

2026 YTSS DSA Talent Areas, Selection Criteria & Programmes

Selection Criteria & Programmes	
Sports and Games	Basketball (Girls & Boys) Bowling (Boys & Girls) Shooting (Boys & Girls) Table Tennis (Boys & Girls) Volleyball (Girls)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sportsmen/women who are passionate, motivated and demonstrate a strong desire to excel in the sport arena. 2. Representation in school, Singapore Schools, National Sports Association or Singapore in National Inter-School Sports & Games, Regional or International Sports & Games is preferred. 3. Representation in school in Zonal Sports & Games or JSA participation is preferred. 4. Representation in any sports club in related event will be considered. <p>Successful applicants will join the CCA of their respective sport. They will have the opportunity to represent the school in National School Games, as well as other related sports competitions.</p>	
Performing Arts	English Drama
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talented youth with strong passion, motivation and a strong desire to excel in performing arts; 2. Participation in SYF is preferred. 3. Stage experience with relevant achievements and experiences are considered. <p>Successful applicants will join English Drama as their CCA. They will have the opportunity to represent the school in Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations as well as other performances and/or competitions.</p>	
Performing Arts	Chinese Dance
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talented youth with strong passion, motivation and a strong desire to excel in performing arts, and with training in dance. 2. Participation in SYF is preferred. 3. Relevant stage experience with achievements and experiences are considered. <p>Successful applicants will join Chinese Dance as their CCA. They will have the opportunity to represent the school in Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations as well as other performances and/or competitions.</p>	
Languages and Humanities	Bilingualism
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has strong grasp of the written and spoken in both English and Tamil language. 2. Demonstrate high competency and interest in the use of both languages, i.e. finesse with complexity in the spoken and written form, ability to code-switch between both languages effectively during conversation. 3. Relevant achievements and experiences are considered. <p>Successful applicants will be enrolled in the Tamil Language Elective Programme (TLEP), and will take up elective Literature in Tamil at Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examination.</p>	

DSA Specific Talent trial/Audition information/Performance Task**Sports and Games**

Basketball (Girls & Boys)	The applicant would have to (1) demonstrate the following three skills on the day of the trial – dribbling, lay-up movement and shooting, (2) play in a small-sided basketball game, and (3) undergo an agility test.
Bowling (Boys and Girls)	The applicant would have to demonstrate the following skills on the day of the trial – pre-shot routine, four or five-step approach, completion stance, and ability to strike and/or spare. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own bowling equipment. However, house ball and shoes can be loaned from the bowling alley if needed.
Shooting (Boys & Girls)	<p>A) Applicant for Rifle category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Applicant to report to Yishun Town Secondary School in <u>PE attire</u> for the trial ii) Applicant will be holding and firing the rifle in shooting position. iii) Applicant will be required to do a stork balance, having to balance on one leg, for 15 seconds. iv) Actions will be guided by the coaches <p>B) Applicant for Pistol category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Applicant to report to Yishun Town Secondary School in <u>PE attire</u> for the trial ii) Student will be holding and firing the air pistol in shooting position iii) Actions will be guided by the coaches
Table Tennis (Boys & Girls)	The applicant would have to demonstrate the following skills on the day of the trial – forehand practice, backhand practice, swing speed practice, serve practice and game play. Applicants are encouraged to bring their table tennis bat and ball.
Volleyball (Girls)	The applicant would have to (1) demonstrate the following three skills on the day of the trial – forearm pass, spike and spiking footwork, and/or (2) undergo an agility test, including game play.

Performing Arts

English Drama	<p>A) The applicant would have to prepare a 3 minutes contemporary monologue and a musical song to perform on the day of the audition.</p> <p>B) Be prepared to improvise (act spontaneously without a script) a short scene with details provided the audition</p>
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Chinese Dance	<p>A) The applicant will be asked to demonstrate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-introduction (including dancing background, basic knowledge of Chinese dance) • Basic skills display: front & side leg, waist, vertical fork, horizontal fork, front leg, side leg, back leg. • Dance combination (fragment display) 1-2 minutes • Impromptu dance 1 min Chinese dance music <p>B) Attire requirements: Tights or sportswear</p>
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Languages and Humanities	
Bilingualism	<p>During audition, the applicant will be given a 15-minute time frame to write on a given topic and present their written assignment verbally in Tamil Language.</p> <p>After the presentation is done, he / she will be expected to undergo a Question-and-Answer segment during which he / she has to answer questions posed by the interviewers in both English Language and Tamil Language.</p>