

Offering of Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL) & 3rd Languages

HOD/MTL

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Rationale for Offering HMTL

The Ministry of Education aims to help students with the ability, aptitude and interest in MTL to achieve higher levels of language proficiency and cultural knowledge through HMTL.

Criteria to offer HMTL

- ✓ AL 1 / AL 2 in MTL or
- ✓ Distinction / Merit in HMTL

Benefits for Offering HMTL

- Students with at least a C6 in English (EL) and D7 in HMTL will be **exempted** from offering MTL in Junior College (JC).
- O-Level students with a pass in both EL and HMTL may use **2 bonus points** for admission to JC.

Benefits for Offering HMTL

For example

- O Level Gross Aggregate L1R5 Score – 8 points
- A pass in EL & HMTL – 2 bonus points
- Net Aggregate L1R5 Score after deducting bonus points – 6 points

*L1R5 (L1R5 = First Language + 5 Relevant Subjects)

Benefits for Offering HMTL

- HMTL may be used to **replace EL** as first language in the calculation of L1R5 for JC admission.

Benefits for Offering HMTL

For example

- L1R5 Score (L1 : EL [B3]) – 8 points
- Student can replace EL with HMTL if she scores a better HMTL grade
- L1R5 Score (L1 : HCL [A2]) – 7 points

Points to note

- All IP students have to offer HMTL unless you are doing NTIL or exempted from offering MTL.
- O Level students who are eligible to offer HMTL will be offered HMTL.
- O Level students who are not eligible to offer HMTL, may offer MTL instead. However, if they do well at the end of Sec 1, HMTL may be offered.

Points to note

- HMT students only need to purchase HMTL textbooks and workbooks, not MTL books.
- Lessons will be conducted during curriculum time.
- If a student has difficulty coping with HMTL at the end of the year, she may switch to MTL.

3rd Languages offered at Cedar

**CHINESE SPECIAL PROG (CSP)
&
MALAY SPECIAL PROG (MSP)**

Rationale for offering CSP / MSP

CSP and MSP build on MOE's on-going efforts to promote conversational Malay and Chinese among students, and its bilingual policy as a strategic edge. These programmes equip young people with the language skills to engage the world, and also help to further strengthen Singapore's multi-racial compact in the long run.

Aims / Objectives of CSP / MSP

At the end of the 4 years programme, students will be able to:

- Be comfortably conversant in Chinese / Malay language
- Communicate clearly in various situations and different target audience, in both oral and written form
- Understand the Chinese / Malay culture and traditions

Criteria for offering CSP / MSP

- Only Sec 1 students who do not offer CL/HCL at PSLE may offer CSP.
- Only Sec 1 students who do not offer ML/HML at PSLE may offer MSP.

If the number of applicants exceeds that of vacancies, selection will be based on the applicant's PSLE results.

Benefits of offering CSP/MSP

Students who pass CSP/MSP at O-Level

- will be awarded 2 bonus points for admission to JC.
- will be allowed to use CSP/MSP grade in-lieu of Humanities in the computation of L1R5.

Considerations when offering CSP/MSP

- Interest in 3rd language
- One subject more than others -> Higher Workload
- One late day: 3hr lesson block on one weekday ending at about 5pm
- Child's preparedness for increased load, hours and transition

Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

RSP aims to nurture a segment of non-Malays in each generation who are comfortably conversant in the Malay Language and able to engage regional countries effectively.

Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

- Those who are taking **MSP** will be eligible for RSP.
- Students could be offered **MOE RSP scholarship**.
- RSP is non-examinable and lessons are conducted once a week during term time, in the afternoon.

Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

- Students will engage in active discussion and impart their ideas through presentations and project-based task assigned.
- There will be cultural enrichment activities and immersion programme to regional countries. These programmes will be subsidized by MOE.

Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

- Any queries, please email Ms Farahin at nur_farahin_salleh@moe.edu.sg

Application Procedure for CSP/MSP

If you wish to apply for CSP/MSP for your daughter, please submit Late Application/Appeal online form via the following link or QR code by **Wed 7 Jan 2026.**

Link	https://go.gov.sg/midstreamapplications
QR Code	 <small>https://go.gov.sg/midstreamapplications</small>

3rd Language Registration (CSP & MSP)

- Students are to register at the school General Office by Wednesday 7 Jan 2026.
- Places that are not taken up by 7 Jan, will be reallocated to other applicants.
- Note that students are only allowed to do one 3rd Language.

3rd Language Registration (except CSP & MSP)

- Please register online at MOELC website at:
<https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/>
from **26 Dec 2025 (Fri) to 7 Jan 2026**
(Wed) to confirm that you are taking up the offer.

Thank You