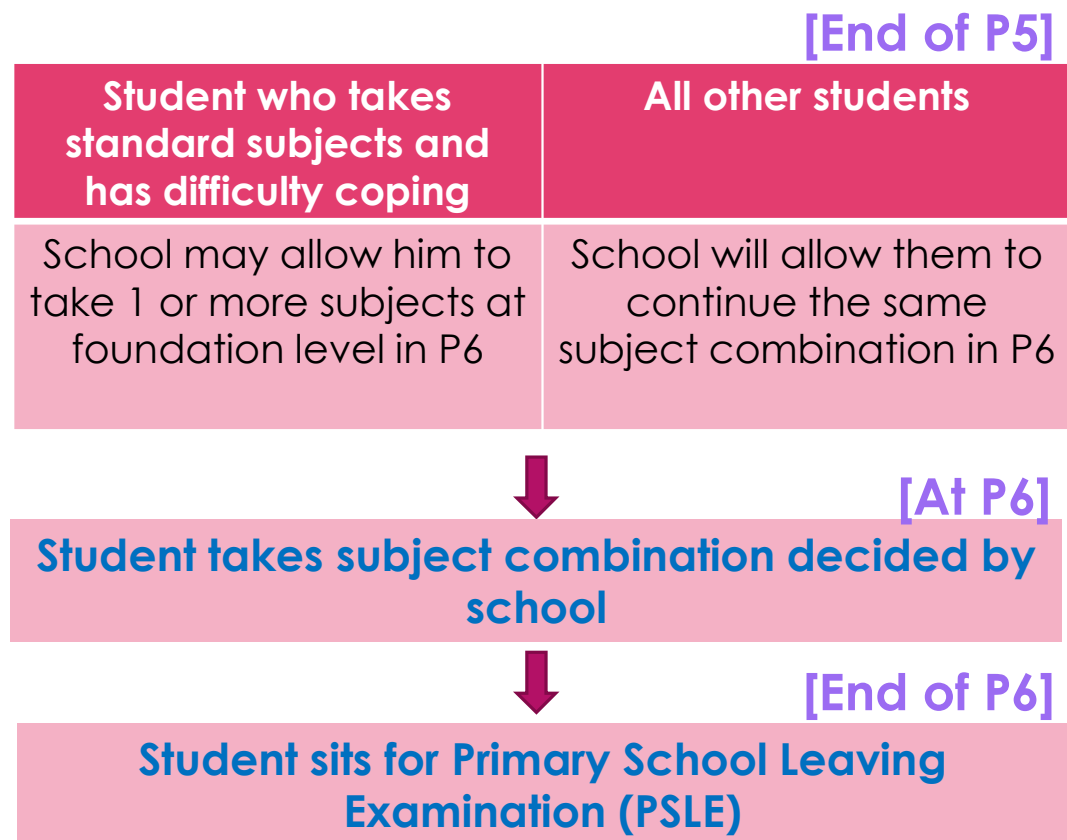
School recommends subject combination, based on P4 exam results. Parents indicate preferred combination.



[At P5]

Student takes subject combination chosen by parents

What happens at the end of P5?



Subject-based Banding and Secondary School admission

- ▶ Progression to secondary level depends on the Revised PSLE Scoring System.
 - ▶ Different expectations of standard and foundation subjects will be taken into account
- ▶ Offering subjects at foundation level is not a disadvantage.
 - ▶ Your child will be able to focus on building up strong fundamentals

Revised PSLE Scoring System: **Achievement Levels (ALs)**

- ▶ The PSLE T-Score has been replaced with wider scoring bands, known as Achievement Levels (ALs).
- ▶ Each PSLE subject will be scored using 8 ALs. Students who perform similarly will be placed in the same AL for each subject.

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

Revised PSLE Scoring System: Scoring for Foundation Level Subjects

- ▶ Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from AL A to AL C.
- ▶ To derive a student's overall PSLE score, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively

Grades for Foundation	Foundation Raw Mark Range	Equivalent Standard Level AL
A	75 - 100	6
B	30 -74	7
C	< 30	8

► Exploring the subject combinations available



Achievement and Band Grades for Primary 4

Band 1	85 marks and above	Is very good in the subject
Band 2	70 - 84 marks	Is good in the subject
Band 3	50 - 69 marks	Has adequate grasp of the subject
Band 4	Below 50 marks	Has elementary grasp of the subject

Selection Criteria

- ▶ Based on overall examination score for Primary Four at year-end
- ▶ To take a subject at Standard Level:

English	50 marks / Band 3
Mathematics	
Science	
Mother Tongue	

Recommendation
for students taking
**4 Standard
Subjects** and
**1 Higher Mother
Tongue** in P5

EL	MATH	MT	SC
Band 1	Band 1	Band 1	Band 1

Benefits of taking HTML

- ▶ At PSLE, Students who obtained Distinction/Merit/Pass in HCL and a PSLE Score of 14 or better (i.e. PSLE Score ≤ 14) at PSLE will be eligible for posting advantage to 11 SAP schools.

SAP
Schools
(Secondary)

1. Anglican High
2. Catholic High School
3. CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School
4. Chung Cheng High School (Main)
5. Dunman High School
6. Hwa Chong Institution
7. Maris Stella High School
8. Nan Chiau High School
9. Nan Hua High School
10. Nanyang Girls' High School
11. River Valley High School

Subject
Combinations
offered in
Bukit Timah
Primary
School

Combination 1	4 Standard Subjects (4S)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standard English2. Standard Math3. Standard Science4. Standard Mother Tongue
Combination 2	4 Standard Subjects 1 Higher Mother Tongue (4S1H)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standard English2. Standard Mother Tongue3. Standard Math4. Standard Science5. Higher Mother Tongue

Subject Combinations offered in Bukit Timah Primary School

Combination 3	3 Standard Subjects 1 Foundation Subject (3S1F)	1. 3S1F(FMA) 2. 3S1F(FMT)
Combination 4	2 Standard Subjects 2 Foundation Subjects (2S2F)	1. 2S2F (FMA & FSC) 2. 2S2F (FMA & FMT)
Combination 5	1 Standard Subject 3 Foundation Subjects (1S3F)	1. 1S(EL)3F

To continue
HMT in P6

- ▶ Pupils need to attain
 - ▶ 75 marks and above for Standard MT and a pass for HMT

► The SBB Process @ BTPS



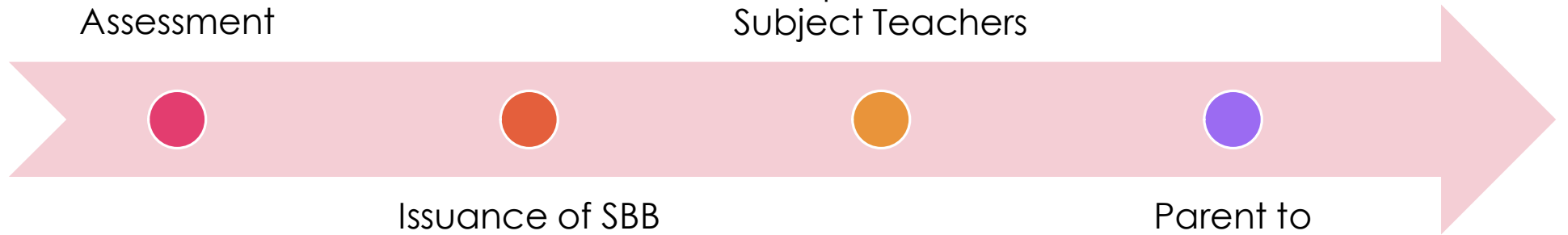
SBB Process @ BTPS

Semestral
Assessment

Parent to seek
input from
Subject Teachers

Issuance of SBB
Option Form on
Admin Day
(6 Nov 2023)

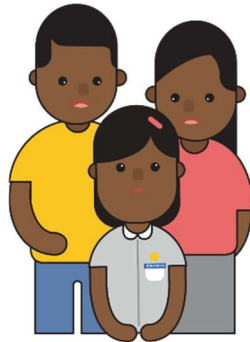
Parent to
respond to SBB
Option Form via
Parents
Gateway
(by 9 Nov 2023)



Be open and flexible
when discussing your
child's preferences,
needs and choices.

Manage your own
expectations and do not
project these expectations
onto your child.

Have regular conversations
with your child to understand
more about his/her interests
and aspirations.



Affirm your child and
offer support when
he/she shares his/her
plans with you.

TIPS FOR PARENTS 😊

Questions posed via Parents Gateway

1. Will a child's MT grades be taken into consideration while choosing subjects in SBB?
2. Do PR/ Foreign Pass holding students have different standards for SBB?
3. Along the way, if the child improves and gets better or could not catch up among the peers in the subject class he/she is in, will there be a review for a change in class?
4. Will the students be streamed based on results?
5. Will requiring additional support during exams count against a child and increase chances of being placed at a foundational level?

Any other
questions?

- ▶ If you do have further questions, please submit your queries via the following link:



- ▶ <https://go.gov.sg/2023btpsp4sbb>



Thank You

Find out more about SBB here:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/subject-based-banding>