



Secondary 2 Parent Engagement Session OOS Briefing 2021

**Out-of-Stream Subjects
(All 2NA and 2NT Students)**

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WHAT ARE OUT OF STREAM (OOS) SUBJECTS?

- ▶ Out of Stream(OOS) subjects allows students to take 1 or more subjects at a more demanding level.
 - E.g. N(A) students will be able to take on subjects at the Express level (sit for GCE 'O' level paper for that subject)
 - E.g. N(T) students will be able to take on subjects at the N(A) / Express level (sit for GCE 'N' or 'O' level paper for that subject)
- ▶ Offered for selected subjects at the Upper Secondary level

Who are eligible to be offered OOS subjects?

- ▶ All Sec 3 N(A) students may be offered EL/Math/Science/MTL/Art/ESS/Humanities at O-Level if they meet the criteria at the end of Secondary 2
- ▶ Sec 3 N(T) SBB students may be offered EL/Math/Science/MTL/Humanities at N(A)-Level/O-level if they meet the criteria at the end of Secondary 2

Criteria to be offered OOS subjects

- ▶ Dependent on overall results. Individual subject criteria may apply

GROUPS	CRITERIA TO BE OFFERED OOS IN SEC 3
N(A) - SBB SUBJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass in overall results for SBB subject
N(A) - NON SBB SUBJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 75% in overall results for subject
N(T) - SBB SUBJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass in overall results for SBB subject

- ▶ Students who meet the criteria will be issued a letter of offer in the last week of school
- ▶ Students can choose to accept or reject the offer

REASONS FOR TAKING UP OOS SUBJECTS?

- ▶ You can pursue deeper learning in subjects of their interest and strength
- ▶ Strengthen foundation in the OOS subjects offered
- ▶ Better prepares you for the demands in your Post-Secondary education
- ▶ Advantage for entry to Post-Secondary courses

CONVERSION OF GRADES FROM EXP TO N(A) LEVEL

GCE 'O' Level Grade	GCE 'N' Level Grade
A1 – B3	1
B4 – C6	2
D7 E8 (for <i>DPP</i>* only)	3

- ▶ For N-Level students offering O-Level subjects, their grades will be converted to the N(A)-Level grades for admission to Poly Foundation Programme (PFP) & Direct Poly Programme(DPP) in ITE.
- ▶ Please refer to <https://pfp.polytechnic.edu.sg/PFP/index.html> for full range of courses and subject-specific minimum entry requirements

CONVERSION OF GRADES FROM N(A) TO N(T) LEVEL

GCE 'N(A)' Level Grade	GCE 'N(T)' Level Grade
1,2	A
3	B
4	C
5	D
U	U

- ▶ For NT-Level students offering NA-Level subjects, their grades will be **converted** to the N(T)-Level grades for admission to ITE.
- ▶ **N(A) Passing Grades (Grades 1 -5)** for pre-requisite subjects (e.g. English, Mathematics, Science) for course applied for. **2 Bonus points** for each pre-requisite subject, up to maximum of **4 Bonus points**.
- ▶ Please refer to https://www.ite.edu.sg/wps/portal/pts_nitecisc_course_catalog for full range of courses and subject specific minimum entry requirements.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR TAKING UP OOS SUBJECTS?

- ▶ **Demands** of OOS subjects is higher
 - Command of language required is higher
 - Thinking has to be more critical and deeper
 - More content to cover
- ▶ **Effort** needed from the student is greater
 - More time needed for homework & self-directed revision
 - More effort in seeking consultations
- ▶ **May or may not perform better** than remaining in the original level
- ▶ Need to **strike a balance** between what you are currently offering and the additional **academic load** you will experience upon accepting OOS subjects
- ▶ Expect to take the OOS subjects till the end of Sec 4, **NO DROPPING OUT** halfway.

OUT OF STREAM SUBJECTS

Important Consideration

If you want to take up OOS subjects, you need to work towards **achieving a distinction grade after conversion.**

(e.g. A for N(T) and Grade 1 for N(A) respectively)

Question & Answer

THANK YOU