



FREE RESOURCE

PSLE AL Score Cheat Sheet 2026

How Achievement Levels work, the score bands, and how secondary posting is decided.

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A one-page guide to the PSLE Achievement Level system — the mark band for each AL, how the 4 to 32 score is built, and how Posting Groups place your child in secondary school.

How the PSLE is scored

The PSLE uses Achievement Levels (AL). Each of the four subjects is graded from AL1 (best) to AL8, based on fixed mark bands — not on how the rest of the cohort did.

Achievement Level	Subject mark range
AL1	90–100
AL2	85–89
AL3	80–84
AL4	75–79
AL5	65–74
AL6	45–64
AL7	20–44
AL8	Below 20

Your child's PSLE Score

The PSLE Score is the sum of the four subject ALs.

- It ranges from 4 to 32.
- 4 is the best possible score — AL1 in every subject.
- A lower score is better.

Because the bands are fixed, your child is measured against the mark thresholds above, not against other students.

Posting to secondary school

Students are posted to secondary school through three Posting Groups:

- Posting Group 3 — the most academically demanding subject levels.
- Posting Group 2 — the middle band.
- Posting Group 1 — foundational subject levels.

Posting Groups replace the old Express / Normal streams. They guide only the subject levels a student starts with at Secondary 1.

What the score does and does not decide



The PSLE Score decides Posting Group eligibility and helps with school

placement.



School cut-off points change every year — they depend on each cohort's

results and choices, so last year's cut-off is only a guide.



Tie-breakers for oversubscribed schools use citizenship, then choice

order, then computerised balloting.



Subject-Based Banding lets a student take individual subjects at a higher

level than their Posting Group, based on results.

How to use this cheat sheet

Estimate your child's PSLE Score from practice marks using the bands above, then compare it against indicative school score ranges published by MOE. Plan school choices with the education tools at smartcalculator.sg/education.

Sources & disclaimer

All figures in this resource were verified in May 2026 against the official Singapore government source named on the cover. Rates, thresholds and policy figures are revised regularly — often each year — so always confirm the current figure and your own eligibility with the relevant agency before acting.

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