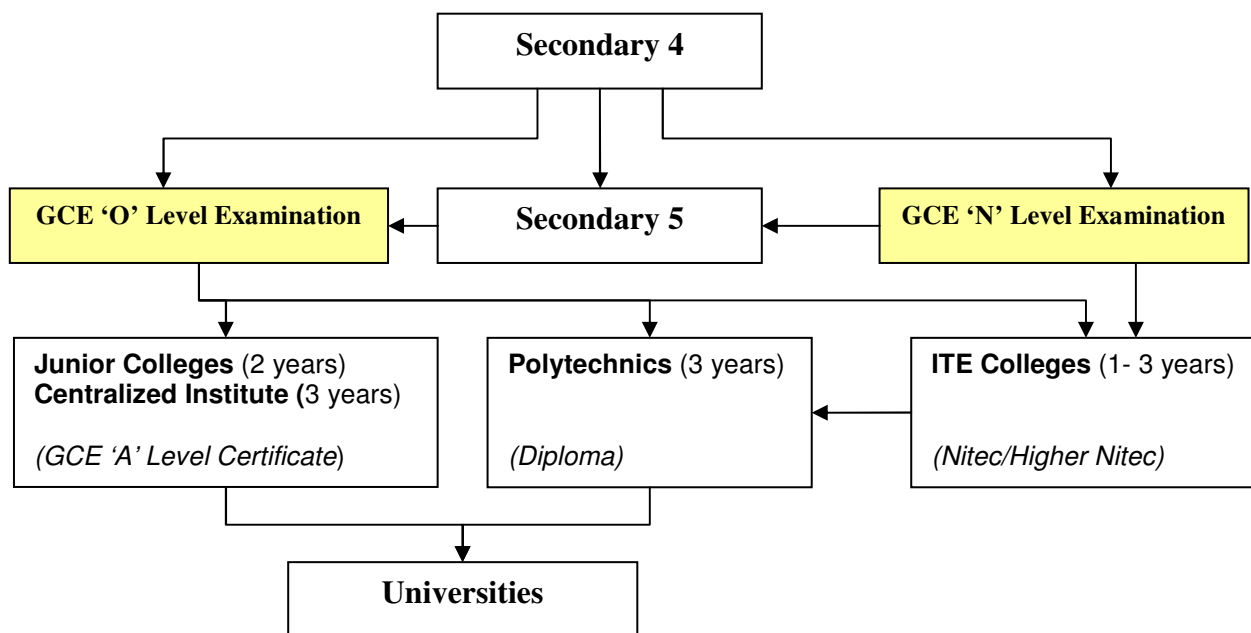


## Information on Options Available for Post Secondary Education

The following chart shows the various progression paths and options for pupils who have completed their secondary education.



### Options after the GCE O-Level Examination

The following are the possible options offered to the Sec 4 Express and Sec 5 N(A) students after their GCE O-Level Examination:

Option	Institute	Course	Admission based on performance in GCE O-Level Examination
(i)	Junior College	2-year Pre-U course	First language and 5 relevant subjects (L1R5)
(ii)	Millennia Institute	3-year Pre-U course	First language and 4 relevant subjects (L1R4)
(iii)	Polytechnics	3-year Diploma course	English language, 2 relevant subjects and 2 other best subjects (ELR2B2)
(iv)	ITE College	1- or 2-year NITEC* course	Completed GCE 'O' Level or 2 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1-8) in 2 relevant subjects**
		Higher NITEC course	3 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1 - 6/7/8) in 3 relevant subjects**

\* National ITE Certificate

\*\* Please refer to admission criteria for individual courses published at <http://www.ite.edu.sg>

Students who do well in NITEC/Higher NITEC courses will be able to proceed to the polytechnics for diploma courses.

**(i) Admission Criteria to Junior Colleges (2 years “A”- Level course)**

Aggregate Score in GCE O-Level Exam	Requirement Grade for Mother Tongue	Requirement Grade for E Maths or A Maths	Requirement Grade for English Language
L1R5 not more than 20	A1 – D7 in MTL or A1 – E8 in Higher MTL or a Pass in Syll B MTL or	A1 – D7	A1 – C6
L1R5 includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L1 - First Language (English/Higher Mother Tongue)</li> <li>• R1 – Humanities (Combined Humanities/Literature/Geography/History)</li> <li>• R2 - Mathematics/Science</li> <li>• R3 - Humanities/Mathematics/Science</li> <li>• R4 &amp; R5 - Any GCE O Level subjects (excluding Religious Knowledge and CCA)</li> </ul> Note: Higher Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue cannot be used at the same time; CCA grades cannot be used in L1R5			
<b>Bonus points for Entry into Junior Colleges</b>			
	Grade	Bonus Points	
CCA	A1 or A2	2	
CCA	B3 – C6	1	
Higher Mother Tongue	A1 – C6	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 4 bonus points may be deducted from the L1R5 aggregate.</li> <li>• Only students accepted into the LEP (Language Elective Programme) may get a maximum of 6 points deducted.</li> </ul>			

**(ii) Admission Criteria to Millennia Institute (3 years “A”- Level course)**

Aggregate Score in GCE O-Level Exam	Requirement Grade for Mother Tongue	Requirement Grade for E Maths or A Maths	Requirement Grade for English
L1R4 not more than 20	A1 – D7 in MTL or A1 – E8 in Higher MTL or a Pass in Syll B MTL or	A1 – D7	A1 – C6
L1R4 includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Language (English/Higher Mother Tongue)</li> <li>• Science (Physics/Chemistry/Biology) or Mathematics (Additional or Elementary) or Humanities (Literature / Geography / History)</li> <li>• Science / Maths / Humanities</li> <li>• Next 2 best subjects (CCA can be included)</li> </ul>			

## “A”- Level Subject Combinations

Students may select subjects at 3 different levels of study: Higher 1 (H1), Higher 2 (H2) and 1 Higher 3 (H3).

H1 subject will have half the content of H2, but the subject content will be studied to the same depth as it is at H2. An H3 subject will entail an in-depth study of a particular area that the student has the ability for and a passionate interest in.

Typically, an “A”-Level student will offer:

- General Paper (GP) (a student may offer Knowledge and Inquiry (KI), an H2 subject, in lieu of GP)
- Project Work (PW)
- Mother Tongue Language (MTL) at H1 level (students need not take MTL if their **HMTL** grade in the GCE “O” level exam is **D7** or better)
- 1 H1 content subject
- 3 H2 content subjects } at least 1 contrasting subject

Total No of subjects: 7 (3H2 + 4H1)

Able students who are interested in broadening their range of subjects and intellectual horizons may offer an expanded curriculum:

- Take on an additional H1 or H2 subject or
- Further specialise by offering up to 2 H3 subjects.

<b>Example A</b>	<b>Example B</b>
H2 Physics H2 Chemistry H2 Mathematics H1 Art (contrasting subject) MTL GP* PW	H2 Economics H2 History H2 Maths (contrasting subject) H1 General Studies in Chinese MTL GP* PW
* KI may be offered as a contrasting subject, in place of GP	

### (iii) Admission Criteria to Polytechnics

- ◆ To be eligible for consideration for admission to the various courses in polytechnics, applicants must obtain 26 points or better for the net ELR2B2 aggregate score (ie English Language, 2 relevant subjects and best 2 other subjects, including CCA Bonus Points) and meet the minimum requirements of the courses.
- ◆ A pass in Mathematics is essential for **MOST** courses at the Polytechnics. The following are the examples of entry requirements for some courses in polytechnics:

ELR2B2 : For Polytechnic Courses				
Course Group	Architecture Courses (ELR2B2-A)	Business-Related Courses (ELR2B2-B)	Science-Based Courses (ELR2B2-S)	Technology Courses (ELR2B2-T)
EL	English			
R2	1st Group of Relevant Subjects	Elementary Mathematics Additional Mathematics		
	2nd Group of Relevant Subjects	Add <sup>d</sup> Combined Science Art / Art & Design Biology Chemistry Combined Science Design & Technology Engineering Science Higher Art Integrated Science Physics Physical Science Science (Chem, Bio) Science (Phy, Bio) Science (Phy, Chem) Science (Phy, Chem, Bio)	Combined Humanities Commerce Commercial Studies Geography History Literature in English Literature in Chinese Literature in Malay Literature in Tamil Principles of Accounts	Add <sup>d</sup> Combined Science Additional Science Biology Chemistry Combined Science Food & Nutrition General Science Human & Social Biology Integrated Science Physics Physical Science Science (Chem, Bio) Science (Phy, Bio) Science (Phy, Chem) Science (Phy, Chem, Bio)
B2	Best 2 other subjects <b>excluding CCA</b>			

### “A”- Level Education vs Polytechnic Education

“A”- Level course	Polytechnic course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The most direct route to university</li> <li>▪ “A”-Level courses offers an advanced curriculum that stresses academic and mental discipline</li> <li>▪ Preparation for university entry</li> <li>▪ GCE “A”-Level Examination &amp; Certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An alternative to “A”-Level education</li> <li>▪ A less academic course which allows students to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acquire some practical skills</li> <li>- get on with some professional training</li> <li>- be prepared for further education at the university</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Polytechnic Diploma</li> </ul>

## **Options after the GCE N-Level (Academic) Examination**

Pupils with GCE N-level (Academic) certificates would have the following options:

<b>Option</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Admission based on performance in GCE N-Level Examination</b>
(i)	ITE College	1- or 2-year NITEC* course	3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade 1-5) in 3 relevant subjects**
(ii)	Ahmad Ibrahim Sec	Sec 5 (N) course	Grade 5 or better in EL and an aggregate of 10 points or less in best 3 subjects in the GCE N-level Exam

Pupils with GCE N-level (Technical) certificates would have the following options:

<b>Choice</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Admission based on performance in GCE N-Level Examination</b>
(i)	ITE College	1- or 2-year NITEC* course	3 GCE 'N' Grades (Grade 1-5) in 3 relevant subjects**
(ii)	Ahmad Ibrahim Sec	Sec 4 (NA) course	Grade 1 in EL and Mathematics, and Grade 3 in a 3 <sup>rd</sup> subject in the GCE N-level Exam

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Students who do well in NITEC courses will be able to proceed to the polytechnics for diploma courses.

### **Useful Websites**

- **Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School**  
<http://www.ahmadibrahimsec.moe.edu.sg>
- **Ministry of Education :**  
<http://www.moe.gov.sg>
- **Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board**  
– Information on GCE Examinations  
<http://www.seab.gov.sg>
- **ITE :**  
<http://www.ite.edu.sg>
- **Nanyang Polytechnic :**  
<http://www.nyp.edu.sg>
- **Ngee Ann Polytechnic :**  
<http://www.np.edu.sg>
- **Republic Polytechnic :**  
<http://www.rp.edu.sg>
- **Singapore Polytechnic :**  
<http://www.sp.edu.sg>
- **Temasek Polytechnic :**  
<http://www.tp.edu.sg>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How does **Bonus Point** affect students in JAE (Joint Admissions Exercise)?

*Bonus points are accorded to eligible students in the computation of their net aggregates. Please note that bonus points are for ranking of students during posting. They are not taken into consideration in determining whether applicants are eligible for specific courses under the JAE*

S/No.	Type of Bonus Points	No. of Bonus Points Available	Maximum Bonus Points Allowable	
1	For students seeking admission to JC / Poly / ITE courses and with the following CCA grades:		Limited to a maximum of 4 Bonus Points only for these 4 sections.	Limited to a maximum of 6 Bonus Points only.
	Grades of A1 - A2	2 points		
	Grades of B3 - C6	1 point		
2	For students seeking admission to JC / MI courses and with grades of A1 to C6 in both their first languages (i.e. English and a Higher Mother Tongue). This is provided that these choices come before any Poly / ITE choices.	2 points		
	3	For students seeking admission to JC/MI courses and with grades of A1 to C6 in Malay/Chinese (Special Programme)(MSP/CSP) or Bahasa Indonesia (BI)* as their third language. This is provided that these choices come before any Poly/ITE choices.		
4		For students from feeder schools if they choose their affiliated Junior College course(s) as their: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1st choice, or</li> <li>○ 1st and 2nd choices.</li> </ul>	2 points	
5	For students who had applied for the CLEP or MLEP and have been selected for the programme.	2 points	2 Bonus Points	

Note: Bahasa Indonesia will only be offered to Secondary 1 students with effect from Year 2008

2. Can **Higher Chinese / Higher Malay/ Higher Tamil** grade be used in place of English as a first language?

Yes, any of the above Higher Mother Tongue Language grades can be used in place of English as a First Language for L1R5/L1R4 computation. However, the grades for both Higher Mother Tongue Language (viz. Higher Chinese, Higher Malay and Higher Tamil) and Mother Tongue Language (viz. Chinese, Malay and Tamil) **cannot** be used in the same aggregate computation.

3. Can **CCA** be used as a subject for admission to Junior Colleges (JCs), Millennia Institute (MI), Polytechnics (Poly) and Institute of Technical Education (ITE)?

CCA grade can only be used as a subject for **admission to MI** course but not for admission to JC, Poly or ITE course.