

STUDYING IN SINGAPORE

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Singapore is widely recognised for our broadbased education system that not only encourages character building and skills development, but also ensure academic excellence. Our public schools have a distinctive record of high standards in teaching and learning, illustrated by international comparative studies such as the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) that showed the majority of students from Singapore schools outperforming the international average in Mathematics and Science.

Our students have also excelled in competitions such as world debating championships (English) and International Olympiads (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology), ousting counterparts from other countries to clinch top prizes and distinctions. Some of our achievements include:

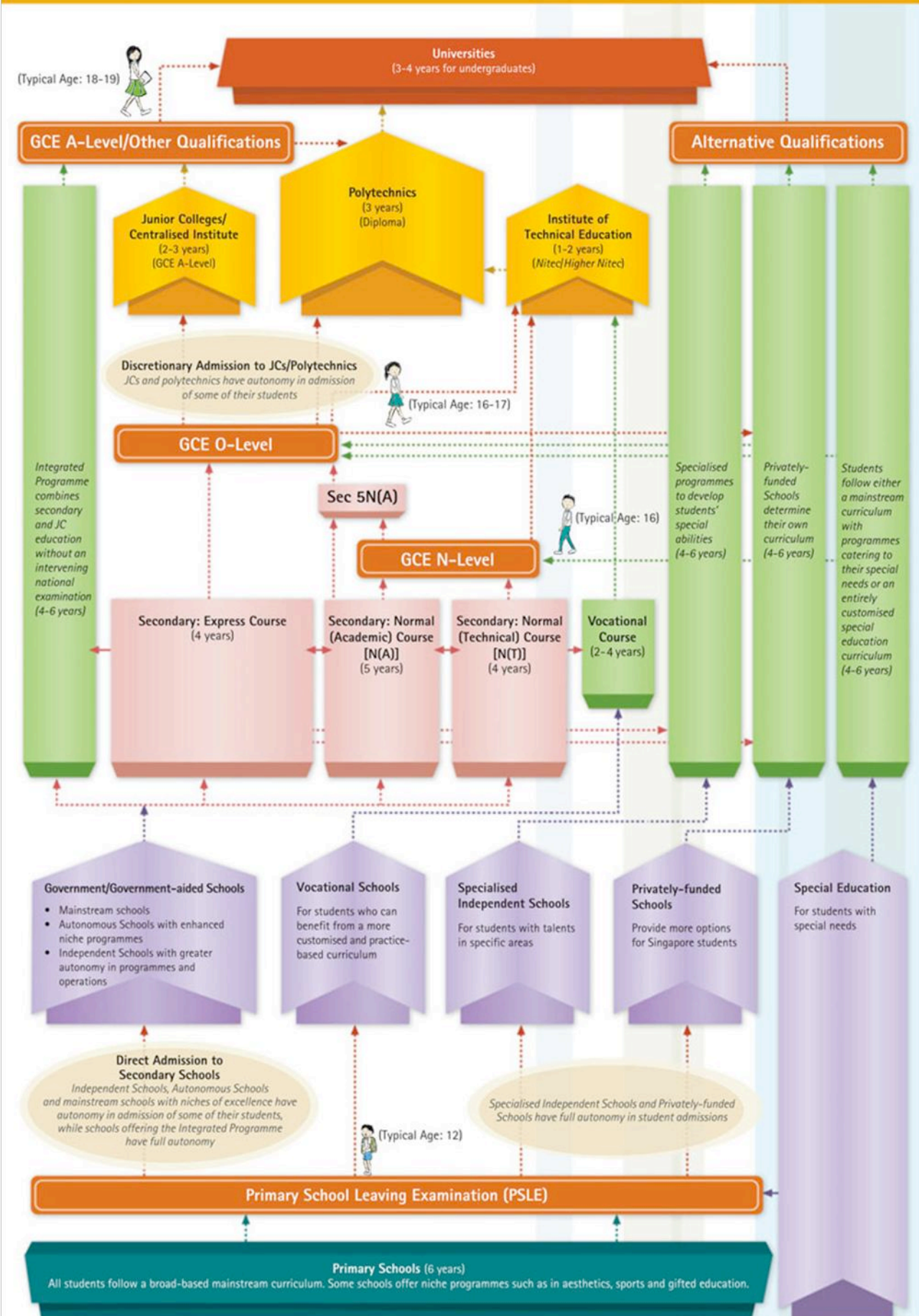
- Singapore students took first place in the 1995, 1999 and 2003 TIMSS Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study.

International educational scores (2003)					
<i>(13-year-old's average score, TIMSS Third International Math and Science Study, 2003)</i>					
Countries: (sample)	Global rank	Maths		Science	
		Score	Rank	Score	Rank
Singapore	1	605	1	578	1
Taiwan	2	585	4	571	2
South Korea	3	589	2	558	3
Hong Kong	4	586	3	556	4
Japan	5	570	5	552	5
Netherlands	7	536	7	536	9
England	10	498	18	544	7
United States	12	504	15	527	11
Malaysia	18	508	10	510	21
Italy	23	484	22	491	22

Sources: TIMSS Math 2003 and TIMSS Science 2003

- National University of Singapore (NUS) was ranked as one of the World's Top 20 universities by the QS World University Rankings, an accolade awarded to only three Asian universities. It was also ranked 19th in Times of London survey of the 200 best universities in the world for 2006. NUS also appeared in the top league of Technology and Biomedicine universities, placed 8th & 9th in faculty ranking survey respectively, ahead of many renowned universities.
- Nanyang Technological University (NTU) MBA students have also been rated as among 'the best in the world' in a 2007 study by the Economist Intelligence Unit, a member of the Economist Group rankings. NTU was amongst the world's top 100 MBA schools.
- In Asiaweek's Asia's Best Universities 2000 rankings, NUS came in 5th, out of 77 universities, in the overall ranking of multi-disciplinary schools in Asia. NTU was placed 9th, out of 39 universities, in the overall ranking for science and technology schools. And in the Asia's Best MBA Schools 2000 category, NUS Business School was one of schools identified as having the "Best Part-Time MBA" and enjoying the "Best in Reputation".

The Singapore Education Landscape



Source: www.moe.gov.sg

Local Educational System

The Singapore education system is designed to be flexible and diverse, catering to every child's abilities, interests and aptitudes so as to help each pursue their goals, stretch their faculties and expand on their strengths. The majority of students undergo the following:

- 6 years of primary school education to prepare for the national examination – Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)
- 4-5 years of secondary school education to prepare for the GCE 'O' Levels or 'N' Levels;
- 2-3 years of pre-university education (GCE 'A' Levels) for admission to University;
- Tertiary education for a diploma or degree

To further develop an educational system that is flexible and diverse so as to cater to every child's abilities, interests and aptitudes, and help each develop to his fullest potential, Singapore has introduced several options to provide students with greater choice and ownership in their learning - Autonomous Schools, Independent Schools, Specialised Independent Schools, Integrated Programme Schools and privately-funded schools, cater to the varied talents and aptitudes of our students. Alternative curricula and qualifications (e.g. International Baccalaureate) are also offered in some schools. The approvals for establishment of these alternatives were given on the basis of the strength of the respective schools' management team, coherence of curriculum and the quality of education which they can potentially offer to students.

A typical school term for local public schools is as follows:

Semester I	
Term I	1st week of January – 1st week of March
Term II	3rd week of March – 3rd week of May
Semester II	
Term III	4th week of June – 4th week of August
Term IV	2nd week of September – 2nd week of November

School Fees

Year	Student's Nationality	Monthly School Fees Rate		
		Primary	Secondary	Junior College / Centralised Institute
2008		S\$120	S\$170	S\$280
2009	ASEAN	S\$135	S\$195	S\$330
	Non-ASEAN	S\$145	S\$210	S\$350

School fees in local schools are much lower than in private / international schools. For children of Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents and dependants of Employment Pass and Skilled Work Permit Holders, the monthly school fees payable for the first 2 years are S\$3.50 for primary, S\$6 for secondary, and S\$7 for pre-university levels. For the third year onwards, the school fees payable will be determined based on their citizenship status.

In addition to school fees, all students are to pay miscellaneous fees. The maximum monthly miscellaneous fees payable are S\$11 for primary, S\$16 for secondary and S\$22 for pre-university levels. Students studying in Autonomous Schools are also required to pay additional miscellaneous fees. Please check directly with the schools on the actual amount of miscellaneous fees payable.

Admission of Foreign Students to Public Schools

International students who wish to seek admission for academic year 2008 before the new admissions exercise may approach schools directly. Admission is subject to availability of vacancies in the school.

New Admissions Exercise (International Students) for 2009 onwards

For admission to schools in academic year 2009, MOE will be conducting a centralised admissions exercise for new international students who wish to join our primary and secondary schools.

This exercise will comprise a centralised test tentatively scheduled in September/October 2008. The test is for new international students seeking admission into the levels of Primary 2 to 5 or Secondary 1 to 3. Applicants will be required to sit for English and Mathematics papers that would assess their English literacy, numeracy and reasoning abilities. Successful applicants would be offered a place in a suitable school based on available vacancies and their test performance. Details are available on this website:

<http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/admissions/international-students/>

For further clarifications, you may also contact:

- MOE Customer Service Centre at DID (65) 68722220, Fax (65) 67764617
- MOE email address at contact@moe.edu.sg

International Schools

You will also be spoilt for choice in terms of the choice of international schools that have established a presence in Singapore. Most international schools provide education up till the pre-university stage, equivalent to grade 12 in the US.

List of Foreign System Schools/ International Schools

School	Address	Phone/Fax	Email/Website
American College	Head Office: 21 Preston Road, Singapore 109355 City Campus: 12 Prince Edward Road #01-03 Podium A, Bestway Building, Singapore 079212	T: 62234566 F: 62234533	amercoll@iss.edu.sg
Australian International School	1 Lorong Chuan, Singapore 556818	T: 68835155 F: 62855255	enquiries@ais.com.sg , www.ais.com.sg
Avondale Grammar School	506 Lorong 1, Toa Payoh, Singapore 319760	T: 62588544 F: 62581667	admissions@avondalegs.com.sg , www.avondalegs.com.sg
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Admiral Hill)	345 Old Nelson Road, Admiral Country Club, Singapore 758692	T: 67554647/ 83330049	admiralhill@cambridgecdc.com
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Ang Mo Kio)	5/15 Mei Hwan Drive, Singapore 568346	T: 63834464	cambridgeamk@hotmail.com

School	Address	Phone/Fax	Email/Website
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Bukit Timah)	19 Toh Tuck Drive, Singapore 596883	T: 64639240	shree@mba-angels.com
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Choa Chu Kang)	Blk 533 #02-01 Choa Chu Kang Street 51, Lim Bang Shopping Centre, Singapore 680533	T: 67698789	sunnygry@singnet.com.sg
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Hougang)	38 Poh Huat Crescent Singapore 546871 8 St. Xavier's Lane Singapore 535736	T: 62881838 T: 62880083	mseeds@singnet.com.sg
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Katong)	17 Rambai Road, Singapore 424336	T: 62477350	ikidspreschoolers@yahoo.com.sg
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Novena)	1 Novena Terrace, Singapore 307903	T: 63550555	cambridgenovena@yahoo.com.sg
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Tanglin)	38C Belvedere Close, Singapore 159883	T: 64756556	tanglin@cambridge.com
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Thomson)	51 Lorong Puntong, Singapore 576441	T: 64511951	educa@pacific.net.sg
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Upper Changi)	5 Jalan Pari Kikis, Peakview Estate, Singapore 488531	T: 91146282	upperchangi@cambridge.com
Cambridge Child Development Centre (Yio Chu Kang)	35 Saraca Road, Singapore 807381	T: 64814220	ikidspreschools@yahoo.com.sg
Canadian International School, Tanjong Katong Campus (Early childhood to grade 8)	371 Tanjong Katong Road, Singapore 437128	T: 63451573 F: 63454057	admissionstk@cis.edu.sg, www.cis.edu.sg
Canadian International School (Elementary school)	5 Toh Tuck Road, Singapore 596679	T: 64671732 F: 64671729	admissions.cis.edu.sg, www.cis.edu.sg
Canadian International School (Middle School Campus)	71 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289759	T: 68751519 F: 6875 1516	middleschool@cis.edu.sg, www.cis.edu.sg
Canadian International School (High School Campus)	514 Kampong Bahru Road, Singapore 099450	T: 63230208 F: 63230209	highschool@cis.edu.sg, www.cis.edu.sg
The Caterpillars Cove	535 Clementi Road, Blk 53 Level 3 Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore 599489	T: 64645219 F: 64630977	www.thecaterpillarscove.com.sg

School	Address	Phone/Fax	Email/Website
Chatsworth International School (Orchard Campus)	37 Emerald Hill Road, Singapore 229313	T: 67375955 F: 67375655	information@chatsworth.com.sg, www.chatsworth.com.sg
Chatsworth International School (East Campus)	25 Jalan Tembusu, Singapore 438234	T: 63445955 F: 63465565	joseph@chatsworth-east.com, www.chatsworth-east.com
Chatsworth Kindergarten	1 Jalan Kayu, Singapore 799433	T: 6481 5585 F: 6481 5565	admin@chatsworthkindergarten.com, www.chatsworthkindergarten.com
Chinese International School	60 Dunearn Road, Singapore 309434	T: 62540200 F: 62525120	admin@cnis.edu.sg, www.cnis.edu.sg
Dover Court Preparatory School	301 Dover Road, Singapore 139644	T: 67757664 F: 67774165	info@dovercourt.edu.sg, www.dovercourt.edu.sg
DPS International School	36 Aroozoo Avenue, Singapore 539842	T: 62856300 F: 62948195	admissions@dps.edu.sg, www.dps.edu.sg
Emaar International School (EIS) [fka E R International School]	201 Ulu Pandan Road, Singapore 596468	T: 65366566 F: 65366866	enquiries@eis.edu.sg, www.eis.edu.sg
EIS International Pre-school (Japanese School)	7 Seraya Lane, Singapore 437275	T: 63484780 F: 63484781	jean@eisintl.com
EtonHouse International Pre-School	2 Orchard Boulevard, Singapore 248643	T: 62523322 F: 62359630	orchard@etonhouse.com.sg, www.etonhouse.com.sg
EtonHouse International School & Pre-School (Broadrick Campus)	51 Broadrick Road, Singapore 439501	T: 63466922 F: 63466522	enquiry@etonhouse.com.sg, www.etonhouse.com.sg
Finnish Supplementary School	Overseas Family School, 25F Paterson Road, Singapore 238515	T: 63222451 F: 62255469	
German European School Singapore	72 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289760	T: 64691131 F: 64690308	info@gess.sg, admissions@gess.sg, www.gess.sg
Global Indian International School	1 Mei Chin Road, Blk C Queenstown, Singapore 149253	T: 64791511 F: 64791248	admissions@giisingsapore.org, www.giisingsapore.org
Globalkids Early Learning Centre	4 Crescent Road, Singapore 439289	T: 63463218	karenlim@globalkids.com.sg jessiechoo@globalkids.com.sg
Happy Joy School House	7 Ming Teck Park, Singapore 277375	T: 64669838 F: 64669181	
Hollandse School	65 Bukit Tinggi Road, Singapore 289757	T: 64660662 F: 64677582	adminhsl@hollandeschool.org, www.hollandeschool.org
Hwa Chong International School	663 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 269783	T: 64647077 F: 64647060	admin@hcis.edu.org
Insworld School	31 Upper Weld Road, Singapore 207388	T: 67321728 F: 67346398	enquiries@insworldsch.com, www.insworldsch.com
International Community School	27A Jubilee Road, Singapore 128575	T: 67767435 F: 67767436	info@ics.edu.sg, www.ics.edu.sg

School	Address	Phone/Fax	Email/Website
ISS International School (Elementary School)	25 Paterson Road, Singapore 238510	T: 62355844 F: 67325701	admissions@iss.edu.sg, es@iss.edu.sg, www.iss.edu.sg
ISS International School (Middle School)	25 Paterson Road, Singapore 238510	T: 67376407 F: 67354966	admissions@iss.edu.sg, ms@iss.edu.sg, www.iss.edu.sg
ISS International School (High School)	21 Preston Road, Singapore 109355	T: 64754188 F: 62737065	admissions@iss.edu.sg, hs@iss.edu.sg, www.iss.edu.sg
Italian Supplementary School	Embassy of Italy, 101 Thomson Road #27-02/03, United Square, Singapore 307591	T: 64664849 F: 62533301	
Japanese Kindergarten	251 West Coast Road, Singapore 127390	T: 67793434 F: 67771830	
The Japanese Primary School (Clementi Campus/HQ)	95 Clementi Road, Singapore 129782	T: 67753366 F: 67780801	office@sjscle.edu.sg, www.sjs.edu.sg
The Japanese Primary School (Changi Campus)	11 Upper Changi Road North, Singapore 507657	T: 65429600 F: 65428801	office@sjscle.edu.sg, www.sjs.edu.sg
The Japanese Secondary School (West Coast Campus)	201 West Coast Road, Singapore 127383	T: 67797355 F: 67780801	office@sjscle.edu.sg, www.sjs.edu.sg
Konohana Gakuin Kindergarten	16 Ramsgate Road, Singapore 437462	T: 63420100 F: 63420200	kgi@konohanagakuin.ac.jp, http://kgi.konohanagakuin.ac.jp
Korean Church Kindergarten	16 Barker Road, Singapore 309891	T: 62547943 F: 62506662	koreanch@singnet.com.sg
Lock Road Kindergarten	10 Lock Road, Singapore 108938	T: 64746181 F: 64741689	lockroad@singnet.com.sg, www.lockroadkindergarten.com
Lycee Francais De Singapour	3000 Ang Mo Kio Ave 3, Singapore 569928	T: 64881160 F: 64872821	administration@lfs.edu.sg, www.lyceefrancais.edu.sg
Modern Montessori International Group	400 Orchard Road #24-10 Orchard Towers, Singapore 238875	T: 62354600 F: 62353086	www.modern-montessori.com
Norwegian Supplementary School	c/o Overseas Family School, 25F Paterson Road, Singapore 238515	T: 67385661 F: 67385662	
NPS International School	10 Chai Chee Lane, Singapore 469021	T: 62942400 F: 64482089	register@npsinternational.com.sg, http://npsinternational.com.sg
Overseas Family School	25F Paterson Road, Singapore 238515	T: 67380211 F: 67338825	soma_mathews@ofs.edu.sg, www.ofs.edu.sg
Pat's Schoolhouse Arena	Arena Country Club, 511 Upper Jurong Road, Singapore 638366	T: 62626990 F: 62620083	arena@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Pte Ltd (Baby Haven)	3 Halifax Road, Singapore 229257	T: 62962663 F: 62956706	infantcare@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Buckley	7 Buckley Road, Singapore 309763	T: 62567404 F: 62561498	buckley@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com

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Pat's Schoolhouse Claymore	11 Claymore Road, Singapore 229541	T: 62386753 F: 67364993	claymore@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Halifax	9 Halifax Road, Singapore 229261	T: 62993156 F: 62990372	halifax@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Jubilee Park	31 Jubilee Road, Singapore 128583	T: 67733373 F: 67762941	jubileepark@pathouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Katong	45 Meyer Road, Singapore 437870	T: 63467675 F: 63467875	katong@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Mount Emily	19 Upper Wilkie Road, Singapore 228126	T: 63382768 F: 63389662	mountemily@patschoolhouse, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Ridgewood	61A Mount Sinai Drive, Singapore 277114	T: 64648951 F: 64697814	ridgewood@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Serangoon	2C Lim Ah Pin Road, Singapore 547813	T: 62857205 F: 62827870	serangoon@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pat's Schoolhouse Siglap	26A Jalan Ulu Siglap, Singapore 457184	T: 62429975 F: 62429348	siglap@patschoolhouse.com, www.patschoolhouse.com
Pibo's Garden Playschool	1 Dunearn Close, Singapore 299574 7 Hua Guan Crescent, Singapore 589034	T: 64662639 T: 64650019	info@pibosgarden.com
Praise International School (fka Praise –Kids Pre-School)	Blk 2 Turf Club Road, Singapore 287988	T: 64630689 F: 64630698	praisekids@singnet.com.sg
Preschool for Multiple Intelligence (PMI)	37 Newton Road, Singapore 307965	T: 62599661	enquiry@pmi.com.sg
Rosemount International School	461 Telok Blangah Road, Singapore 109022	T: 62762821 F: 62761063	ris@rosemount.com
Rosemount Kindergarten	25 Ettrick Terrace, Singapore 458588	T: 64464636 F: 64444075	rosemount@pacific.net.sg
Sekolah Indonesia Singapura	20A Siglap Road, Singapore 455859	T: 64480722 F: 64444831	
Singapore American School	40 Woodlands Street 41, Singapore 738547	T: 63633403 F: 63633408	sasinfo@sas.edu.sg, www.sas.edu.sg
Singapore Korean School	74 Lim Ah Woo Road, Singapore 438134	T: 67410778 F: 67411321	sinkosl@singnet.com.sg
St Joseph International School	490 Thomson Road, Singapore 298191	T: 63539838 F: 63543103	info@sji-international.com.sg, www.sji-international.com.sg
Sunflower Childcare & Development Centre Pte Ltd (HQ)	670 Bedok North Street 31 #02-03/04, Kaki Bukit CC, Singapore 469627	T: 64478782 F: 64478797	info@sunflowerkid.com
Sunflower KinderHub (North)	33 Kasai Road, (off Seletar Road), Singapore 808280	T: 64846781	skhub@singnet.com.sg
Sunflower Montessori Childcare (West)	2 Lorong Kismis, Singapore 597999	T: 64687790	sftohyi@singnet.com.sg

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Sunflower BabyHouse (Central)	36 Watten Rise, (off Dunearn Road), Singapore 287336	T: 64631303	sunflowerbabyhouse@yahoo.com.sg
Swedish Supplementary Education School	c/o Swedish Embassy, 111 Somerset Road #05-01 Singapore Power Building, Singapore 238164	T: 67327740	
Swiss School Singapore	38 Swiss Club Road, Singapore 288140	T: 64682117 F: 64665342	info@swiss-school.edu.sg, www.swiss-school.edu.sg
Tanglin Trust School	95 Portsdown Road, Singapore 139299	T: 67780771 F: 67775862	admissions@tts.edu.sg, www.tts.edu.sg
United World College of South East Asia Dover Campus	1207 Dover Road, Singapore 139654	T: 64199322 F: 67730203	admissions@uwcsea.edu.sg, www.uwcsea.edu.sg
United World College of South East Asia East Campus	10 Ang Mo Kio Street 54, Singapore 569184	T: 67742653 F: 67741219	admissionseast@uwcsea.edu.sg, www.uwcsea.edu.sg
Waseda Shibuya Senior High School	57 West Coast Road, Singapore 127366	T: 67732950 F: 67732951	
White Lodge Early Learning Centre Pte Ltd (HQ)	506 Lor 1 Toa Payoh Rise, Singapore 319760	T: 62554230 F: 62552984	wlelchq@singnet.com.sg
White Lodge Early Learning Centre Pte Ltd (Bukit Timah)	39 Linden Drive, Singapore 288712 1 Jalan Siap, Singapore 678541	T: 64688846 F: 67620215 T: 63145481 F: 63145482	wlelc@singnet.com.sg cwelc@singnet.com.sg
White Lodge Early Learning Centre Pte Ltd (West Coast)	9 South Buona Vista, Singapore 118141	T: 67798465	wlelc2@singnet.com.sg
White Lodge Early Learning Centre Pte Ltd (East Coast)	105 Lorong Stangee, Singapore 425080	T: 64406690	wlelc4@singnet.com.sg
White Lodge Early Learning Centre Pte Ltd (Dempsey)	75E Loewen Road, (Dempsey Road), Singapore 248845	T: 64757262	wlelc5@singnet.com.sg
Willow Nursery	26A Toh Tuck Road, Singapore 596697	T: 64622956 F: 64633224	info@willownursery.edu.sg, www.willownursery.edu.sg