

Year 1 Direct School Admission (DSA-Sec)

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts & Visual Arts domain comprises the following talent areas:

- 1) Chinese Orchestra #
- 2) Choir #
- 3) Concert Band #
- 4) String Ensemble #
- 5) Music
- 6) Visual Arts

- *Performing Arts CCA*

Applicants should apply for **ONLY ONE** talent area from the Performing Arts & Visual Arts domain. Applying to multiple talent areas within the Performing Arts & Visual Arts domain may **void your DSA-Sec application**. Appeals or changes will not be permitted.

Required Commitment

- ▶ Successful applicants for the Performing Arts and Visual Arts domain **are required to join the CCA or take up the designated programme below:**

Talent Area	Required CCA/Programme
Chinese Orchestra/ Choir/Concert Band/String Ensemble	Successful applicants are required to join the CCA of the talent area they are accepted in
Music	Successful applicants for the Music talent area will be required to take up the Music Elective Programme (MEP) as one of his subjects in school.
Visual Arts	Successful applicants for the Visual Arts talent area will be required to take up the Raffles Institution Art Elective Programme (RI-AEP) as one of his subjects in school.

Selection Criteria for Performing Arts CCA

- ▶ You must demonstrate interest and talent in the Performing Arts beyond the abilities of children in your age-group
OR
- ▶ You must have a record of accomplished performance in Performing Arts at the Singapore Youth Festival, national and/or international levels.

2026 Schedule for Performing Arts CCA

MOE DSA-Sec application period starts	06 May (Wed), 11:00
MOE DSA-Sec application period ends	02 Jun (Tue), 16:30
Submission of Portfolio via the provided link (see <i>Submission Guidelines</i> below) Note: Applicable to ALL DSA- Sec Performing Arts applicants	03 Jun (Wed), 09:00 - 19 Jun (Fri), 09:00
Announcement of Shortlisted Applicants for the DSA Performing Arts Audition (<i>All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified</i>) Note: Details of audition session will be shared with shortlisted applicants only.	07 Jul (Tue), 20:00
DSA Performing Arts Audition Note : Audition will be in the afternoon	09 Jul (Thu) 10 Jul (Fri) 13 Jul (Mon)
Announcement of shortlisted applicants for DSA Performing Arts Interview (<i>All applicants, including unsuccessful ones, will be notified</i>)	between 21 Jul (Tue) & 23 Jul (Thu)
DSA Performing Arts Interview (<i>for shortlisted applicants only</i>) Note : Interview will be in the afternoon	between 28 Jul (Tue) & 31 Jul (Fri)
Announcement of the DSA-Sec Results (CO/WL/UNS)	between 17 Aug (Mon) & 28 Aug (Thu)
**Kindly note the dates for Performing Arts selection trial and interview on your calendar to ensure availability and prevent any scheduling conflicts during the selection process.	

Portfolio Requirements for Performing Arts CCA

The portfolio consists of 2 items:

1. Personal Statement

- a. Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing your interest in your area of Performing Arts, how this interest has been developed, and how you hope to contribute to the school community through your talents. Please save this document with the filename format: <Name>_Personal Statement

2. Top Five Performing Arts-related Awards, Accomplishments, or Certifications:

- a. Provide your top five Performing Arts-related awards, accomplishments, or certifications you have achieved in the last three years. Examples include awards received at a national (Singapore Youth Festival) or international competition(s),

or participation in a Performing Arts event(s). Please save this document with the filename format: <Name>_Certificate 1, <Name>_Certificate 2, etc

Portfolio Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Save all submission files in PDF or JPG/PNG format according to the specified filename formats.
- ▶ Upload your DSA Performing Arts Portfolio via this link [2026 RI DSA-Sec Submission of Performing Arts Portfolio](#)
- ▶ Submission starts on **03 Jun 2026 (Wed), 09:00** and the submission deadline is on **19 Jun 2026 (Fri), 09:00**
- ▶ Late submissions and appeals will not be considered.

Auditions Dates for Performing Arts CCA

- ▶ Shortlisted applicants will be informed of the assigned audition date and timing through email.

Annex A: Minimum Criteria for Specific Performing Arts CCA

- ▶ To help you decide if you should apply for a particular Performing Arts talent area, we have listed the **minimum** criteria which you should have attained in the specific area.
- ▶ Applicants may not be shortlisted for an interview even when they meet the minimum criteria. The final shortlist will be decided based on the ranking of all applicants according to their performing arts trials, accomplishments and academic results.

Performing Arts CCA	Minimum Criteria
Chinese Orchestra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in Chinese Orchestra and/or any Chinese Music Ensembles e.g. Guzheng Ensemble in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to the Chinese Orchestra e.g. Cello, Double Bass, Dizi, Erhu, Guzheng, Liuqin, Percussion, Pipa, Sheng, Suona, Yangqin, Zhongruan • Participation in SYF 2026 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts
Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in Choir in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to Choral Singing e.g. Voice • Participation in SYF 2026 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts



Performing Arts CCA	Minimum Criteria
Concert Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in Wind/Concert Band and/or Orchestra in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to the Concert Band e.g. Bassoon, Clarinet, Euphonium, Flute, English Horn, French Horn, Oboe, Percussion, Piccolo, Saxophone, String Bass, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba • Participation in SYF 2026 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts
String Ensemble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual participation of minimum 2 years in String Ensemble/Orchestra in Primary School • Demonstrates high competency in Principal Study Instrument relevant to the String Ensemble e.g. Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass • Participation in SYF 2026 preferred • Demonstrates strong passion, enthusiasm and commitment towards the Performing Arts

Important Notes

- ▶ The primary mode of communication is via email. Parents/guardians are reminded to **regularly check both the inbox and junk/spam folders of the main contact email address** provided in the MOE DSA-Sec Portal throughout the DSA period for important updates, announcements, and instructions.
- ▶ Meeting all criteria does not guarantee the student will be shortlisted or given an offer.
- ▶ We will not disclose details of the DSA-Sec selection process or interviews and reserve the right to neither discuss nor disclose reasons for non-selection.
- ▶ **Coaches/instructors and teachers are not in any position to extend any offers to applicants.** Performing Arts DSA Confirmed Offers/Wait Lists are determined by the school's DSA Selection Panel, which is chaired by the Principal.
- ▶ For any further enquiries, please email admissions@ri.edu.sg.