



P4 & P5 Subject Based Banding (SBB)

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Why introduce Subject-based banding?



- ▶ To provide more flexibility for pupils with differing strengths and abilities.
- ▶ Every child will be encouraged to do the subjects at the levels that best meet his/her abilities and needs.

Guiding Principles



- ▶ We will recommend the subject combination which will best suit the needs of your child.
- ▶ As far as possible, we would recommended the more demanding course i.e. standard rather than foundation, unless your child really has trouble coping and would benefit from a slower pace.



Subjects available

Both Standard and Foundation Levels

**English, Mathematics, Science,
Mother Tongue Languages**

Higher Mother Tongue Languages

How does Subject-based Banding work?



School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results.
Parents select preferred combination.

At P4

If your child
(at the end of P4)

Passes all 4 subjects
and performs very well
in Mother Tongue
Language

Your child will be
recommended to take

- 4 standard subjects +
Higher Mother Tongue
Language

How does Subject-based Banding work?



School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results.
Parents select preferred combination.

At P4

If your child
(at the end of P4)

Passes all 4 subjects

Your child will be
recommended to take

- 4 standard subjects



How does Subject-based Banding work?

School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results.
Parents select preferred combination.

At P4

If your child
(at the end of P4)

Passes 3 subjects

Your child will be
recommended to take

- 4 standard subjects



How does Subject-based Banding work?

School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results.
Parents select preferred combination.

At P4

If your child
(at the end of P4)

Your child will be
recommended to take

Passes 2 subjects or less

- 3 standard subjects + 1 other foundation subject; or
- 2 standard subjects + 2 other foundation subjects; or
- 1 standard subject + 3 other foundation subjects; or
- 4 foundation subjects

How does Subject-based Banding work?



Pupil takes a subject combination determined by the school

End of P5

Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

End of P6

Making Options



- ▶ Pupils will be recommended a subject combination based on:
 - Performance
 - Aptitude for subjects
 - Attitude of pupil
 - Home support

Important Questions



- Are you ready to 'push' him or her in school work all the way to P5?
- Are you sure that he or she can cope in the subjects at P5?
- Are you willing to work with the teachers to help your child?



For more info please visit

▶ <http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/primary/files/subject-based-banding.pdf>



Thank You 😊