

Post-Secondary Pathways

For students taking GCE 'O' levels

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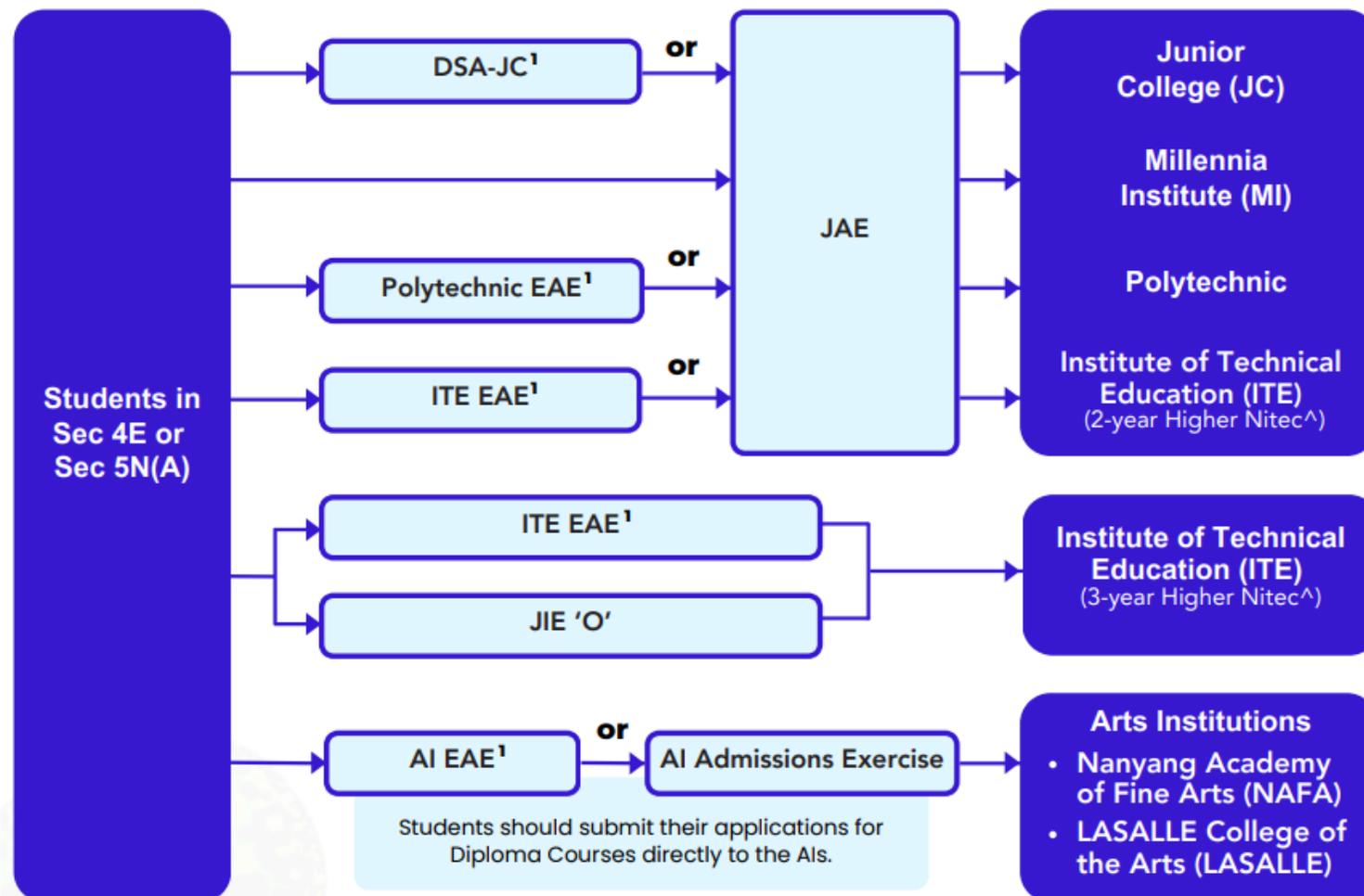
This sharing will cover:

- Overview of post-secondary pathways
- Understanding aggregate scores
- Direct School Admissions JC (DSA-JC)
- Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE)
- Advice for students and parents

This sharing will not cover:

- Technicalities of the different admission exercises

Admissions exercises to take part in



<https://go.gov.sg/postsec-olevel>

JURONG SECONDARY SCHOOL

Admission Criteria



Admission Criteria

Glossary of Terms

ELIGIBILITY	PLACEMENT
<p>meeting the minimum academic requirements in order to be able to apply for a post-secondary pathway and/or course.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allocation of place in a specific school/course • subject to competition based on merit, ranked choices and availability of vacancies
<p>based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meeting specific aggregate scores (depending on PSEI); and • meeting grade requirements for specific subjects 	<p>based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • net aggregate scores (after CCA bonus point deduction)

Eligibility does not guarantee placement!

JC/MI

L1R5 eligibility:

- JC – **gross L1R5 ≤ 20**
- MI – **gross L1R4 ≤ 20**

L1R5	Subjects
First Language L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue Language
Relevant Subject R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <i>Humanities</i>
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <i>Mathematics</i> or <i>Science</i>
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from <i>Humanities</i> , <i>Mathematics</i> or <i>Science</i>
R4, R5	Any 2 best-scoring subjects

Admission Criteria

Review

JC/MI

Eligibility requires meeting the *subject-specific requirements*.

Subject	Grade Requirement
English Language	A1 to C6
Any 1 Mathematics	A1 to D7
Any 1 MTL	MTL: A1 to D7 Higher MTL: A1 to E8 'B' Syllabus: Merit or Pass

JC/MI

Successful placement into JC/MI is based on:

- JC – **net** L1R5 score,
- MI – **net** L1R4 score

JC Name	A-Level			
	Arts		Science	
	Course Code	L1R5 Net Aggregate Range for Previous (2025) JAE	Course Code	Net L1R5 Range for Previous (2025) JAE
Anderson Serangoon Junior College	39A	7 to 11	39S	5 to 10
Anglo-Chinese Junior College	22A	3 to 9	22S	2 to 8

net: after bonus points deduction

JC/MI

CCA Bonus Points for JC/MI admission

Type of Bonus Points	Points
CCA Grade	Excellent: 2
	Good: 1
EL and HMTL Grade <i>A1 to C6 for both subjects</i>	2
Chinese / Malay (Special Programme) or Bahasa Indonesia Grade <i>A1 to C6</i>	2
Max. bonus points: 4 points	

Additional 2 bonus points if student applied and is selected for CL/ML/TL Elective Programme in JC **(not applicable for MI)**.

Why choose JC/MI?

- Provides a comprehensive education that goes beyond academics, developing the character, skills and mindset students need to thrive in life and contribute meaningfully to society.
- Strong focus on 3 areas: Life Skills, Knowledge Skills, Subject Disciplines.
- Competitive learning environment.



Recognise your **learning style**, **motivations**, and **readiness to learn, unlearn, and relearn** in a fast-paced and competitive learning environment.

Polytechnics

Eligibility requirements:

- **net** ELR2B2 ≤ 26
- meet **Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs)** of course

Placement requires:

- **net** ELR2B2 score

Courses	Course Code	Aggregate Type	Net ELR2B2 Range for Previous (2025) JAE	Minimum Entry Requirements																								
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**net – after CCA bonus points deduction*

Polytechnics

CCA Bonus Points for Polytechnics:

CCA Grade	Bonus points
Excellent	2
Good	1
Max. bonus points: 2 points	

Admission Criteria

Review

Polytechnics

Course Aggregate Types

Aggregate types differ in the subjects which constitute the ***R2 subjects*** for ELR2B2 calculation.

A

ELR2B2-A

- Humanities
- Media & Design

B

ELR2B2-B

- Business & Management

C

ELR2B2-C

- Applied Sciences
- Built Environment
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Information & Digital Technologies

D

ELR2B2-D

- Built Environment
- Media & Design



Scan QR code for list of subjects which constitutes R1 and R2 for each aggregate type.

Admission Criteria

Review

Why choose Polytechnics?

- More **hands-on learning** as the courses are industry-focused.
- Broader range of specialised courses.
- Best for students who prefer continuous assessment over one major exam.
- **Internships** and **real-work experience**.



Recognise your **learning style, motivations**, and what **you would like to do** after graduating from polytechnic.

Choosing the polytechnic route means committing to a particular industry. **But are you aware of which industries align with your personality, values, interests, and skills?**

JURONG SECONDARY SCHOOL

Where am I now?

Academic Audit



JC/MI

Do my results meet the admission criteria?



1. Have you identified a JC you are interested in?
2. Do your **current results** meet the subject-specific requirements for JC admission?
3. What is your **current** gross/net **L1R5** score?
4. What is the **net L1R5** score you need to meet for a better chance of being successfully placed into this JC?

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

1. Have you identified a JC you are interested in?



<https://for.edu.sg/moeschfinder>

National Junior College



 Bukit Timah
[37 Hillcrest Road, S288913](#)

 Course code: Arts: 27A | Science: 27S

 2026 JAE L1R5 net aggregate: Arts: 4 - 8 | Science: 2 - 6

Subjects offered

Electives and programmes

DSA talent areas offered for 2025

Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

Support for special educational needs

 Visit the school website to learn more.

Source: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder/schooldetail/national-junior-college>

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

2. Do your results meet the ***subject-specific requirements*** for JC admission?

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English Language	A1 to C6
Any 1 Mathematics	A1 to D7
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Do my results meet the admission criteria?

3. What is your **gross** L1R5 score?

L1R5	Subjects
L1	English or Higher Mother Tongue Language
R1	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities
R2	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Mathematics or Science
R3	Any 1 best-scoring subject from Humanities , Mathematics or Science
R4/R5	Any 2 best-scoring subjects

HMTL and MTL grades cannot be used in the same L1R5 computation.

Example of student's O-level results

Subject	Grade	
English	B3	} R4
Higher Malay Language	A2	
E Math	B3	} R5
A Math	B4	
Physics	A2	} R3
Chemistry	A1	
Malay Language	A1	× HML used as L1
Combined Humanities	B4	} R1

Student's gross L1R5 computation will be based on:

$$\text{HML} + \text{CHum} + \text{Chem} + \text{Phy} + \text{EL} + \text{E Math} = 15$$

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

3. What is your **net** L1R5 score?

Assuming student fulfils the following bonus point criteria:

Type of Bonus Points	Points
CCA Grade	Excellent: 2
EL and HMTL Grade <i>A1 to C6 for both subjects</i>	2

Total bonus points = **4 points**
Net L1R5 score = 15 – 4 = **11**

Example of student's O-level results

Subject	Grade	
English	B3	} R4 } L1 (better score)
Higher Malay Language	A2	
E Math	B3	} R5
A Math	B4	
Physics	A2	} R3
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Combined Humanities	B4	} R1

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Do my results meet the admission criteria?

4. What is the *net* L1R5 score you need to meet for a better chance of being successfully placed into this JC?

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National Junior College	27A	5 to 8	27S	3 to 7



Student will need to have a net L1R5 score of **8 or better (for Arts stream)** and **7 or better (for Science stream)** to stand a good chance of being successfully placed in NJC.

Where Am I Now?

Academic Audit

Yes, I am **keen!**



Apply for JC?



I am **considering...**

- Which specific criteria am I not meeting? (e.g. specific subject, L1R5 score)
- What are some subjects that I need to improve on?
- What concrete steps can I take to improve?
- Who can I seek help from, if needed?

- Is the JC teaching and learning style suitable for me?
- Can I cope with the A-Level academic rigour?
- Can I consider more than one pathway?
- What other pathway(s) can I consider?
- Am I open to taking a longer route if that means I can still achieve my aspirations?

Polytechnics

Do my results meet the admission criteria?



1. Have you identified a poly course you are interested in?
2. What are the Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) of this course?
3. What is your net ELR2B2 score?
4. What is the net ELR2B2 score you need to meet for a better chance of being successfully placed into this course?

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

1. Have you identified a poly course you are interested in?



<https://for.edu.sg/coursefindermoe>

Common Science Programme

Caters to science enthusiasts seeking exposure and practical experience to choose their preferred specialisation in applied sciences. It features a diverse two-semester curriculum for exploring interests and assessing aptitude. Students gain valuable insights into applied science disciplines through taster modules, diploma exposure programs, and career guidance activities. Upon completion, students can make well-informed decisions about their diploma courses for the next two years of study at SP.

- 📄 Course code: S28
- 📅 2026 JAE ELR2B2-C net aggregate: 7 - 9
- 🏫 Singapore Polytechnic
- 📅 Course duration: 3 years
- ✅ Admission type: JAE, DAE, JPAE, Poly EAE, PFP

At the end of Year 1, you can choose to major in one of the following courses:

- [Applied Chemistry](#)
- [Biomedical Science](#)
- [Food Science & Technology](#)
- [Perfumery & Cosmetic Science](#)

 Learn more on:

- [Course details](#)
- [Career prospects](#)
- [Minimum entry requirements](#)
- [How to register](#)
- [Modules](#)

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

2. What are the **Minimum Entry Requirements** (MERs) of this course?

Minimum entry requirement

You must meet the respective examination requirements in order for us to consider your application.

For O-Level students seeking admission through JAE 

Subject	Grade
English Language	1-7
Additional Mathematics or Mathematics	1-6
Any one of the following subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology• Biotechnology• Chemistry• Food & Nutrition/Nutrition & Food Science• Physics• Science (Chemistry, Biology)• Science (Physics, Biology)• Science (Physics, Chemistry)	1-6

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

3. What is your **net** ELR2B2 score?

Example: Student is interested in SP's Common Science Programme (CSP).

CSP falls under aggregate type **ELR2B2-C**.



R1: AMath or Emath

R2:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Design & Technology (D&T)
- Nutrition & Food Science (NFS)
- Physics
- Combined Science

Example of student's O-level results

Subject	Grade	
English	B3	} EL
Higher Malay Language	A2	
E Math	B3	} R1 (better score)
A Math	B4	
Physics	A2	} B2
Chemistry	A1	
Malay Language	A1	} B1
Combined Humanities	B4	

× **ML used as B1**

Student's **raw** ELR2B2-C will be based:
EL + EMath + Chem + ML + Phy = 10

Where Am I Now?

Academic Audit

Do my results meet the admission criteria?

3. What is your **net** ELR2B2 score?

Example: Student is interested in SP's Common Science Programme (CSP).

CSP falls under aggregate type **ELR2B2-C**.

Assuming student fulfils the following bonus point criteria:

CCA Grade	Bonus points
Excellent	2

Student's **net** ELR2B2 will be:

$$\text{EL} + \text{EMath} + \text{Chem} + \text{ML} + \text{Phy} = 10 - 2 = 8$$

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Combined Humanities	B4	
		} B1

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Do my results meet the admission criteria?

4. What is the **net** ELR2B2 score you need to meet for a better chance of being successfully placed into this course?



<https://go.gov.sg/jae26>

Courses	Course Code	Aggregate Type	Net ELR2B2 Range for Previous (2025) JAE	Minimum Entry Requirements										
Common Science Programme At the end of Year 1, students will opt for one of the following Diploma courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Chemistry • Biomedical Science • Food Science & Technology • Perfumery & Cosmetic Science 	S28	ELR2B2-C	5 to 9 ↑	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>a) English Language</td> <td>1-7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) Additional Mathematics / Mathematics</td> <td>1-6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) Any one of the following subjects:</td> <td>1-6</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Biotechnology • Chemistry • Food & Nutrition / Nutrition & Food Science • Physics • Science (Chemistry, Biology) • Science (Physics, Biology) • Science (Physics, Chemistry) </td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Grade	a) English Language	1-7	b) Additional Mathematics / Mathematics	1-6	c) Any one of the following subjects:	1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Biotechnology • Chemistry • Food & Nutrition / Nutrition & Food Science • Physics • Science (Chemistry, Biology) • Science (Physics, Biology) • Science (Physics, Chemistry) 	
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Student will need to have a **net** ELR2B2 score of **9 or better** to stand a good chance of being successfully placed in SP's Common Science Programme.

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Yes, I am **keen!**



Apply for Poly?



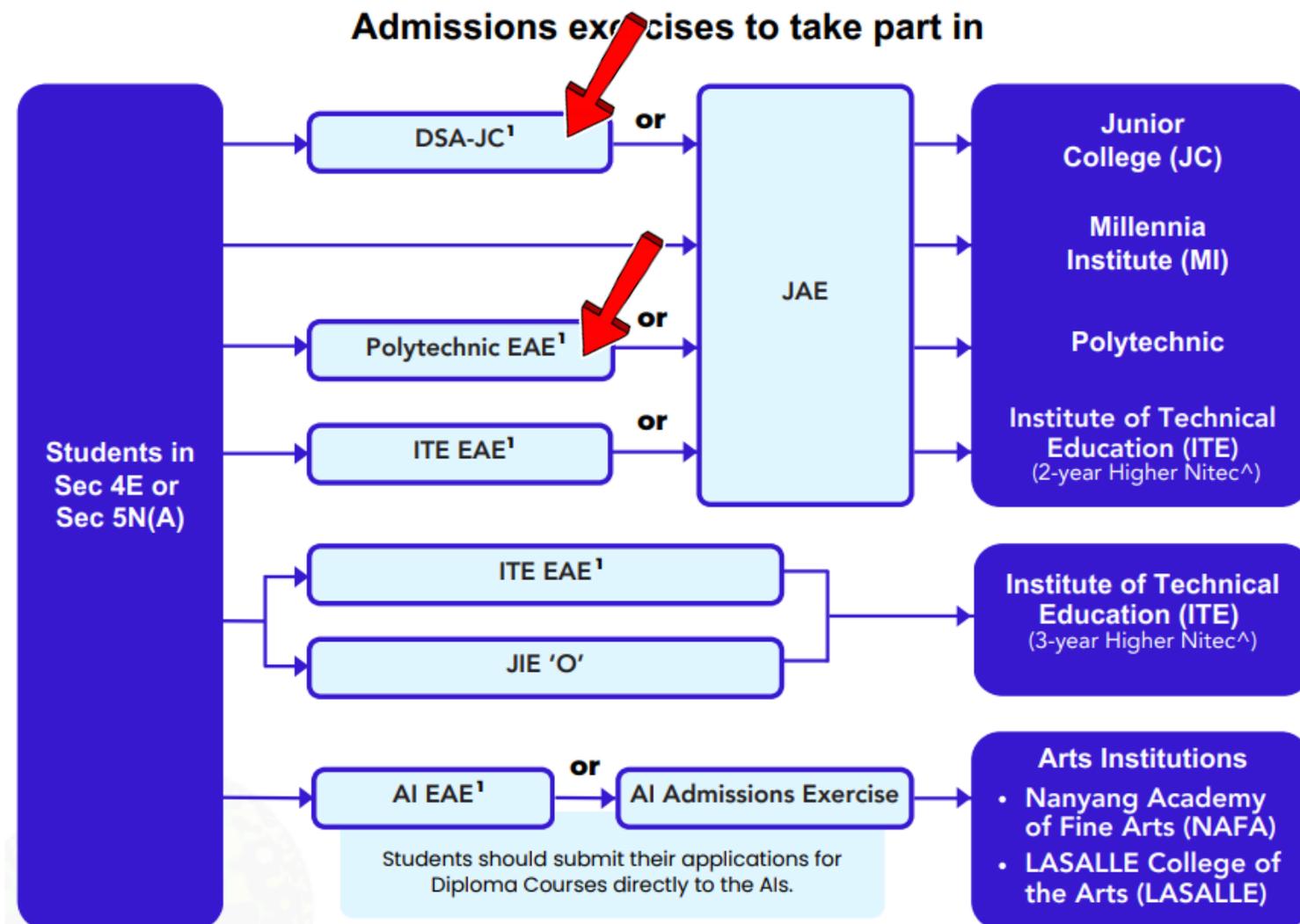
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- Which specific criteria am I not meeting? (e.g. specific subject, ELR2B2 score)
- What are some subjects that I need to improve on?
- What concrete steps can I take to improve?
- Who can I seek help from, if needed?

- Do I prefer a practice-based learning environment?
- Will I be able to stay on track academically in the more independent poly environment?
- Have I identified an industry I am interested in?
- Can I consider more than one pathway?
- What other pathway(s) can I consider?

Where Am I Now?

Academic Audit



Would I want to consider applying for DSA-JC or Poly EAE?



Direct School Admission for Junior Colleges (DSA-JC) Overview

What is DSA-JC?

An aptitude-based admission exercise which allows students to apply to a DSA school **before** taking the GCE O-Level examinations.

Students can **apply based on their talent in sports, CCAs and specific academic areas** which may not be demonstrated at the O-Level examinations.



Student gains **conditional admission** into his/her choice JC.

Placement in JC will be confirmed if student's O-level results meet the JC admission criteria:

- **gross** L1R5 ≤ 20
- subject-specific requirements

Student will **not** be able to take part in the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) and/or transfer to another school.



Student gains **conditional admission** into his/her choice JC.

If student's O-level results **do not meet the JC admission criteria**, the conditional offer will be **automatically revoked** upon the release of the O-level results.

Student is then eligible to participate in JAE.





Student can participate in the ***Joint Admission Exercise (JAE)*** after the release of the O-level results.

If student's O-level results qualify for JC admission, i.e.

- ***gross*** $L1R5 \leq 20$
- subject-specific requirements,

he/she ***can still opt for the same JC*** through JAE.

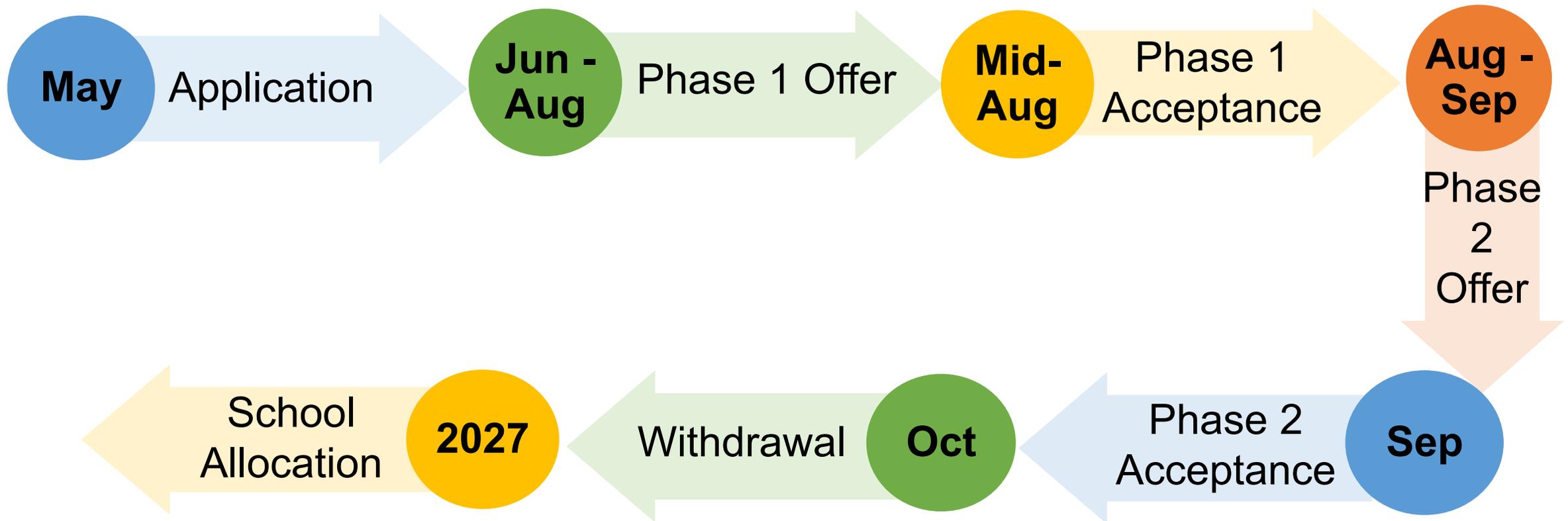


**Direct School Admission for Junior Colleges
(DSA-JC)**
Timeline

Direct School Admissions

Timeline – Junior College

**based on 2025 application timeline*





**Direct School Admission for Junior Colleges
(DSA-JC)
Application**

Direct School Admissions

Application – Junior College

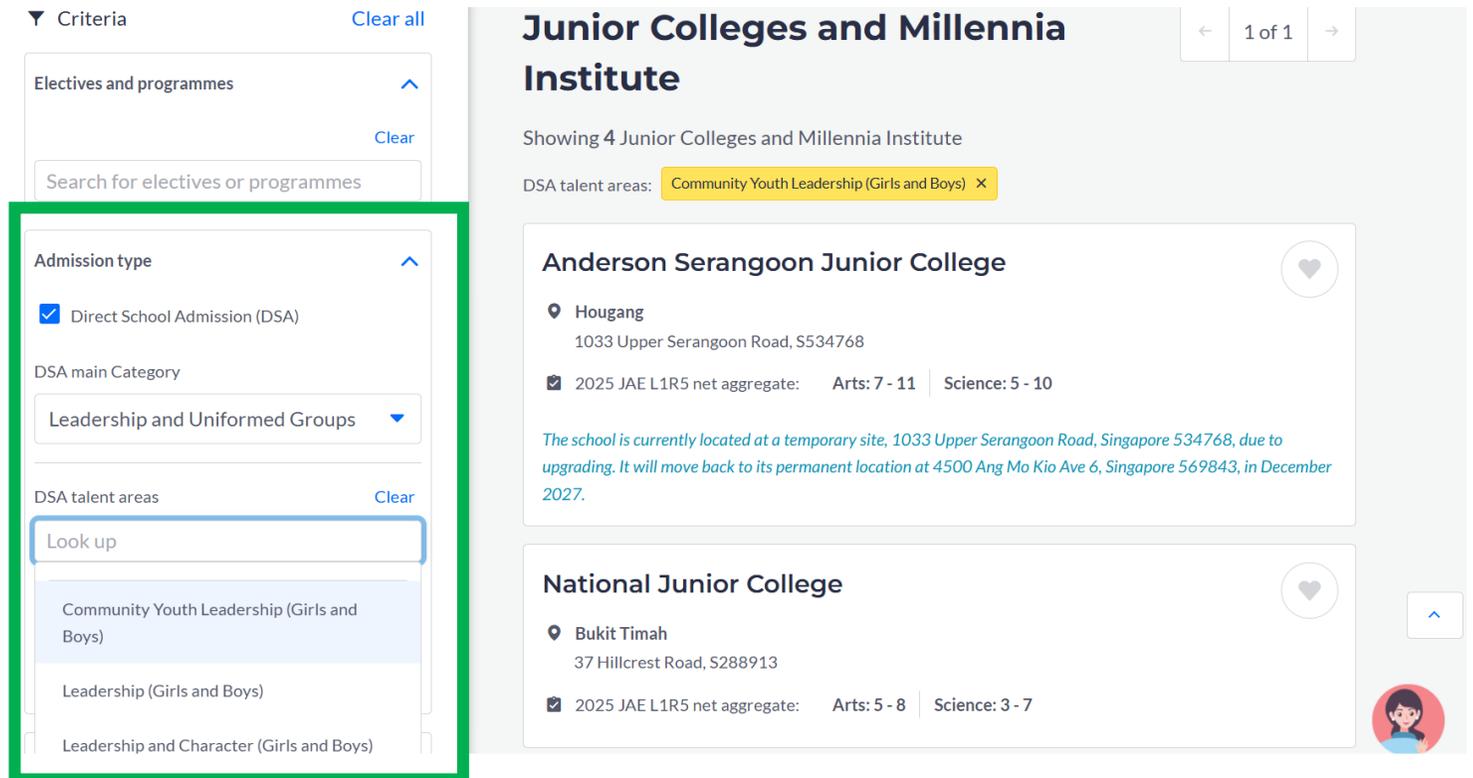
Students **apply directly** to the individual JCs.

- check the individual JC's websites for more details about the application dates, procedures, talent areas offered and selection criteria
→ **differs from JC to JC!**

Use **MOE SchoolFinder** to browse JCs based on talent areas.



<https://for.edu.sg/moeschfinder>



The screenshot shows the MOE SchoolFinder interface. On the left, a sidebar contains search filters: 'Criteria' (with a 'Clear all' link), 'Electives and programmes' (with a search box and 'Clear' link), 'Admission type' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Direct School Admission (DSA)' selected), 'DSA main Category' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Leadership and Uniformed Groups'), and 'DSA talent areas' (with a search box and a dropdown menu showing 'Community Youth Leadership (Girls and Boys)' selected). On the right, the main content area displays 'Junior Colleges and Millennia Institute' with a '1 of 1' indicator. Below this, it shows 'Showing 4 Junior Colleges and Millennia Institute' and 'DSA talent areas: Community Youth Leadership (Girls and Boys)'. The search results list 'Anderson Serangoon Junior College' and 'National Junior College', each with its location, address, and 2025 JAE L1R5 net aggregate scores for Arts and Science.

Source: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder>

JCs may participate in only Phase 1 or both Phase 1 and 2 of DSA application.

Phase 1		Phase 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anderson Serangoon Junior College ▪ Anglo-Chinese Junior College ▪ Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) ▪ Catholic Junior College ▪ Dunman High School ▪ Eunoia Junior College ▪ Hwa Chong Institution ▪ Jurong Pioneer Junior College ▪ Nanyang Junior College ▪ National Junior College ▪ Raffles Institution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ River Valley High School ▪ School of the Arts, Singapore ▪ Singapore Sports School ▪ St. Andrew's Junior College ▪ St. Joseph's Institution ▪ Tampines Meridian Junior College ▪ Temasek Junior College ▪ Victoria Junior College ▪ Yishun Innova Junior College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anderson Serangoon Junior College ▪ Anglo-Chinese Junior College ▪ Catholic Junior College ▪ Jurong Pioneer Junior College ▪ Nanyang Junior College ▪ Singapore Sports School ▪ St. Andrew's Junior College ▪ Tampines Meridian Junior College ▪ Yishun Innova Junior College

During the application, students may be asked to submit:

- recent passport-sized photo
- personal particulars (e.g. NRIC, mobile number, personal email address)
- parent's information (e.g. mobile number, email address)
- prior education (e.g. primary school and PSLE score, scholarships received)
- ***latest academic results***
- ***CCA records and achievements***
- ***VIA***
- ***other achievements, awards or scholarships***
- ***preferred subject combination in JC***

Students may also be required to upload supporting documents and/or a portfolio based on the JC's requirements.

Example: NJC's 2025 DSA application form

Co-curricular Activities in Secondary School

Enter the details of the following in this section:

1. CCAs
2. Special Talents (if any)
3. Scholarships and Awards (if any)
4. Community Service Involvements (if any)

and **submit** the **CCA records** and **achievement certificate documents** *online* via this form to support your application.

Direct School Admissions

Application – Junior College

Some JCs may also require students to submit a ***personal statement***.

Example #1:
RI's 2025 DSA application form

Personal Statement

There is no restriction on the topic that you may write on.
The personal statement serves as a general sharing of your background and interest, to support your application

31. Please ensure that the personal statement has a maximum of 300 words. (optional) 2100 maximum characters allowed

Source: RI DSA application form

Example #2:
HCI's 2025 DSA application form

Personal Statement

41. My personal statement

In no more than 1500 characters, write a personal statement to tell us your talents which you think set you apart from the rest of the applicants.

Source: HCI DSA application form

Direct School Admissions

Application – Junior College

What can be included?

Student may also need to prepare a **portfolio**.

- **organised collection of evidence** which shows his/her accomplishments in and outside of school
- portfolio should reflect experiences, involvement and interests **relevant to DSA talent area**

Category	Examples
Academic achievements	Top in English Language and Physics for Level in 2025, etc.
Non-academic achievements	EAGLES Award 2025, etc.
Leadership experiences	School Council, key leadership roles in CCA, etc.
Competitions	National School Games, Singapore Youth Festival, etc.
External activities	Volunteer work, etc.
Talent areas	Creative works, grading certificates
Skills – IT, language, etc.	Websites, apps, etc.

Some JCs may highlight **criteria** for portfolio showcase.

*Example #1:
NJC's 2025 DSA application for
Community Youth Leadership*

Clubs and Societies	Criteria
1. Interact Club (Community Youth Leadership)	<p>The portfolio must contain the following evidence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Showcase the projects you have led in community service 2. Leadership positions which require you to lead a team in strategic thinking to mitigate community issues 3. Have relevant experiences to engage with the diverse groups in the community

Source: <https://www.nationaljc.moe.edu.sg/admissions/junior-college-selection-criteria/>

*Example #2:
ACJC's 2025 DSA application for
Information Technology (Computing)*

1. Portfolio Submission cum Interview

Shortlisted candidates are required to submit a portfolio that demonstrate their strong knowledge and interest in the area of Infocomm Technology. The portfolio may include:

- ❖ achievements related to national/international competitions (e.g. National Infocomm Competition, National Software Competition, Computational and Algorithmic Thinking competition, etc).
- ❖ Deep interest and outstanding talent for Infocomm Technology (programming, software/applications development, robotics, etc)
- ❖ Activities, internship, courses or workshops that are related to the area of Infocomm Technology
- ❖ Experience in planning & organising Infocomm Technology related activities.
- ❖ Shortlisted candidates will also be required to attend an interview.
- ❖ Students applying for Direct School Admission into Anglo-Chinese Junior College should have an exemplary disciplinary record.

Source: https://www.acjc.moe.edu.sg/files/Dsa/Eligibility_Criteria_Infocomm_Technology_Computing_2025.pdf

Shortlisted students will be notified to attend a ***selection interview***, which may also ***include an audition or trial***.

Example #1:
ACJC's 2025 DSA application
(Modern Dance CCA)

1. Face-to-face Audition cum Interview

- ❖ A successful audition is the key requirement for admission through this area of dance talents. Satisfying the abovementioned criteria does not guarantee successful direct admission into ACJC.
- ❖ Candidates are required to perform **one** standard set of choreography conducted by the instructor and to present a **one-minute** original self-choreographed work. The performance audition repertoire should be of good technical and expressive standard. Candidates should also be prepared for a short interview segment.
- ❖ Students applying for Direct School Admission into Anglo-Chinese Junior College should have an exemplary disciplinary record.

Source: https://www.acjc.moe.edu.sg/files/Dsa/Eligibility_Criteria_through_Modern_Dance_2025.pdf

Example #2:
NYJC's 2025 DSA application
(all Sports and Games CCAs)

Shortlisted students for Sports and Games CCAs should turn up for the trial in sports attire with their equipment (If relevant) and be ready to be tested in individual skills and/or games situation.

Source: <https://www.nanyangjc.moe.edu.sg/admissions-and-admin/Administration/dsa/>

Direct School Admission for Junior Colleges (DSA-JC)

Why consider it?

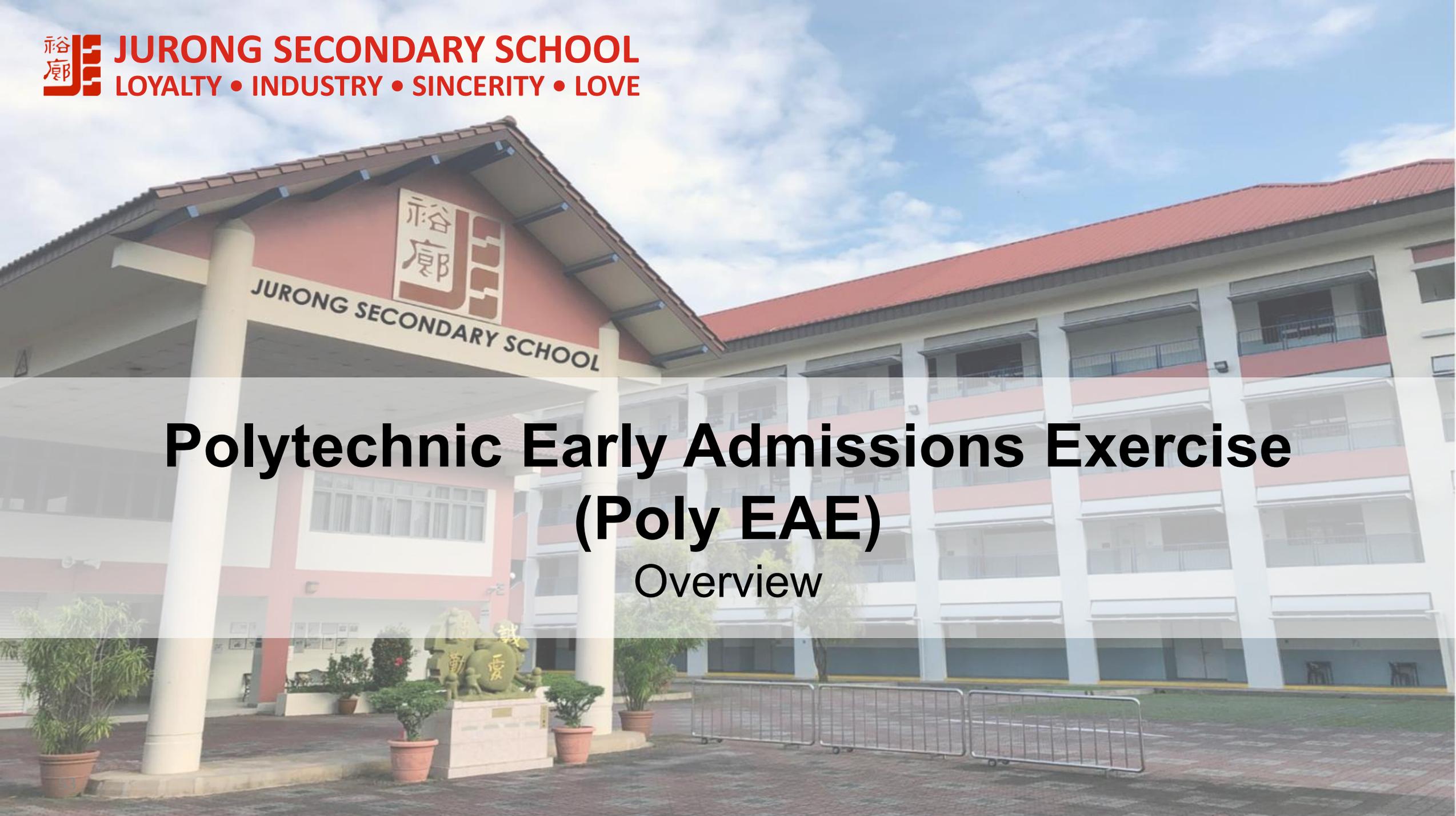
- for students who are **sure** that **JC is their preferred pathway** and demonstrated **strong ability** in DSA talent area
- no need to compete for admission into JC of choice based on net L1R5 cut-off points
- assessment is done through different modes, e.g. interviews, portfolio, trials/auditions and aptitude tests (depending on the talent area)

Direct School Admissions

Why consider?



Reflect on your learning style, aptitude in talent area and willingness to commit to the talent area while balancing the academic demands for A-levels in JC.



Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE)

Overview

What is Poly EAE?

An aptitude-based admission exercise which allows students to apply for and receive conditional offers for admission to polytechnics **before** taking the GCE O-Level examinations.

Polytechnics have the flexibility to admit students based on **demonstrated aptitudes and interests**, apart from academic grades.

Each poly has its ***own selection criteria***.

Students can be assessed through:

- ***portfolio***
- ***interview***
- ***aptitude test*** (if applicable)
- participation in activities or projects related to the course that student is applying for (e.g. CCAs, work attachments, ApLMs, etc.)
- other talents and/or achievements (e.g. sports, arts, leadership, entrepreneurship and community service)

Student gains **conditional admission** into his/her course choice in a specific poly.

Placement in the poly course will be **confirmed** if student's O-level results meet poly admission criteria:

- **net ELR2B2 \leq 26**
- **Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) of the course**

Student will **not** be able to take part in the Joint Admission Exercise (JAE) and/or switch course within or between polytechnics.



Student gains ***conditional admission*** into his/her course choice in a specific poly.

If student's O-level results ***do not meet*** the ***poly admission criteria and/or the EAE course MERs***, the conditional offer will be ***automatically revoked*** upon the release of the O-level results.

Student is then eligible to participate in JAE.



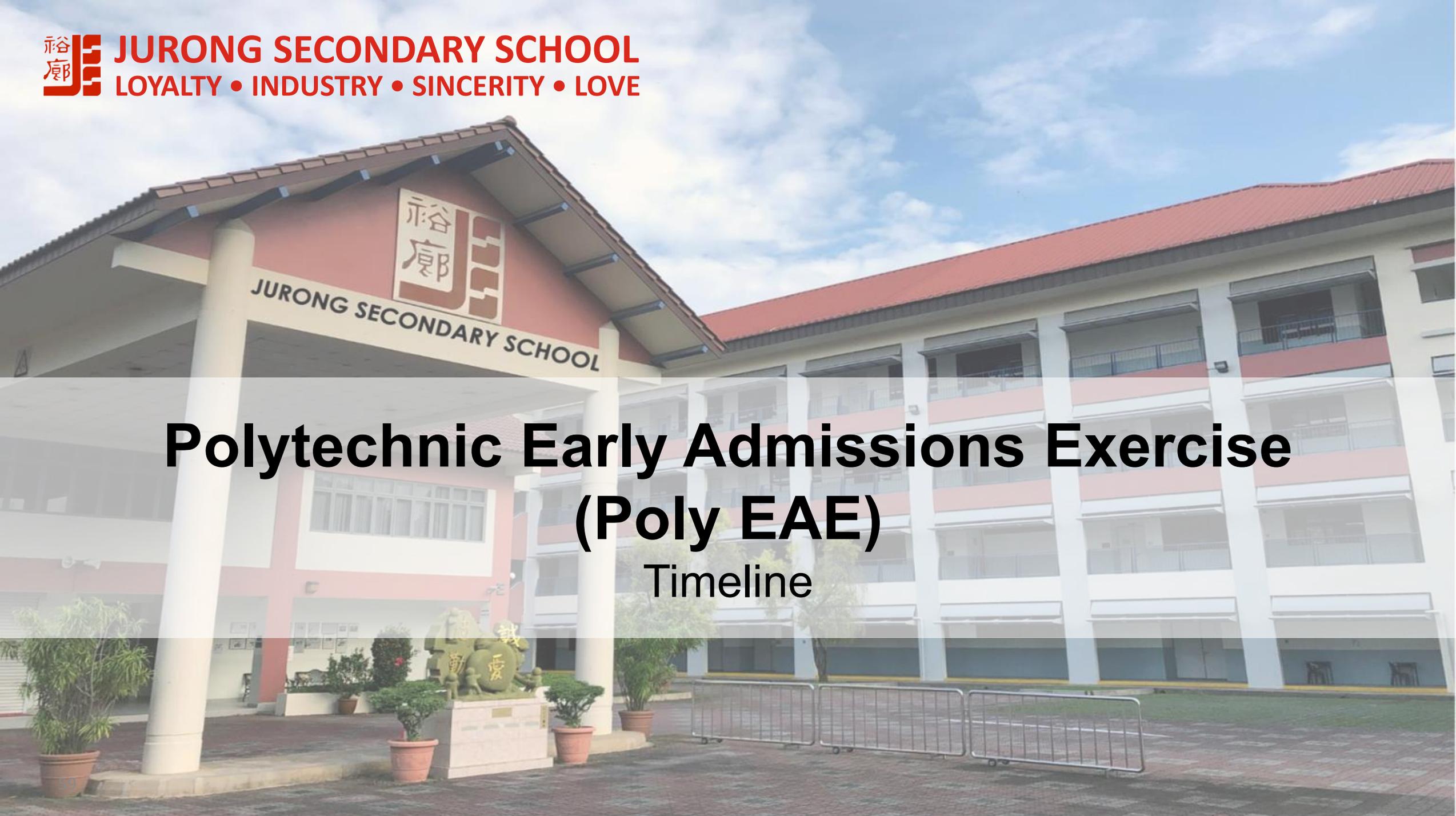


Student can participate in the ***Joint Admission Exercise (JAE)*** after the release of the O-level results.

If student's results qualify for poly admission, i.e.

- net ELR2B2 \leq 26
- Minimum Entry Requirements (MERs) of the course,

he/she can still opt for the same poly and/or course, through JAE.



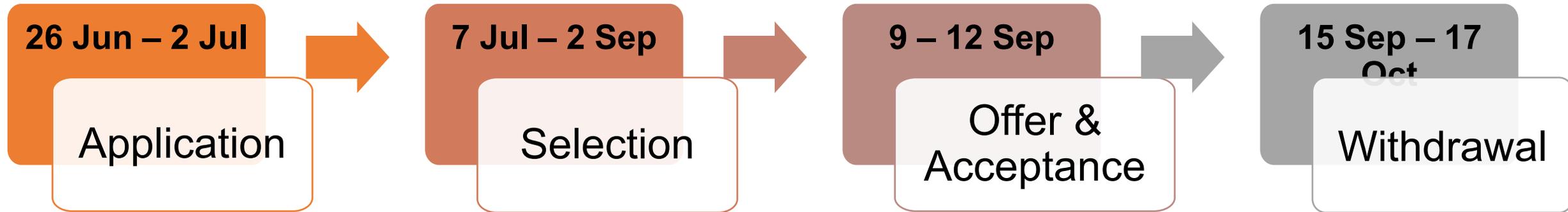
Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE)

Timeline

Early Admission Exercise

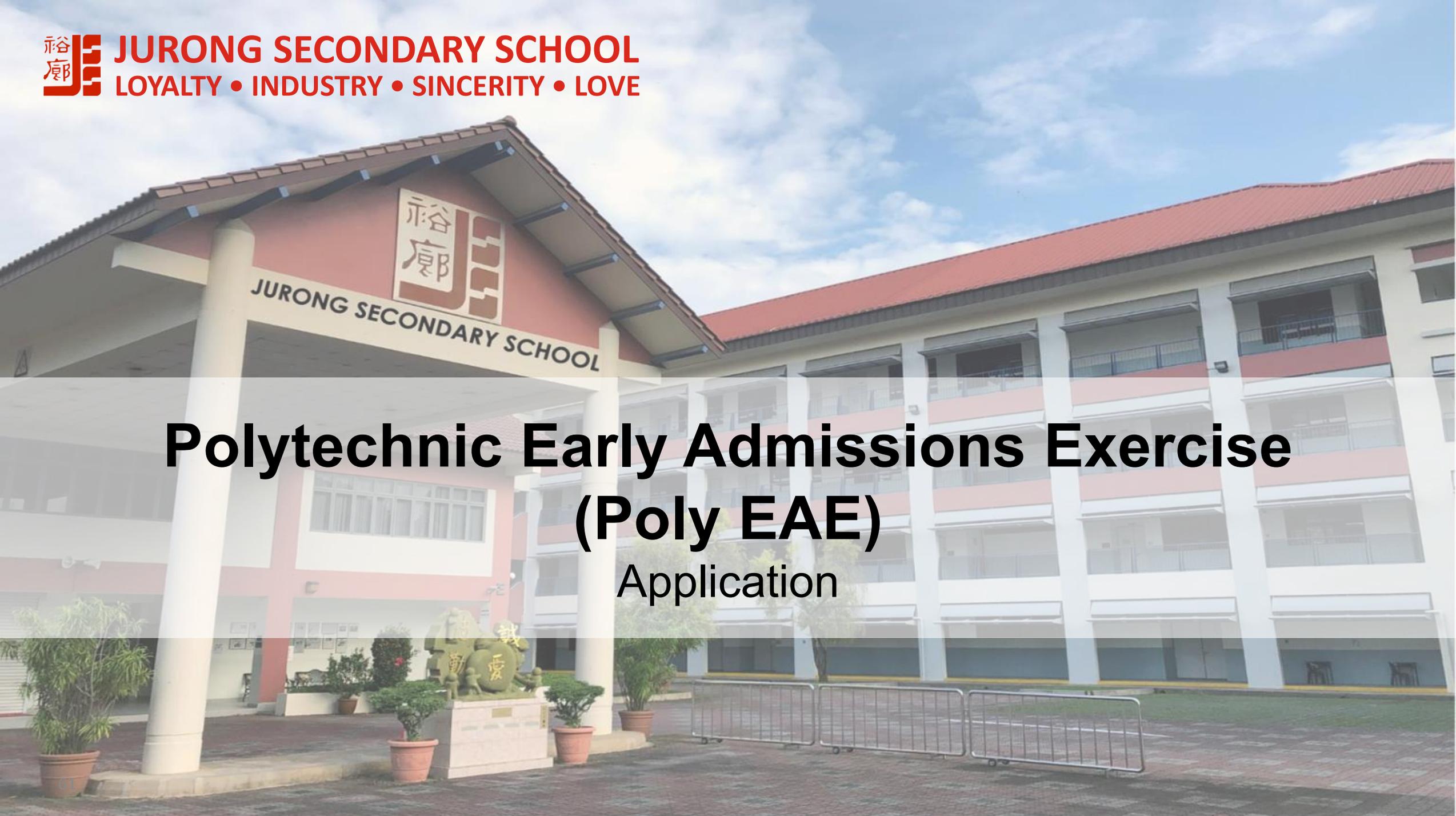
Timeline – Polytechnics

**based on 2025 application timeline*



Only one course will be offered to student. Student is **deemed to have rejected the offer** if he/she does not confirm the acceptance by the stipulated deadline.

Student will **not be allowed to revoke the withdrawal.**



Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE)

Application

Students apply via the ***Poly EAE portal*** (<https://eae.polytechnic.edu.sg>).

- Student will need a ***Singpass account*** to access the poly EAE portal.



Each student can apply for **up to 3 poly diploma courses**.

- Choices should be ranked in order of preference.

Use **MOE CourseFinder** to browse poly courses.



<https://for.edu.sg/coursefindermoe>

CourseFinder

Explore courses based on aggregate type, score, type of institute and area of interest.

Polytechnics ▾ Search for a course or course code e.g. "Biomedical Science" or "N59" SEARCH

Criteria Clear all

Polytechnics ^

- Nanyang Polytechnic
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Republic Polytechnic
- Singapore Polytechnic
- Temasek Polytechnic

2026 JAE aggregate ^

Aggregate type Clear

Select an aggregate type ▾

Courses in Polytechnics

Showing 196 courses

Accountancy ♥

Course code: S75

Admission Type: JAE, DAE, JPAE, Poly EAE, PFP

Singapore Polytechnic

2026 JAE ELR2B2-B net aggregate: 5 - 12

Accountancy ♥

Course code: N51

Admission Type: JAE, DAE, JPAE, Poly EAE, PFP

Source: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/coursefinder/Polytechnics>

As part of the application process, students will need to prepare:

a) a **600-character write-up** for each course

[Edit Particulars](#) > [Course Choices](#) > [Talents/Achievements](#) > [Print](#) > [Logoff](#)

Course Choices

Fields marked with an asterisk * are required.

1st Choice *

Polytechnic: Course:

I have selected this course as my 1st Choice because ...

This is test course description. I love to study in Nanyang Polytechnic because it is near my house. It has good reputation. The location of the school is very accessible, and it is nearer to town and can go shopping after school. There is a variety of CCAs for me to choose, I feel the polytechnic life here will be very happening. Though Nanyang does not have any Fastfood restaurant their training restaurant provides fabulous food. I know I will not regret applying to Nanyang Polytechnic. I think my school life here will be great. Hope you give me a chance to join your polytechnic.

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You have characters left.

As part of the application process, students will need to prepare:

b) a **1000-character write-up** on other talents/achievements (optional)

[Edit Particulars](#) > [Course Choices](#) > [Talents/Achievements](#) > Working Experience > Declaration and Print > [Logoff](#)

Talents/Achievements

Fields marked with an asterisk * are required.

Do you have any other talents/achievements to highlight? *

Yes No

Talents/Achievements Description:

Please provide your other outstanding talents and achievements, in the category of sports, arts, leadership, entrepreneurship and community service in the box below. Please indicate the category of your talent/achievement, your level of participation (e.g. National/Inter School), role (e.g. Member/Leader/Treasurer), the competitions/activities you have participated and the awards you have attained (e.g. SYF award - Gold, Silver or Bronze, Inter School Swimming Competition Gold for 100M freestyle, community work at Elderly Homes etc.)

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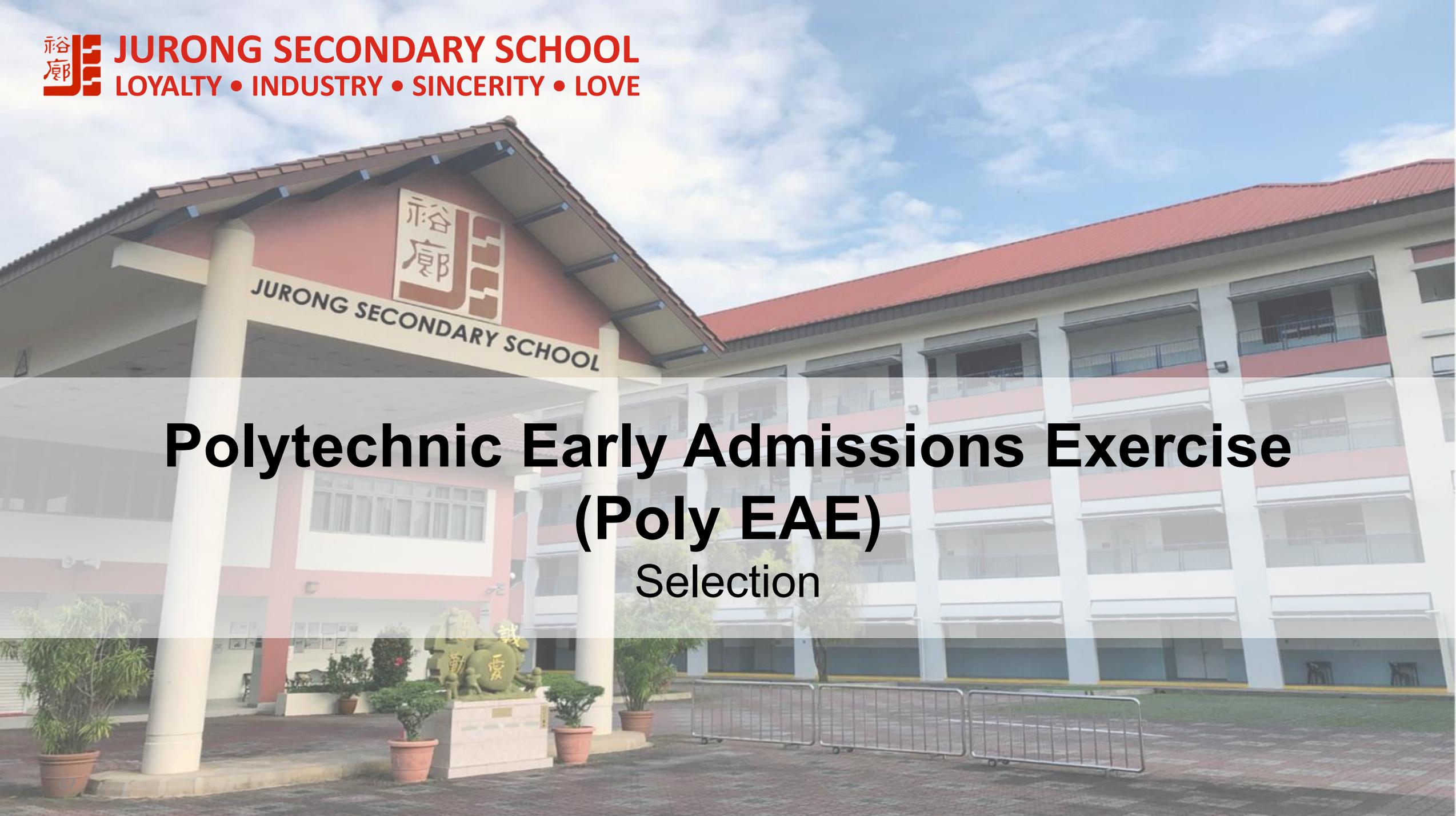
870 characters left.

Save and Proceed

As part of the application process, students will need to prepare:

- c) a ***portfolio*** that reflects experiences, involvement and interests relevant to the EAE course.

Students can consider visiting poly **Open Houses** in May/June to find out more about the EAE application.



Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE)

Selection

Shortlisted students will be invited for a ***selection interview***.

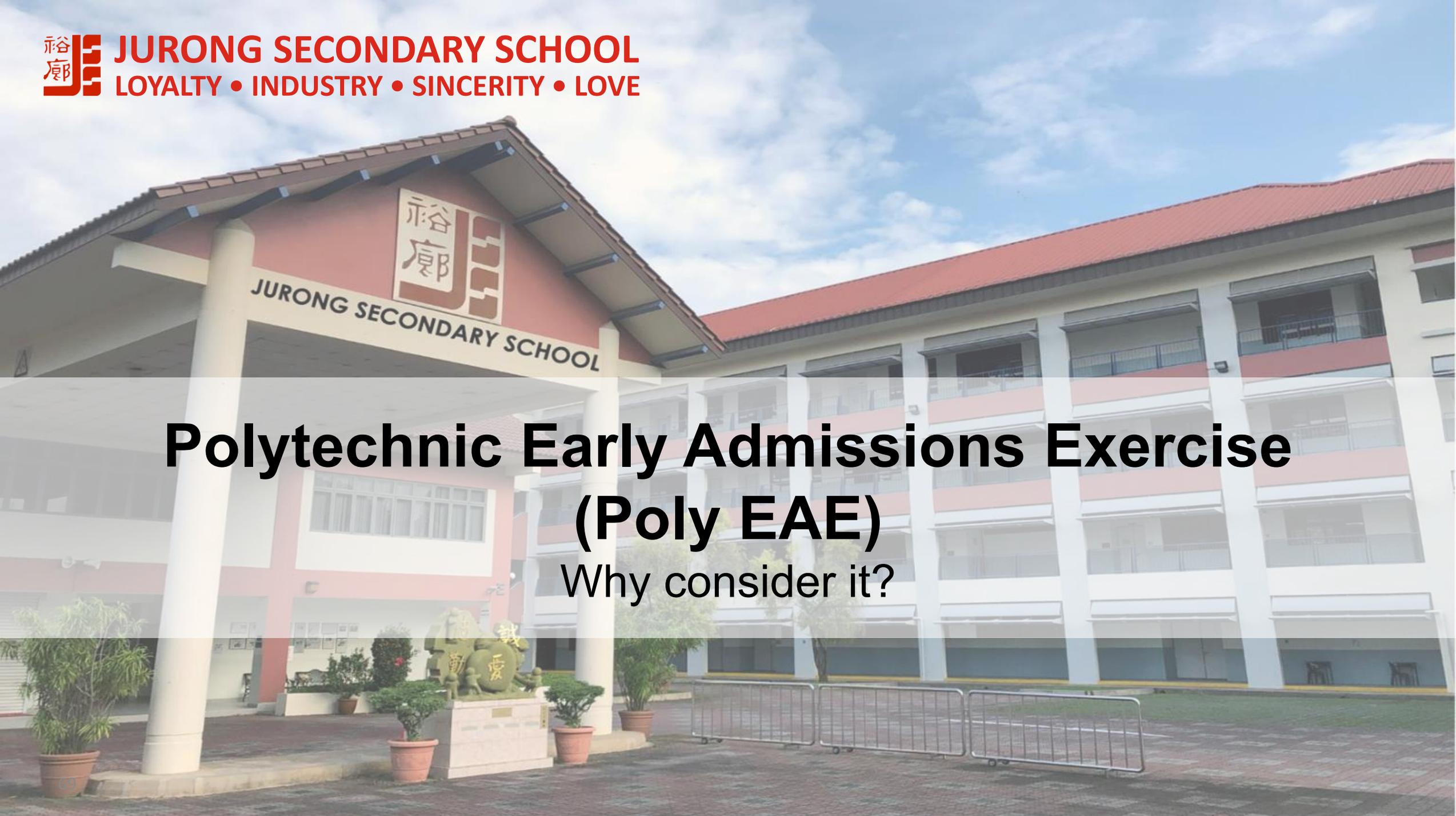
- Interviews can be conducted in various formats, depending on the different skills and aptitude interviewers are looking out for.
- May include ***aptitude tests*** for some courses

Aptitude Test

Leadership, teamwork and course-specific traits and qualities such as (not exhaustive):

- Possess business/financial sense
- Possess good numeracy skills
- Possess an eye for detail
- Optimistic & positive in face of adversity
- Have high Emotional Quotient (EQ)
- Have awareness of use of technology in business through a discussion of a business case

*Example:
Aptitude Test for
NP's Diploma in
Accountancy*



Polytechnic Early Admissions Exercise (Poly EAE)

Why consider it?

Early Admission Exercise

Why consider?

- for students who are **sure** that they want to **pursue a diploma education** and demonstrate **strong passion and/or aptitude** for their course of choice
- **no need to compete for admission into poly based on net ELR2B2 cut-off points**
- assessment is done through different modes, e.g. interviews, portfolio, trials/auditions and aptitude tests (depending on the course)



Reflect on your interests and/or aptitudes, comfort level with applied, project-based learning and what you would like to do after graduating from the diploma programme.

Can my child apply for ***both*** DSA-JC and Poly EAE concurrently?

Yes.

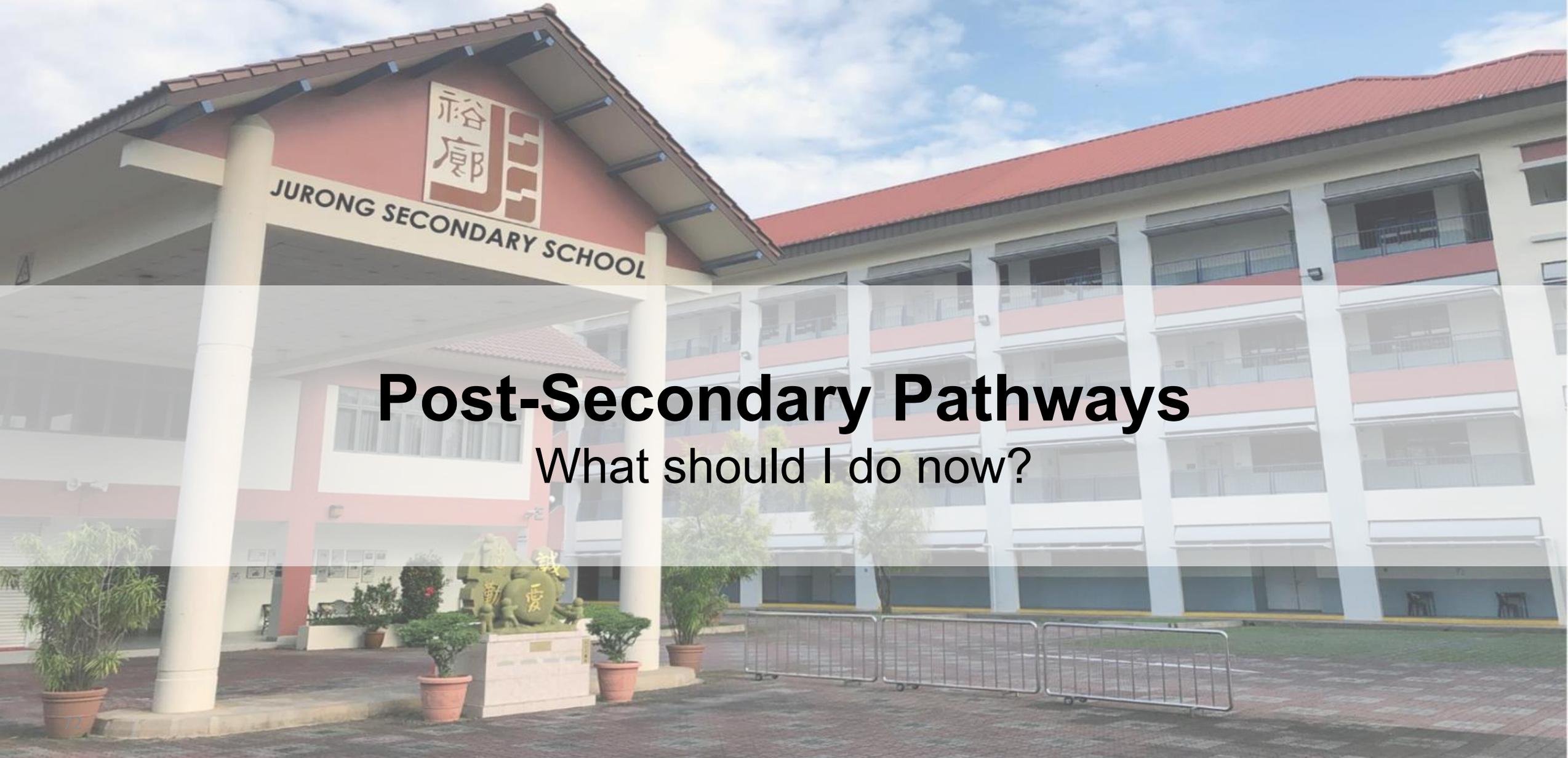
However, your child should only ***accept either a poly or JC offer.*** Students who accepted both offers will be disqualified from both exercises, unless they reject one of the offers before the stipulated deadline.



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Post-Secondary Pathways

What should I do now?





KNOW YOURSELF

Reflect on the following:

1. What kind of tasks do I enjoy e.g. planning, designing, fixing, helping others, etc.?
 2. What do I enjoy most about my lessons or CCA?
 3. What do my parents, teachers and/or friends say I am good at?
- Knowing your passions and strengths will help you in identifying schools/courses you might be interested in and if you would like to apply for DSA or EAE.



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Reflect on the following:

1. Which industries and/or jobs am I curious about?
 2. What are some skills and qualities which are needed in the industry I am interested in?
 3. Do I know the educational pathway(s) which can get me to my career interest?
- Explore possible career interests and educational pathways to provide a clearer direction for you to take ownership and plan for your next step after secondary school.



DEVELOP PLANS

Reflect on the following:

1. How prepared are you for your O-level examinations? ————— What are some subjects that you need to improve on? Have you set S.M.A.R.T. goals to help you stay on track for your revision?
2. Am I applying for DSA/EAE because I am interested in a school/course or because others are applying / I would like to secure a “safety net”? ————— Is this the JC / poly course you would like to commit to? Are you ready to put in the effort to prepare a portfolio and write-up, and attend interviews?

ECG-related activities in school for Secondary 4/5

- EAE/DSA Preparatory Workshop I **(T2W1)**
 - insights on what/how to prepare for DSA/EAE application
- JSS Career Fair **(T2W6)**
- EAE/DSA Preparatory Workshop 2 **(First week of June Hols)**
 - tips for DSA/EAE interview and simulation practice
- ECG Tea Time Series **(once per term)**

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Post-Secondary Pathways

Parents - What can I do to support my child?

Post-Secondary Pathways

How can I support my child?

Parents can help to:

1. Explore your child's interests and develop his/her strengths.
 2. Support him/her to research on the JC / poly courses he/she is interested in and the related courses in the sector.
- ***Reserve judgement*** - do not be too quick to say no to a particular course/institution. Listen to your child and explore his/her post-secondary options together.

For **DSA/EAE application**, parents can help to:

1. Encourage your child to prepare a relevant portfolio.
2. Roleplay interview for DSA / EAE application.
 - Practice common interview questions with your child to boost his/her confidence.
3. Encourage your child to speak to his/her seniors who have applied for and gone through the DSA / EAE admission exercises.
 - This will give your child a better idea of what to expect at different phases of the DSA/EAE application.

Want to speak to the ECG Counsellor?



In JSS every
Mon and Wed

Make an appointment by:

1) clicking on this weblink
(<https://go.gov.sg/jss-ecg>)

2) scanning this QR code

3) emailing to:

ivy_nyam_lee_chin@schools.gov.sg



<https://go.gov.sg/jss-ecg>

Useful Links



<https://go.gov.sg/jcdsa>

Scan for MOE's DSA-JC application website!



<https://go.gov.sg/dsafaq>

Scan for the DSA-JC FAQs!



<https://go.gov.sg/eaepoly2025>

Scan for the Poly EAE application webpage!



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<https://for.edu.sg/postsecpathways>

Scan for MOE's website to explore post-sec pathways!



<https://for.edu.sg/ecgtipsforparents>

Scan for some ECG tips for parents!



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