

MJR Sec 1 SBB Information



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What is SBB?



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Subject-Based Banding (SBB):

- higher level subjects are offered to students with the ability and competencies to manage
- allows students to take **English, Math, Science and/or Mother Tongue Language** at a more demanding level starting from Secondary 1

Eligibility Criteria for Sec 1 students in Jan 22

Course	PSLE Standard Grade	PSLE Foundation Grade	Option to offer subject at
N(A)	AL 5	-	Express
N(T)	AL 5	-	Express/ N(A)
	AL 6	AL A	N(A)

- Each student can take at most 3 subjects at higher level so as to ensure that students can cope with the overall academic demands.



Eligibility Criteria for Subsequent SBB Intakes



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To be offered higher level subject at Sec 1 during Mid-Year and End-of-Year, you will need to meet School-based examination eligibility criteria:

Course	Sec 1 School-based Results (Mid-Year and End-of-Year Exams)	Option to offer subject at
N(A)	75% or higher in specific subject and 60% or higher in the overall average	Express level from next semester
N(T)	and Subject and Form Teachers' Recommendation	N(A) level from next semester

Subsequent SBB Intakes

- Students can purchase materials for the higher level subject based on the school's booklist after accepting the SBB offers.
- Mid-Year and End-of-Year inserts will also be given a list of topics that they can read up on to prepare for the SBB subject in the following semester/year.



Eligibility Criteria for Continuation of SBB at Sec 3

School-based examination eligibility criteria for continuation of SBB at Secondary 3:

Course	Overall Results	Option to continue with
3N(T)	$\geq 50\%$ in overall for the specific subject	Exp or NA level in next Academic Year
3N(A)	$\geq 50\%$ in overall for the specific subject	Express Subject in next Academic Year



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SBB Marks Conversion for School-Based Assessments



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Range for Mark Conversion:			
Subject	Exp to N(A)	N(A) to N(T)	Exp to N(T)
English	5-10	10-15	15-25
MTL / HMTL	5-10	10-15	15-25
Mathematics	5-10	10-15	15-25
Science	5-10	10-15	15-25

Example

NA English					NT English (Conversion)
55 marks	+	10 marks	=		65 marks

Computation of Aggregate Points for Admission to Post-Sec Institutions



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For N(T) Level students offering N(A) subjects, the N(A) subject grades will be converted to N(T) grades, for computation of aggregate points for ITE admission, as shown in the table below.

N(A) Grade	N(T) Grade	ITE Aggregate Point
1, 2	A	1
3	B	2
4	C	3
5	D	4
U	U	5

Bonus Points for N(T) SBB Students

N(T) SBB students are also awarded bonus points for admission to ITE NITEC courses, and these are shown in the following table.

Criteria for Bonus Points	Number of Bonus Points Awarded
Obtain Passing Grades* for N(A) subjects i.e. Grades 1–5 (Core Subjects)	2 points for each subject, up to a max of 4 points

*Bonus points are awarded only if the students qualify for the course they are applying for.



Case Study: John Tan's N(T) level results are as shown below.

Subject	Grade
English	4
Maths SBB = 4	3
CPA	5
Science	U (Fail)
Total	12
Bonus points	Not applicable
Final Score	12

John wants to apply for Aerospace Engineering. The **criteria** for this course is that he must **pass science**.



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Computation of Aggregate Points for Admission to Post-Sec Institutions



For N-Level students offering O-Level subjects, the O-level subject grades will be converted to N-Level grades, for computation of aggregate points for admission to poly/ITE, as shown in the table below.

GCE O-Level Grade	GCE N-Level Grade
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7 – E8	3

FAQ: When does a SBB student sit for his National Exams? How will they apply for their ITE course if they sit for the O-level papers?

- SBB Students take their N(A) or O-level exams at the end of Sec 4.
- 4NT students taking SBB subjects will receive both their N(A) and N(T) results at the same time in December.
- 4NA students taking SBB Subjects have to wait for the O-Level Subject results release in January of the following year to apply for courses in the ITE.



FAQ: My child has taken a SBB subject at Sec 4, does it mean that he / she will not have to sit for the subject again in Sec 5?

Students who have done well for their SBB subjects can choose not to take the paper again in Sec 5. However, if they would like to resit for the subjects to obtain a better grade, they can still do so.



FAQ: My child is in the NT stream. He is scoring a B4 (60 marks) for NA Math for almost all his tests / exams. Should he continue with the SBB subject?

**A B4 in NA Math is an equivalent of a B3 in NT Math.
You should speak with your child and his subject teachers to find out if he is coping or would he be doing better with NT Math before making a decision.**



FAQ: My child qualifies for an SBB Subject, but he would also like to try to do well for all subjects to be laterally transferred to another stream. What should he do?

Before taking SBB:

You can speak with your child and his subject teachers to find out if he is able to cope with the demands of SBB and at the same time manage his other mainstream subjects.

After taking SBB:

If your child is already doing an SBB subject, you can check on his termly results to see if he is coping with the higher stream.

END OF PRESENTATION

