

Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Curriculum Briefing

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Overview of MTL Teaching & Learning

National
Curriculum
Magazines
& Readers



Thinking
Routines
Differentiated
Instructions
Gamification
E-Pedagogies

Assessment for Learning
Assessment of Learning



Mother Tongue Language Offered at P5

FMT

Foundation
Mother Tongue

MT

Standard
Mother Tongue

HMT

Higher
Mother Tongue

4S1H



Purpose of Offering HMTL

Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) has been officially offered at P5 and P6 since 1992 for students who showed strong proficiency and interest in Mother Tongue Language (MTL).

Eligibility for Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)

- ❑ Achieve at least Band 1 (85 marks or above) for MTL
(Overall score)
- ❑ All other subjects for P4 SA2 at least Band 2



P4 MT Progression to P5HMT

P5 MT

- Oral
- Listening Comprehension
- Composition
- Language Use & Comprehension

P5 HMT

- Composition
- Language Use & Comprehension

1. MT & HMT are 2 different subjects:
 - ✓ Demands are different
 - ✓ Exam formats are different, for e.g.
 - P5MT Paper 1: Choice of picture composition & topic
 - P5HMT Paper 1: Choice of topic & continuous writing
2. Students use only HMT books but will learn the knowledge & skills pertaining to both subjects.

Key Considerations to take HMT at P5

1. Strong interest
2. Strong Proficiency
3. Demands on students
 - Curricula Time - Extra 1hr/week after school
 - Higher academic load (Taking 5 subjects in total)



Eligibility for Higher Mother Tongue Language in Secondary Schools

- Under the new PSLE scoring system, students will be eligible to take Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) in secondary school if they receive:
 - (a) An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better; or
 - (b) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain AL 1 / AL 2 in MTL or distinction/merit in HMTL.
- For students who do not meet the above criteria, secondary schools will have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students.

Common Misconceptions

"My son struggles with his MTL. I think enrolling him in HMTL would give him extra lesson time and help him to improve."



"HMTL is tailored for students who demonstrates strong proficiency in their MTL and can confidently navigate its rigorous curriculum. Enrolling in HMTL might not offer the necessary support he needs and could potentially lead to continued academic challenges or diminished benefits from the advanced lessons."



Common Misconceptions



"My child is good at MTL but not as strong in English Language and Math. I want him to take HMTL to keep him motivated."

"I'd like to highlight that the extra workload from HMTL can be demanding. Balancing this with his current challenges in English and Math might put additional pressure on him, which could affect his overall performance and possibly cause him to lose interest in his studies."



Common Misconceptions

“Taking HMTL will give my child the advantage at the S1 Posting Exercise. He will have better chances of going to a better school.”

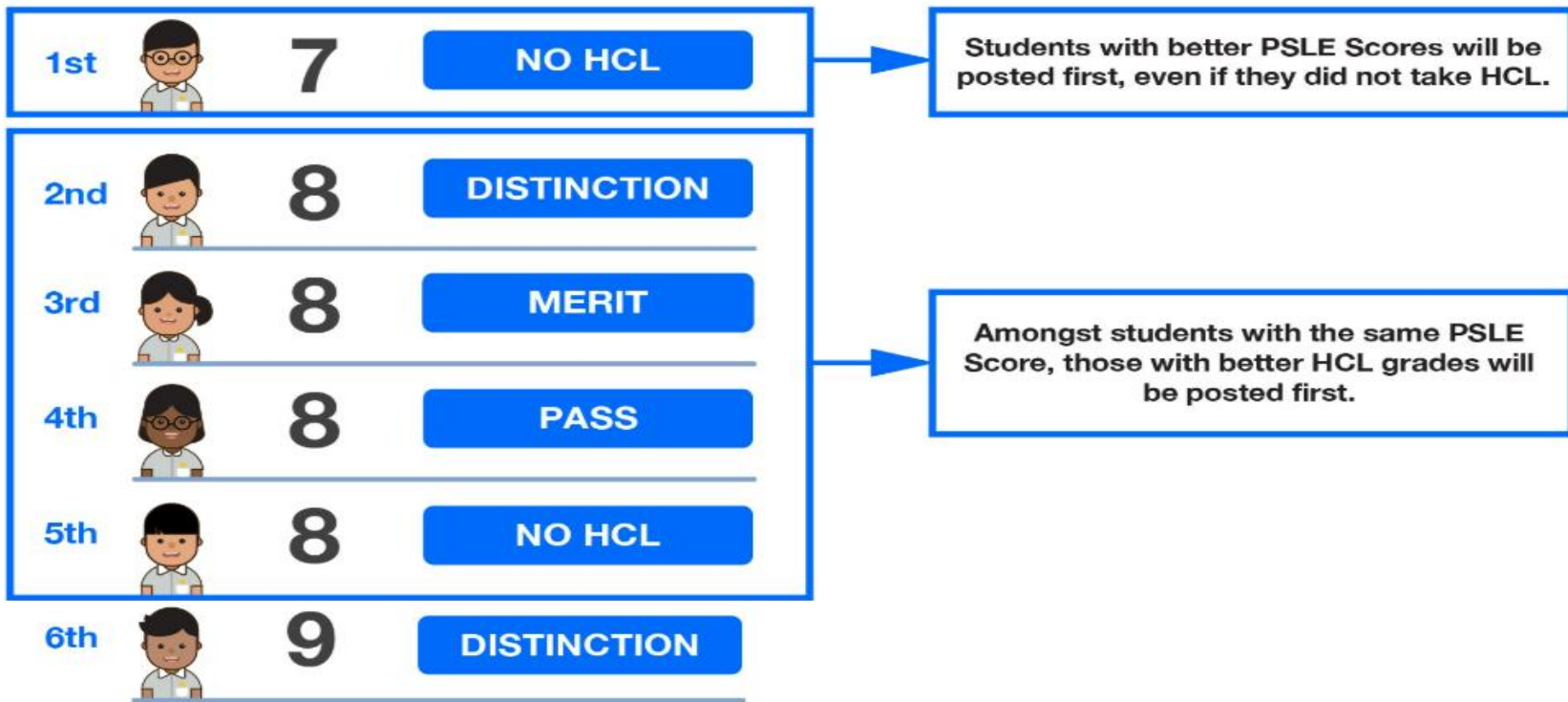


Secondary 1 (S1) Posting is primarily merit-based and not solely determined by a student's enrolment in HMTL.” Let’s take a look at the following example .

Using HCL for Admission into SAP Schools

Students who obtained a Distinction/Merit/Pass for HCL at the PSLE and an overall PSLE Score of 14 or better will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools.

Students will be considered for admission to SAP schools in the following order:



Partnering Parents to Support Students' Learning

Create an environment conducive for learning MTL

- Structured time for MTL revision and learning at home.
- Discuss topics/newspaper articles/news so that they can build up their confidence to speak the language.
- Read to them. Read with your child. Listen to them read.
(Use Supplementary Reading Materials/ textbooks / Story Books)
- Practise writing composition within a given time.
- Encourage and journey with them.



Thank You



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