

Seng Kang Primary School

P4 Subject-based Banding (SBB) Briefing

10 September 2024, Tuesday, 4.00pm to 4.30pm

FAQ

	Questions	Answers
1.	What is the difference between Standard level Achievement Levels (ALs) and Foundation level ALs?	<p>Standard level subjects are graded from AL 1 to AL 8. Foundation level subjects are graded from AL A to AL C.</p> <p>This mapping reflects the demands of the curriculum and assessment at the subject level, given that the curriculum of a Foundation level subject is a subset of that of a Standard level subject.</p> <p>For more information pertaining to Achievement Levels (ALs), please refer to https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/news/press/2021/annex-a-psle-2021</p>
2.	How do I know if my child is eligible for Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL), and when will the classes be conducted?	<p>The Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) curriculum is designed to stretch students who have a strong interest and aptitude in the language. Students offering HMTL will bear a heavier curriculum and learning load, as the subject covers additional content knowledge and skills compared to standard Mother Tongue Language (MTL).</p> <p>For students who have attained Band 1 for MTL and Band 2 for the remaining subjects, they will be offered HMTL. The HMTL lessons will be conducted weekly in school in the afternoon.</p> <p>At the end of P4, school recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results. Parents will select preferred combination.</p> <p>For more information pertaining to HMTL under the PSLE scoring, please refer to https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/news/press/2021/annex-a-psle-2021</p>

4.	Will there be adjustments to the subject level (standard/foundation) at the end of P5?	At the end of P5, the school will assess your child's ability to cope with the demands of the subjects and determine the subject level (standard/foundation).
5.	How will the students be assigned classes in Primary 5?	As part of our efforts to meet the learning needs of our students, they are assigned a form class and subject banded classes for Mathematics and Mother Tongue Languages.
6.	What is the passing mark for all subjects in Primary 4?	Students have acquired subject mastery if they attained Band 1 to Band 3.
7.	How will the score be calculated for students who are absent during examinations?	For students who are absent from examinations with Medical Certificate (MC), the grades will be computed based on school-based weighted assessments. Students who are absent will receive a copy of the examination paper for practice.

For more information pertaining to Subject-based Banding (Primary), please refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/subject-based-banding>