

Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) System 2024/2026 Notes for Parents on Central Allocation

1. The Education Bureau (EDB) encourages parents to register with “iAM Smart+” as early as possible for more convenient and faster services throughout the entire Secondary 1 (S1) application process. Parents may visit the “iAM Smart” thematic website (<https://www.iamsmart.gov.hk/en/>) (Select: Home > “iAM Smart” registration > Registration Methods) for details on “iAM Smart+” registration or scan the QR code below to download the “iAM Smart” mobile app.



2. Parents who have registered as SSPA e-platform (eSSPA) users **and bound their account to “iAM Smart+”**, may submit Central Allocation (CA) application to the attending primary school via the eSSPA. Parents may scan the QR code below and register an eSSPA account with their child’s Student Reference Number as well as the Activation Code distributed by primary schools. If parents have activated the eSSPA account at Discretionary Places (DP) stage, they may continue to use the same account to submit CA application via the eSSPA for their child. For eSSPA account creation and login procedures, please refer to the related Parents’ Guide uploaded to EDB’s Homepage (https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/primary-secondary/spa-systems/secondary-spa/general-info/sspa_eplatform_parents_guide.html).

SSPA e-Platform (eSSPA)
(<https://esspa.edb.gov.hk>)

SSPA e-Platform Parent’s Guide



Arrangements for Central Allocation

Current Arrangements

3. According to the current arrangements, the CA stage is divided into two parts:
 - Part A “Unrestricted School Choices”: for parents to choose a maximum of 3 secondary schools from any school nets (including the student’s school net).
 - Part B “Restricted School Choices”: for parents to choose a maximum of 30 secondary schools from the student’s school net.

The computer will process all students’ school choices in Part A first. The school choices in Part B will then be processed if students are not allocated school places in Part A.

For secondary schools participating in the SSPA System, after the deduction of repeater and DP, the remaining S1 places are used for CA. Of the CA places, 10% are assigned for allocation of unrestricted school choices in Part A, and the remaining 90% are assigned for restricted school choices in Part B¹. Parents should note that the number of S1 places for DP and CA stages of individual schools are estimated figures only. The final number of places for allocation may be subject to adjustments.

School Places Allocation Principle

4. The CA is based on a student’s allocation band, parental choice of schools and random number.

Internal Assessments

5. Students’ standardised school internal assessment (IA) results at the end of Primary 5 (P5), and both in mid-year and at the end of Primary 6 (P6) are the basis for determining their allocation bands.

Scaling Mechanism

6. In order to compare the academic performance of students from different primary schools more objectively and fairly, a scaling mechanism is set up under the SSPA System to measure and adjust students’ internal assessments of all primary schools participating in the SSPA for the purpose of determining students’ allocation bands. For CA in the SSPA 2024/2026, the average of the sampled results of the Pre-Secondary One Hong Kong Attainment Test in 2018 and 2024 of the school are used as the scaling tool.

¹ Open places of feeder / nominated / through-train secondary schools in Parts A and B are calculated after deducting the places reserved for their linked primary schools. For details, please refer to paragraphs 23 and 24 of this Note.

Allocation Bands

7. Students are put into an order of merit according to their scaled marks and divided into three allocation bands. In processing the “Unrestricted School Choices” in Part A, the scaled marks of all students in the territory will be put into an order of merit. Then the students will be equally divided into three Territory Bands, each consisting of one-third of the total number of participating primary students in the territory. In processing the “Restricted School Choices” in Part B, the scaled marks of all students within the same school net will be put into an order of merit. Then the students will be equally divided into three Net Bands, each consisting of one-third of the total number of participating primary students in the school net. The allocation band of individual students will not be retained after the allocation procedure is completed.
8. For the explanation on the scaling mechanism and allocation bands, please refer to the related video uploaded on EDB homepage (https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/primary-secondary/spa-systems/secondary-spa/general-info/video_on_the_sspa_system.html).

Video on the scaling mechanism and allocation bands



9. Under the existing mechanism, after all primary schools participating in the SSPA submit their students’ IA results at the end of P5 and both in mid-year and at the end of P6, the computer will adjust the IA results by the above scaling mechanism. The central allocation computer program will run after the number of participating students in the territory and within individual school nets has been finalised. Therefore, students’ Territory Band and Net Band can only be determined when the computer allocation process starts. In other words, **it is impossible to accurately estimate individual students’ allocation band based solely on their marks/order of merit and the academic performance of students from previous cohorts of the same school. Students’ actual allocation band may differ from the estimates made by schools or parents. Parents should be prudent when making reference to the relevant school choices information.**

Random Number

10. The random number, which is generated by the computer before running the central allocation program, is used to determine the order of allocation of students within the same allocation band. If the demand for school places of a certain secondary school exceeds the supply, the student possessing a smaller random number within the same allocation band will be allocated a place first. The random number has no connection with the “Student Reference Number” or the student’s personal data. During the allocation process, each student will be assigned one random number only. The random number will not be retained after the allocation procedure is completed.

Parental Choice of Schools and School Nets

11. Parents may choose a maximum of three secondary schools from any school nets in Part A “Unrestricted School Choices” and a maximum of 30 secondary schools from the net to which the student belongs in Part B “Restricted School Choices”.
12. In line with district administration boundaries, the whole territory is divided into 18 school nets. Except for students whose applications for cross-net allocations are approved, in principle, the school net to which a student belongs is determined by the location of the primary school the student is enrolled but not the district that the student resides. Each school net comprises all the participating primary and secondary schools physically located in the district and secondary schools in other districts providing school places for the net. The secondary schools and school places from other districts may vary from year to year.

School Places Allocation Process

13. At CA, the “Unrestricted School Choices” in Part A will be processed first, to be followed by the “Restricted School Choices” in Part B.
14. When processing the “Unrestricted School Choices” in Part A, the computer will first allocate school places to students in Territory Band 1. The allocation process is: the computer will first screen the first school choices under the “Unrestricted School Choices” made by Territory Band 1 students and allocate students to fill school places set aside for unrestricted allocation. If the places available in a school are more than the students choosing the school, all students choosing that school as the first choice will be allocated to it. If the number of students selecting a school as their first choice is more than the places available, students with smaller random numbers will be allocated to fill the places of that school. After processing the first choices of all students in Territory Band 1, the computer will screen the second choices (if any) of the unallocated students in the Band with the same procedure and, finally, their third choices (if any). When all the school choices of the students in Territory Band 1 have been screened, the computer will follow the same procedure to process the school choices of the students in Territory Band 2 and finally those of Territory Band 3.

15. The computer will proceed to process the “Restricted School Choices” in Part B only after choices made by all students in Part A are processed. A student successful in obtaining a school place in Part A will not be allocated a place in Part B. If students cannot be allocated school places after all their school choices in Part A have been exhausted, they will be allocated school places in Part B.
16. Allocation of school places in Part B is done by School Net. When processing the “Restricted School Choices” in this part, the computer will first allocate school places to students in Net Band 1. The allocation process is: the computer will screen the first school choices made by students of Net Band 1. If the places set aside for restricted allocation in a school are more than the students choosing the school, all students choosing that school as the first choice will be allocated to it. If the number of students in the same Net Band selecting a school as their first choice is more than the places available, students with smaller random numbers will be allocated first, until the places of that school in this part are fully utilised. When the first choices of all the students in Net Band 1 have been processed, the computer will screen the second choices of the unallocated students in the Band with the same procedure and this process will be repeated until each of the school choices of Net Band 1 students has been screened. For students who are not allocated a place after all their school choices have been exhausted, the computer will allocate a place to them from the remaining places of the secondary schools² in the school net. When all students in Net Band 1 have been allocated school places, the computer will follow the same procedure to process the school choices of the students in Net Band 2 and finally those of Net Band 3.

Illustration of the Allocation Procedure

17. For the explanation on the allocation procedure at CA stage, please refer to the related video uploaded on EDB homepage (https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/primary-secondary/spa-systems/secondary-spa/general-info/video_on_the_sspa_system.html).

Video on the allocation procedure at CA stage



² Excluding Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and schools with the remark “Students will not be allocated to this school unless they have included it in their choices”.

18. Below is a simplified illustration of the allocation procedure:

Student

- Name: CHAN Si Ming
- Territory Band: Band 1
- School Net: HK3
- Net Band: Band 1
- School Choices:

Part A (maximum: 3 schools)	First Choice:	School A
	Second Choice:	School B
	Third Choice:	School C
Part B (maximum: 30 schools)	First Choice:	School B
	Second Choice:	School D
	Third Choice:	School E
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Part A “Unrestricted School Choices”

- Number of Territory Band 1 students: 25 000
- Number of Territory Band 1 students choosing School A as the first choice: 350
- Number of school places in School A for unrestricted school choices: 15

19. Assuming that there are 350 Territory Band 1 students choosing School A as their first choice in Part A at CA stage. Since School A can offer only 15 school places for unrestricted allocation, the computer will allocate the first 15 students to fill the places in School A in the order of their random numbers. If CHAN Si Ming’s random number is among the first 15 students, he/she will be allocated to School A. Otherwise, he/she will not be successful in obtaining a place in the school of his/her first choice. The computer will process the first choices of all the students in Territory Band 1 before the second choice of CHAN Si Ming and other unallocated students in Territory Band 1 are processed.

20. Suppose 15 000 Territory Band 1 students are not allocated school places of their first choice. Among them, 300 (including CHAN Si Ming) select School B as their second choice. If School B has only two places unfilled after the first round allocation, the computer will allocate these places to the two students possessing the smallest random numbers. If CHAN Si Ming’s random number is not among these two students, he/she will not be allocated to School B. The computer will continue to follow the procedure mentioned above to process the third choice of the unallocated students after all the second choices of Territory Band 1 students are processed. If all the places of the school of CHAN Si Ming’s third choice have already been filled before the third round of allocation is conducted, CHAN Si Ming will not be allocated a place under Part A and he/she will be allocated a school place in Part B where his/her “Restricted School Choices” will be processed.

Part B “Restricted School Choices”

- Student’s School Net: HK3
- Number of Net Band 1 students in HK3: 1 000
- Number of Net Band 1 students in HK3 choosing School B as the first choice: 150
- Number of places available in School B for HK3: 100

21. After screening the “Unrestricted School Choices” of all students in Part A, the computer will start to process “Restricted School Choices” in Part B. Suppose among the students who have not been allocated places in Part A, there are 150 Net Band 1 students (including CHAN Si Ming) in School Net HK3 choosing School B as their first choice. If School B can offer only 100 school places for students in the school net, the computer will allocate the 100 students to School B in the order of students’ random numbers. If CHAN Si Ming’s random number is among the first 100 students, he/she will be allocated to School B. Otherwise, he/she will not be successful in obtaining a place in the school of his/her first choice. If CHAN Si Ming is not allocated to his/her first choice, his/her second choice, together with those of unallocated students in the same Net Band, will be processed after the first choices of all Net Band 1 students are screened. Suppose 400 Net Band 1 students are not allocated places of the first choice and 30 of them (including CHAN Si Ming) select School D as their second choice. Assuming School D has only 10 places left after the first round allocation, the computer will allocate the places to students based on their random numbers. If CHAN Si Ming is not successful in obtaining a place in School D because he/she is not within the 10 students with the smallest random numbers, the computer will follow the procedure mentioned above to process the third choices of CHAN Si Ming and other unallocated students in the same Net Band, and so on until they are allocated school places.

22. Suppose CHAN Si Ming's schoolmate LEE Siu Man is also in Territory Band 1 and Net Band 1 and he/she has made identical school choices as CHAN Si Ming. Since the order of allocation within the same Territory or Net Band is determined by students' random numbers, CHAN Si Ming may be allocated to a school of a lower preference than LEE Siu Man even if CHAN has better IA results than LEE. This is in line with the spirit of mixed ability teaching in secondary schools.

Feeder and Nominated Schools

23. A feeder/nominated secondary school has to reserve, after the deduction of places for repeaters and DP, 85%/25% of the remaining places for its linked primary school(s). A student studying in a feeder/nominated primary school is eligible for a reserved place if he/she is in Net Band 1 or 2 and has chosen the feeder/nominated secondary school as his/her first choice in Part B "Restricted School Choices". If the number of eligible students exceeds the number of feeder/nominated places available, allocation of school places will be based on students' Net Band and their random numbers. If a student studying in a feeder/nominated primary school is approved for cross-net allocation, he/she will not be eligible for a reserved place of the feeder/nominated secondary school(s).

"Through-train" Schools

24. P6 students studying in "through-train" schools may choose to proceed to their linked secondary schools direct. If students have applied for S1 places of Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools not participating in the SSPA System (NDSS secondary schools) (whether successful or not) or DP of participating schools, or participate in CA, they will not be allowed to retain the right to proceed direct to their linked secondary schools. "Through-train" secondary schools, in principle, are required to reserve not less than 15% of their total number of S1 places for admitting students of other primary schools through DP or CA.

Documents for Central Allocation choice-making and Submission of Secondary One Choice of Schools Form

25. **Parents of P6 students who have submitted DP applications via the eSSPA in this cycle are requested to submit CA applications via the eSSPA and will not receive a paper Secondary One Choice of Schools Form (Choice Form).**

Parents of P6 students who have not submitted DP applications via the eSSPA in this cycle will receive a paper Choice Form. They may decide to submit CA applications via the eSSPA or in paper form.

26. Each primary school participating in the SSPA System will receive the Handbook for Unrestricted School Choices (Handbook) for parents to refer to when filling in “Unrestricted School Choices” in Part A of the Choice Form.
27. Parents of P6 students participating in the SSPA will each receive their child’s Secondary School List (SSL) for the school net of the student for filling in “Restricted School Choices” in Part B of the Choice Form.
28. Parents who have registered as eSSPA users may view the online version of the SSL and Handbook via the eSSPA. Besides, parents can also view the online version of the SSL and Handbook on EDB homepage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk>) by following the path below³:
Home > Education System and Policy > Primary and Secondary Education > School Places Allocation Systems > Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) System
29. Regarding submission of application in paper form, the Choice Form has 3 copies, EDB Copy, School Copy and Parent Copy. Parents should complete the form with a black ball pen and must return the completed Choice Form to EDB through their children’s attending primary schools by early May 2026. As for electronic submission, parents have to be registered as eSSPA users **and bound their account to “iAM Smart+”** beforehand, and submit Choice Form from 9 April 2026 to 6 May 2026 via the eSSPA.
30. **Parents should not submit duplicate applications via the eSSPA and in paper form for the same child.**

³ Both Handbook and SSL are available in their latest versions online.

31. Whether the Choice Forms are submitted via the eSSPA or in paper form, parents should check that the following information in the form is the same as that of their child before filling in the Choice Form:

Student Reference Number: Should be the same as the Student Reference Number printed on the “Primary 6 Student Record Form” issued earlier.

Name of Student: If correct, please write the student’s Chinese name (if any) above the pre-printed English name (applicable to paper Choice Forms only). Student’s Chinese name (if any) will be shown in the eSSPA.

Sex: “M” stands for male, “F” stands for female.

Student’s School Net: Should be the same as the code printed at the top left corner of the School List; e.g. for a student studying in a primary school in the Central & Western District (i.e. school net HK1), the School List should be for HK1.

If there are discrepancies between the information in the form and that of their child, parents should contact their child’s attending school immediately.

32. Once allocation is completed, there will be no re-allocation. Parents should therefore consider carefully before making school choices, and pay attention to the remark(s) of the school in the Handbook and the School List, if any. Advice from their child’s attending school could also be sought.

Filling in Choice Forms via eSSPA (for parents who bind their account to “iAM Smart+”)

- 33. After logging into the eSSPA, please select “Apply Now” under “Application for Central Allocation (CA)”, to enter the page for Choice Form.
- 34. After filling in the contact information, parents should select from the options under the page for “Apply for Central Allocation” according to their child’s circumstance:
 - For students who require allocation of S1 places through CA (viz. students who have not been notified by participating schools as successful DP applicant, and have not been admitted by Jockey Club Ti-I College or NDSS secondary school), please select “Make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of School Form” (please refer to the diagram below) to enter the parts on school choices in **Part A** and **Part B**.

Apply for Central Allocation

Make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form

Do NOT need to make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form as the child has been notified as successful Discretionary Places applicant or admitted by Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools not participating in the SSPA System (i.e. give up participating in Central Allocation)

Do NOT need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System (i.e. give up participating in the SSPA System)

- For students who **do not** have to make school choices (viz. students who have been notified by the participating schools as successful DP applicants, or have been admitted by Jockey Club Ti-I College or NDSS secondary school), please select “Do NOT need to make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form” (please refer to the diagram below) to skip the parts on school choices in Part A and Part B, and sign digitally with “iAM Smart+”, along with confirming and submitting the Choice Form.

Apply for Central Allocation

Make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form

Do NOT need to make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form as the child has been notified as successful Discretionary Places applicant or admitted by Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools not participating in the SSPA System (i.e. give up participating in Central Allocation)

Do NOT need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System (i.e. give up participating in the SSPA System)

- For students who **do not** need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System (for example, students who will study outside Hong Kong), and decide to **give up participating in the SSPA System**, please select “Do NOT need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System” (please refer to the diagram below) to skip the parts on school choices in Part A and Part B, and sign digitally with “iAM Smart+”, along with confirming and submitting the Choice Form. Please note that if parents select this option, the student will give up participating in the SSPA System, and will not receive allocation results on the day for announcement of SSPA results.

Apply for Central Allocation

- Make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form
- Do NOT need to make school choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form as the child has been notified as successful Discretionary Places applicant or admitted by Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools not participating in the SSPA System (i.e. give up participating in Central Allocation)
- Do NOT need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System (i.e. give up participating in the SSPA System)

35. For parents who have selected “Make choices on the Secondary One Choice of Schools Form”, please note that:
- a. On the page for “**Part A – Unrestricted School Choices**”, parents may select one to three secondary schools from any school nets (including the school net their child belongs to) according to the order of their preference. Parents may search for / select school(s) by inputting the School Code(s) or school name(s), or filter and select school(s) from the “Territory-wide School List for Part A – Unrestricted School Choices” on the right hand side of the page. Addresses of the selected school(s) will be displayed on the page for verification.
 - b. When filling in “**Part B – Restricted School Choices**”, parents may also search for/ select school(s) by inputting the School Code(s) or school name(s), or filter and select school(s) from the School List for the school net their child belongs to on the right hand side of the page. **Parents should select the schools in the order of their preference and fill up the 30 choices as far as possible.** If the computer cannot allocate a place to a student after screening all his/her choices, he/she will be allocated a secondary school⁴ outside his/her choices.

⁴ Excluding Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and schools with the remark “Students will not be allocated to this school unless they have included it in their choices”.

- c. Parents may select the same school(s) in both Parts A and B if the school(s) is/are in the school net their child belongs to. However, if repeated school choices occur in the same part, a message will be popped-up by the system to remind parents to rectify. After filling in school choices in Parts A and B, parents should check carefully the School Codes, school names and districts are in order; read and acknowledge the Notes for Parents on Central Allocation and Personal Information Collection Statement. Then sign digitally with “iAM Smart+”, along with **confirming and submitting** the Choice Form.
36. To efficiently handle the large number of applications, **each login session to the eSSPA is limited to 30 minutes.** If necessary, parents may make good use of the “Save as Draft” function, and continue with the application submission concerned at the next login session. **For Choice Forms under the “save as draft” status, please note that parents must sign digitally with “iAM Smart+”, and submit the Choice Form to their child’s attending school in order to complete the application procedure before the deadline. Respective submission status will be shown as “SUBMITTED” (please refer to the diagram below) after successful submission. At the same time, parents will receive an acknowledgement email issued by the eSSPA.**

Application History

Form Name	Status	Date Submitted
Secondary One Choice of Schools Form	SUBMITTED	20.4.2026 18:05:04

37. If parents have chosen a secondary school which does not offer S1 places under the SSPA System in this allocation cycle, that school choice will not be processed.

- For students who **do not** need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System (for example, students who will study outside Hong Kong), and decide to **give up participating in the SSPA System**, please select “Do NOT need to be allocated a subsidised S1 place through the SSPA System”, cross out the parts on school choices, and sign on the Choice Form after filling in contact information to indicate the intention of not participating in CA (please refer to the diagram below).

請在以下其中一個空格內填上√號： Please tick one of the boxes below:

需要填寫選校部分（請填寫本表格甲部及乙部的學校選擇）
Make school choices (Please fill in the school choices in Part A and Part B on this form)

不需要填寫選校部分。因學生已獲參加派位中學通知為自行分配學位正取學生，或已獲賽馬會體藝中學或不參加派位的直接資助計劃中學錄取（即放棄參加統一派位）
Do NOT need to make school choices as the student has been notified as successful Discretionary Places applicant, or has been admitted by Jockey Club T-I College or Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary schools not participating in the Secondary School Places Allocation System (i.e. give up participating in Central Allocation)

不需要透過中學學位分配辦法獲分配資助中一學位（例如學生將離港升學）（即放棄參加派位）
Do NOT need to be allocated a subsidised Secondary 1 place through the Secondary School Places Allocation System (for example, the student will study outside Hong Kong) (i.e. give up participating in the Secondary School Places Allocation System)

甲部 Part A 不受學校網限制的學校選擇 Unrestricted School Choices
在何學校網的學校，包括學生所屬學校網。請參閱《不受學校網限制選校手冊》，並依選擇的優先次序填上學校編號。電腦會先處理甲部的學校選擇。
ANY school nets, including the student's school net. Please refer to the “Handbook for Unrestricted School Choices” and enter below the school codes in order of preference. The school choices in Part A will be processed first.

第一選擇 First Choice 第二選擇 Second Choice 第三選擇 Third Choice

學校編號 School Code 學校編號 School Code 學校編號 School Code

乙部 Part B 按學校網的學校選擇 Restricted School Choices 學生所屬學校網 Student's School Net HK2

請參閱學生所屬學校網的《中學一覽表》，並依選擇的優先次序填上網內的學校編號。學生如未獲分配甲部選填的學校，電腦便會處理乙部的學校選擇。
Please refer to the “Secondary School List” and enter below the School Codes within student's school net in order of preference. The school choices in Part B will be processed if students are not allocated school places in Part A.

選擇次序 Order of Preference	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
學校編號 School Code										

選擇次序 Order of Preference	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
學校編號 School Code										

選擇次序 Order of Preference	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
學校編號 School Code										

本人聲明：表內所選填的學校為本人閱讀《統一派位家長須知》後自願填寫的。I certify that I have read the “Notes for Parents on Central Allocation” and I have made the above choices at my own will.
本人同意教育局透過電話短訊形式(SMS)通知學生的派位結果予本人。本人可接收 SMS 的手機電話號碼已填寫在右邊的方格內（如不同意接收 SMS 請留此方格空白）。Consent is given for the Education Bureau to inform me of the allocation results of the student via SMS message. My mobile phone number which can receive SMS is provided in the box on the right (please leave the box blank if you do not wish to receive SMS).

家長/監護人簽署 Signature of Parent/Guardian: Chan T M 聯絡電話 Contact Tel. No. 9866 XXXX 日期 Date XX/XX/2026

家長/監護人姓名 (請用正楷填寫) Name of Parent/Guardian (In BLOCK Letters) Chan Tai Man

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39. When filling in **Part A**, parents may select one to three secondary schools from any school nets (including the student’s school net). Parents should refer to the **Handbook** and fill in the boxes in the Choice Form with the 3-digit School Code in the Handbook according to their order of preference. The computer will first process the school choices of all students in Part A before processing the school choices in Part B. If a student has been successfully allocated a secondary school place in Part A, the computer will not further process his/her school choices in Part B.

40. When filling in **Part B** where “Restricted School Choices” are made, parents should refer to the 3-digit School Code in the **School List** and fill in school choices in the boxes in the Choice Form according to their order of preference. **Parents should fill in schools in the school net in Part B in the order of their preference and fill up the 30 choices as far as possible.** If the computer cannot allocate a place to a student after screening all his/her choices, he/she will be allocated a secondary school⁵ outside his/her choices.
41. Parents may select schools from any school nets in Part A. If the secondary schools they have indicated in Part A are also located in their child’s school net, they may include these schools in Part B. However, parents should not make repeated choices of the same school in the same part. Choices of the same School Code within the same part will be processed by the computer once only.
42. Parents should check carefully that the School Codes entered in the Choice Form are those included in the Handbook and the School List. Invalid or incorrect school codes will not be processed. Besides, if parents have chosen a secondary school which does not offer S1 places under the SSPA System in this allocation cycle, that school choice will not be processed.
43. If parents select “Make school choices”, but do not make any school choices, and the students are neither allocated a school place at the DP stage, nor admitted by Jockey Club Ti-I College/NDSS secondary schools, the students will be allocated school places according to the established allocation mechanism.
44. Regardless of whether school choices need to be filled in, parents should fill in the name of parent/guardian in block letter, the home address (if cross-net allocation is approved, the new home address should be provided) and contact telephone number, and then sign on the Choice Form. Please note that the Choice Form is valid only when it bears the signature of the parent/guardian.

⁵ Excluding Direct Subsidy Scheme schools and schools with the remark “Students will not be allocated to this school unless they have included it in their choices”.

Other Points to Note

45. Please note that parents registered as eSSPA users may view the allocation results via the eSSPA starting from 10 a.m. on the day for announcement of allocation results this cycle (i.e. 7 July 2026). EDB will also successively inform parents of their child's allocation results via SMS message starting from around 10 a.m. on the same day. Parents wishing to receive the related SMS message should provide a mobile phone number which can receive SMS messages in the specified box on the Choice Form (please refer to the diagram below). The arrangements for students to collect their allocation results from their attending primary schools, as well as other administration arrangements related to the announcement of allocation results, will remain unchanged.

Specified place on Choice Form on the eSSPA

Parent / Guardian Information

Name of Parent / Guardian

Email

Home Address

Contact Tel. No.

Consent is given for the Education Bureau to inform me of the allocation results of the student via SMS message. My mobile phone number which can receive SMS is provided in the box below (please leave the box blank if you do not wish to receive SMS).

Mobile Phone No. to receive SMS message

Specified box on the paper Choice Form

本人同意教育局透過電話短訊形式(SMS)通知學生的派位結果予本人。本人可接收 SMS 的手提電話號碼已填寫在右邊的方格內 (如不同意接收 SMS 請留空此方格)。Consent is given for the Education Bureau to inform me of the allocation results of the student via SMS message. My mobile phone number which can receive SMS is provided in the box on the right (please leave the box blank if you do not wish to receive SMS).

9866 XXXX

家長/監護人簽署

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Chan T M

聯絡電話

Contact Tel. No. 9866 XXXX

日期

Date XX/XX/2026

家長/監護人姓名 (請用正楷填寫)

Name of Parent/Guardian (In BLOCK Letters) Chan Tai Man

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46. The personal data provided by parents in the Choice Form will be used for school places allocation and other education-related purposes. Data collected may also be disclosed to other government departments or the school to which the student is allocated/transferred for verification of information and other education-related purposes. Parents must provide the personal data as required in the Choice Form. If the information provided is incomplete, EDB may not be able to process the application for school places allocation.

Reference

47. Before making school choices, parents should watch the videos on the SSPA System 2024/2026 Cycle uploaded on EDB homepage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/edu-system/primary-secondary/spa-systems/secondary-spa/general-info/index.html>), or access the details of the SSPA System.
48. Parents may also refer to the Secondary School Profiles 2025/2026 for the information on schools. Since the printed version of the Secondary School Profiles 2025/2026 distributed in December 2025 may not include schools newly added or the latest school information, parents should refer to the web version of the Secondary School Profiles 2025/2026 (<https://www.chsc.hk/secondary/en>) for the updated information and recent development of the relevant schools, including their class structure and the subjects offered. The number of S1 classes to be operated by individual schools in the 2026/27 school year may be different from that of the current school year.

Important Dates

49. Dates for announcement of allocation results and students' registration with the allocated secondary schools for the SSPA 2024/2026 are as follows:

Announcement of allocation results:	7 July 2026
Registration of students:	9 & 10 July 2026

Enquiries

50. If parents have enquiries about completion of the Choice Form, they are advised to consult their children's primary schools. Parents may also call EDB's automatic telephone enquiry service at 2891 0088 for information on the SSPA System. In case of further enquiries, parents may contact the School Places Allocation Section (Secondary School Places Allocation) of EDB at 2832 7740 or 2832 7700.

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