

Frequently Asked Questions on Spectra Secondary School (SSS)

1) Why is SSS set up as a specialized school for Normal Technical students?

The establishment of SSS complements MOE’s ongoing efforts in providing N(T) students with an engaging learning experience. The school will offer a customised N(T) curriculum which will emphasise on building students’ self-esteem and motivation, literacy and numeracy skills and character development.

The curriculum will integrate both academic learning and vocational training (to provide students with authentic learning experiences with the support of our stakeholders (community). Students will be actively involved and positively challenged in their learning in a safe and caring environment. Through the many learning experiences, we will build their confidence, competencies and character which will enable them to lead fulfilling lives.

2) What is the curriculum offered at SSS?

SSS offers both N(T) subjects and the ITE Skills Subjects in 5 areas namely:

- Culinary and Restaurant Operations;
- Retail and eCommerce;
- Mechanical Design and Automation;
- Internet of Things (IoT) Applications; and
- Mobile Web Applications.

Details of the school curriculum are as follows:

Sec 1 and 2	Sec 3 and 4
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Academic Subjects & Programmes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N(T) English Language • N(T) Basic Mother Tongue • N(T) Mathematics • N(A) English Language[#] • N(A) Mother Tongue[#] • N(A) Mathematics[#] • Science and Technology • Character and Citizenship • Education and Social Studies • Info-Communication Technology • Art • Music • Drama • Physical Education and Co-Curricular Activities <p>[#] Selected students may offer English, Mother Tongue and/or Mathematics at N(A) Level under Subject Based Banding.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Academic Subjects & Programmes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N(T) English Language • N(T) Basic Mother Tongue • N(T) Mathematics • N(T) Science* • N(A) English Language[#] • N(A) Mother Tongue[#] • N(A) Mathematics[#] • Character and Citizenship Education • Info-Communication Technology • Physical Education and Co-Curricular Activities <p>*Selected students may offer Science at Sec 3 and 4</p> <p>[#] Selected students may offer English, Mother Tongue and/or Mathematics at N(A) Level at Sec 3 and 4 under Subject Based Banding.</p>

<p><u>Vocational Taster Modules</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's Cooking? • Serving You Right! • 3DmBOTS • Let's Code 	<p><u>ITE Skills Subjects[^]</u></p> <p>[^]students will choose two ITE Skills Subjects and experience an industrial attachment at Sec 3 & 4.</p>
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3) How are students assessed at SSS?

Assessment will take a multi-modal approach in which students would have opportunities to demonstrate their understanding in different ways. Apart from written assessments, students would also be assessed through performance tasks, individual and group projects, games, quizzes and presentations.

4) What are the criteria for students' progression at SSS?

SSS will adopt a similar progression criteria used at the mainstream secondary schools. Students are required to achieve a pass in English Language or Mathematics and one other N(T) subject for progression. In addition, they are required to obtain a satisfactory grade in the vocational taster module at Sec 1 and 2 and in their chosen ITE Skills Subjects at Sec 3 for progression to the next level. Students are also required to attain 80% attendance in the year of study.

5) What qualifications will SSS students graduate with?

SSS students will graduate at Sec 4 with the GCE N(T) level Certificate in English Language, Mathematics and Mother Tongue (and Science for some students) as well as the ITE Skills Subject Certificates (ISSCs). With these qualifications, SSS students can apply for post-secondary skills training (*Nitec* courses) at any of the three Institute of Technical Education (ITE) colleges. Alternatively, students can further upgrade themselves through various skills development programmes (e.g. Workplace Skills Qualifications) or enter the workforce, having received training in employable skills in SSS.

Students who demonstrate strong aptitude in their ITE Skills Subjects may also apply for early admission into ITE through the ITE Early Admission Exercise. Students who apply for early admission are usually considered favourably based on their strong aptitude in the ISS.

6) What Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)* will SSS offer?

SSS offers the following CCAs:

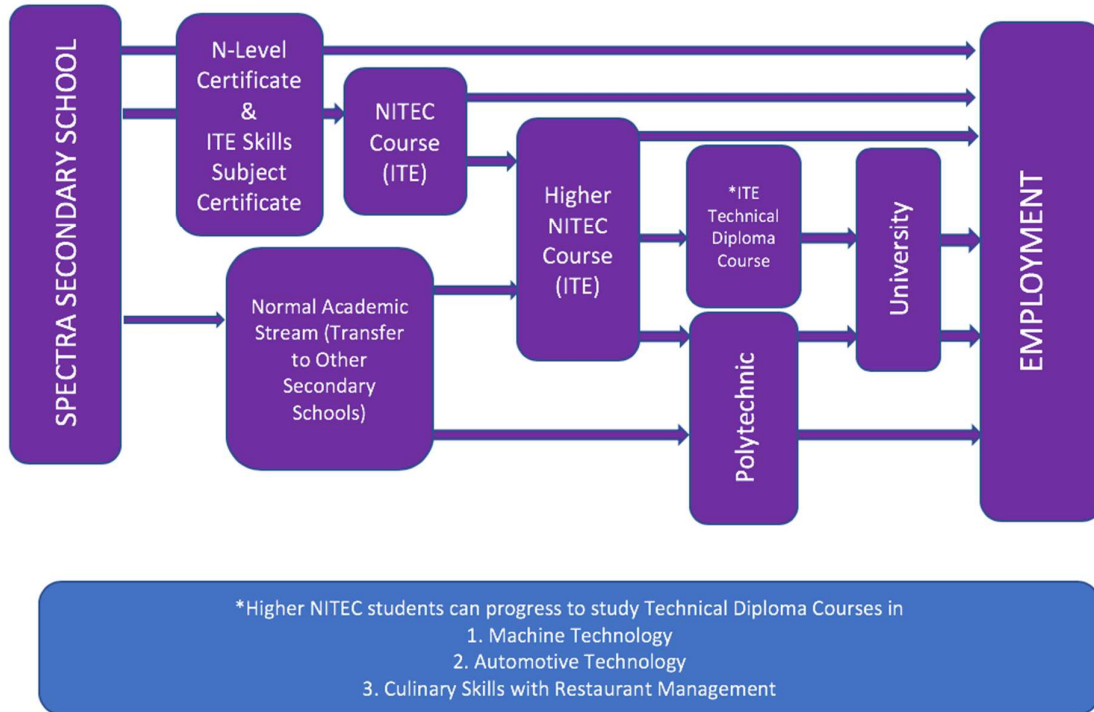
- Sports And Games : Football, Badminton, Floorball, Athletics
- Uniformed Groups : Girl Guides, NCDCC
- Performing Arts : Dance, Drama, Music
- Clubs And Societies : Art Club, Audio Visual and Photography Club, Culinary Arts, Robotics and Electronics Club, Entrepreneur Club

*CCAs are subjected to change.

7) What are the admission criteria for SSS?

SSS is open to all P6 NT-eligible students and does not specify a PSLE cut-off score for admission. The school will evaluate each applicant taking into consideration the student's potential to benefit from its skills-based, practice-oriented curriculum. P6 NT-eligible students will receive a letter inviting them to apply for admission into SSS when they receive their PSLE results from their primary school in November.

8) What are the educational pathways for SSS students?



- Graduates from selected *Nitec* courses are also able to matriculate to Polytechnics

9) How much does SSS charge for school fees?

Though SSS is a specialised school, it charges similar school and miscellaneous fees as in other government secondary schools.

10) Does SSS offer financial assistance to needy students?

Students who meet SSS's financial assistance family income criteria may apply for its school based financial assistance scheme which will provide needy students with free textbooks, school attire, waiver of school and standard miscellaneous fees, daily meal and transport subsidies. Students can approach the school's General Office to obtain a financial assistance application form.



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