



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

SECONDARY ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT 2023

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Dear students,



I am very happy to extend congratulations to all of you, who wrote the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) Examination on the 29th of March, 2023. You would have experienced many challenges throughout your primary school journey, however, your hard work and determination has brought you to this point of development thus far.

It was the American Billionaire, Charles Thomas Munger who said “You’re not going to get very far in life based on what you already know. You ’re going to advance in life by what you’re going to learn after you leave here.”

As you continue your educational journey at the secondary level, I encourage you to remain focused and to do your best always. You possess what it takes to be successful. Continue to draw strength from the experiences you garnered at the primary school level. Enjoy your new friends and experiences, but never lose focus on your goals.

On behalf of myself and my colleague, Minister Lisa Morris-Julian, I wish to thank our committed and hardworking teachers, principals and parents who provided invaluable support to our students during these years.

In closing, I remind you to remain focused on your studies and avoid distractions, always respect your teachers and those in authority and to always give of your best.

I wish you God's richest blessings on your future and all the best at your new schools!

Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly
Minister of Education.

Q & A

Answers to your frequently asked questions

Q1: What are the components of the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA)?

- A1: The SEA comprises three test papers in the following subjects:
- English Language Arts Writing
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics

Q2: How are the subjects in the SEA scored and weighted?

A2: The subjects are scored and weighted as follows:

Subject	Maximum Raw Score	Weighting of the Standard Score
(i) English Language Arts Writing	20	40%
(ii) English Language Arts	64 (100)	60%
(iii) Mathematics	75 (100)	100%

** English Language Arts & Mathematics raw scores are further scaled out of 100. Then each raw score is converted to a standard score which is then weighted accordingly before they are added together to give the Composite Standard Score.*

Q3: Who is responsible for the marking of the SEA Test papers?

A3: The Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) has the responsibility for constructing the test papers and scoring them under standardized conditions.

Q4: What is the process for placement?

A4: Students' marks (raw scores) on all subjects are converted to standard scores. Each standard score is then weighted and combined. The combined standard scores are used to assign students to one of the following types of secondary schools:

- Government secondary schools
- Government-assisted secondary schools
- Private secondary schools
- Junior Life Centres

Q5: What criteria is used to place students in secondary schools?

A5: Students are assigned to secondary schools according to the following criteria:

- Parent's choices
- Student's performance by order of merit
- Principal's 20% selection (Denominational schools)
- Gender
- Residence
- Multiple birth

Q6: Where can I obtain information about my child's performance on the SEA?

A6: Using information from the student's **SEA Admission Slip** you must log into the SEA Online Results portal on the Ministry of Education's webpage to view and download the results. **The portal opens from 12:00 noon on the day results are released and will remain open until the end of September 2023.**

Q7: Why are some students placed in schools which are not among their choices?

A7: Firstly, students are assigned to schools based on order of merit, choice and the intake of schools. If a student's score does not allow him/her to be placed in any one of his/her four choices, he/she is assigned to an available secondary school as close as possible to his/her residence.

Q8: Where do I obtain the registration date for the secondary school to which my child has been assigned?

A8: The date can be found on the Student Performance Report. **Parents/Guardians are strongly advised to contact the secondary school for more specific details prior to the registration date.**

Q9: What is required for registration of a student?

A9: A parent/guardian must accompany the student to the school and provide the following information for the student:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of citizenship if he/she is a national born outside of Trinidad and Tobago
- Valid student permit and any relevant documents if he/she is a non-national

Q10: What can I do if I am not satisfied with the placement of my child?

A10: You may:

- Request a review of the marks obtained
- Request a transfer
- Have the child repeat the SEA in **2024 only**, once all eligibility criteria are met.

Q11: How do I request a review of my child's scores?

- A11: • Complete and return the **Request for Review Form** available at the Education District Office with responsibility for your child's primary school, **no later than five (5) working days after the release of the SEA results.**
- A fee of **Barbados \$25**, will be charged for the review of each test paper.
 - Obtain a bank draft payable to the **“Registrar, Caribbean Examinations Council”** from any commercial bank and attach it to the Request for Review Form.
 - Results received from CXC, will be processed by the Ministry of Education and made available at the Education District Offices on a date to be announced.
 - The outcome of a review could result in one of the following:
 - (a) no change in scores, therefore, school assigned remains the same,*
 - (b) change in scores but insufficient to change school assigned, and*
 - (c) change in scores resulting in a change of school assigned.*

Q12: How do I apply for a transfer for my child?

A12: **On the day of registration**, complete a Request for Transfer Form which will be available at the secondary school to which your child has been assigned.

A student must be registered at the assigned secondary school before being considered for a transfer.

Transfers are **NOT GUARANTEED**. It depends on the availability of places in the secondary school that has been requested. Note that all secondary schools received their full quota of students during the placement process.

The criteria used for a transfer are as follows:

- Student Performance (merit)
- Change of Address
- Medical condition that must be verified by a medical certificate and school records
- Special needs that must be supported by the relevant documentation

Release of transfer results will be available at the respective Education District Offices on a date to be announced.

Q13: What should I do if I decide not to allow my child to take up his/her place at the Secondary School?

A13: Complete the Parent Declaration Form, which is available at both the primary and secondary schools. Submit the form either to the principal of your primary school or to the principal of the secondary school to which the student was assigned.

The Parent Declaration Form is confirmation that you have decided that your child will not be accepting the place in the secondary school to which he/she was assigned. A completed Parent Declaration Form is NOT a request for a transfer.

Failure to register at the secondary school assigned or submit a completed Parent Declaration Form will be interpreted as non-acceptance of the place and consequently it may be assigned to another student.

Q14: What criteria are used to determine which students will re-sit the SEA in 2024?

A14: Students who were born after August 31st, 2010, and whose composite standard score was equal to 30% or less in the 2023 SEA, will be required to re-sit the SEA in 2024 **only**.

Q15: Why is my child required to re-sit the SEA in 2024?

A15: These students have not yet mastered the basic competencies of numeracy and literacy and need additional assistance to better prepare for secondary education. All students repeating the SEA will be assigned to a school.

Q16: Why has my child who is older than 13 years and who scored 30% or less, been placed in a Junior Life Centre?

A16: Given your child's age and performance, he/she is better able to benefit from the remedial/alternative education programme that will be offered at a Junior Life Centre.

Q17: What are some of the challenges my child may face moving from primary to secondary school?

A17: Some of the challenges are:

- Learning new subjects skills
- Managing time constructively
- Travelling to and from new locations
- Meeting and making new friends
- Knowing and obeying new school rules
- Securing school books and other resources
- Dealing with conflict
- Managing money efficiently
- Knowing the roles of the various school personnel e.g. Form Teacher, Dean of Discipline, and Guidance Officer

Q18: What challenges will my child face repeating Standard 5?

A18: Some of the challenges include:

- Coping with disappointment about the results
- Re-adjusting to a new group of students
- Improving performance level
- Remaining focused while repeating lessons previously taught

Q19: What can I do if my child has serious emotional difficulty coping with the results?

A19: Counselling assistance is available from the Student Support Services Division (SSSD) of the Ministry of Education. You may call the SSSD at 622-2181 ext. 1033-36, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for further information.

Alternatively, you may seek counselling from a private practitioner.

Q20: Where can I find additional information about the SEA?

A20: You may visit the online platform of the Ministry of Education at moe.gov.tt, the official source for any additional information regarding the SEA.

You may also contact the Education District Offices (*See page 14*) or the Examination Unit of the Ministry of Education at 622-2181 ext. 1100-1113 should you need any assistance.

Sample STUDENT PERFORMANCE REPORT



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STUDENT PERFORMANCE REPORT

(A) Name: SAM, SIARRA
 (B) Student Number: 1234567890
 (C) Date of Birth: 31 December 20xx
 (D) Gender: Female
 (E) Examination Centre: 0777 – SUCCESS PRIMARY

(F) SUBJECT SCORES			
SUBJECT	MAXIMUM RAW SCORES	NATIONAL MEAN SCORES	STUDENT SCORES
Mathematics	100	62.00	95.00
English Language Arts	100	59.00	96.00
English Language Arts Writing	20	12.00	19.00

(G) GENERAL PERFORMANCE	
The Composite Standard Score , which is used to place the student into a secondary school, is the total of the student's scores that were each converted to a standard score and weighted.	234.567

(H) Secondary School Assigned: 0888 – EXCELLENT SECONDARY
 (I) Registration Date: 10 July 20xx

- Please contact your assigned school for further registration details.
- Remember to download the SEA Information Booklet which provides answers to some frequently asked questions such as “how to request a review of scores” and “how to apply for a transfer” among other important information.

Explanation of the Student Performance Report

- A. The name of the student who wrote the SEA.
- B. The unique identification number assigned to the student.
- C. The date of birth of the student.
- D. The gender of the student.
- E. The code/name of the examination centre where the student wrote the SEA. A Private Candidate would be referenced to the educational district where the SEA was written.
- F. A table that indicates the scores obtained by the student in each subject for the SEA. Included as well are the national mean (average) scores per subject and the maximum score possible.
- G. The **Composite Standard Score** represents the student's overall score on the SEA. It is used to place the student in a secondary school from among all those students vying for that school.
- H. The code/name of the secondary school to which the student has been assigned. However, a student whose composite standard score is equal to 30% or less in the SEA, and was born after August 31st 2010, will be required to **Re-sit the SEA in 2024 only**.
- I. The date to register at the secondary school to which the student has been assigned. Parents are advised to contact the school prior to the registration date for any further details.

Education District Offices & Secondary Schools Addresses

Education District Office	Address
1. Caroni	Old Couva West Secondary School, Balisier Avenue, Couva Tel: 679-3712; 636-4800
2. North Eastern	Savi Street, Boodooville, Sangre Grande Tel: 668-6256; 668-2240
3. Port of Spain & Environs	Jerningham Avenue, Port of Spain Tel: 623-2315; 623-1275
4. St George East	2A Eastern Main Road, Tunapuna Tel: 645-7516; 645-7520
5. St Patrick	16-22 Sutton Street, San Fernando Tel: 653-8957; 653-3445
6. South Eastern	87 High Street, Rio Claro Tel: 644-2995; 644-1641
7. Victoria	16 – 22 Sutton Street, San Fernando Tel: 653-0035; 652-1288; 653-7118
8. Division of Education, Innovation and Energy Tobago	Dutch Fort Plaza, Dutch Fort, Scarborough, Tobago Tel: 635-2219; 639-2056; 299-0781

DISTRICT 1 - CARONI

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0026	A.S.J.A. Boys' College, Charlieville	John Peter Ext., Caroni Savannah Rd, Charlieville
0029	A.S.J.A. Girls' College, Charlieville	John Peter Ext., Caroni Savannah Rd, Charlieville
0095	Carapichaima East Secondary	Mc. Leod Trace, Freeport, Carapichaima
0097	Carapichaima West Secondary	Mc. Leod Trace, Freeport, Carapichaima
0114	Chaguanas North Secondary	Helen Street, Lange Park, Montrose, Chaguanas
0116	Chaguanas South Secondary	Helen Street, Lange Park, Montrose, Chaguanas
0138	Couva East Secondary	Church Street, Couva
0140	Couva West Secondary	Balisier Road, Couva
0152	Cunupia Secondary	Hassarath Road, Cunupia
0228	Freeport Junior Life Centre	Lot #51, 107 Calcutta Road, #4 Freeport
0264	Holy Faith Convent, Couva	Southern Main Road, Couva
0362	Miracle Ministries Pentecostal High	Southern Main Road, Mc Bean, Couva
0456	Presentation College, Chaguanas	Yves & Rene Junction, Chaguanas
0459	Preysal Secondary	Old Southern Main Road, Preysal
0540	Saraswati Girls' Hindu College	Caroni Savannah Road, New Settlement, Caroni
0692	Vishnu Boys' Hindu College	Old Southern Main Road, Caroni
0699	Waterloo Secondary	Waterloo Road, Carapichaima

DISTRICT 2 - NORTH EASTERN

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0012	Arima Central Secondary	Marie Street, Arima
0018	Arima North Secondary	Arima Old Road
0082	Brazil Secondary	Arena Road, Brazil
0136	Coryal Secondary	Cumuto Road, Cumuto
0250	Guaico Secondary	Church Street, Turure Road, Guaico
0263	Holy Cross College	Calvary Hill, Arima
0738	Johnson's Finishing School **	#3A Sorzano Street, Arima
0324	Malabar Secondary	Flamingo Boulevard, Phase IV, Malabar, Arima
0331	Manzanilla Secondary	Cedar Hill Trace, Manzanilla
0346	Matelot Community College	Paria Main Road, Matelot
0349	Matura Secondary	Toco Main Road, Matura Village
0401	North Eastern College	Graham Trace, Ojoe Road, Sangre Grande
0530	Sangre Grande Junior Life Centre	c/o St. Andrews Regional Centre, Sangre Grande
0527	Sangre Grande Secondary	Graham Trace, Ojoe Road, Sangre Grande
0646	SWAHA Hindu College	¼ Coalmine Road, Sangre Grande
0661	Toco Secondary	Galera Road, Toco
0687	Valencia Secondary	Oropouche Road, Valencia

DISTRICT 3 - PORT OF SPAIN & ENVIRONS

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0051	Belmont Boys' Secondary	34A Belmont Circular Road, Belmont
0055	Belmont Secondary	24A Belmont Circular Road, Belmont
0064	Bishop Anstey High	2-2A Chancery Lane, Port-of-Spain

DISTRICT 3 - PORT OF SPAIN & ENVIRONS (cont.)

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0066	Bishop's Centenary College**	28 Roberts Street, Woodbrook
0134	Corpus Christi College **	Church Street, Diego Martin
0171	Diego Martin Central Secondary	Wendy Fitzwilliam Boulevard, Diego Martin
0174	Diego Martin North Secondary	St. Lucien Road, Diego Martin
0181	East Mucurapo Secondary	Mucurapo Road, St. James
0213	Fatima College	2 Gaston Johnson Street, St. James
0269	Holy Name Convent, Port of Spain	2 Queen's Park East, Port-of-Spain
0305	Laventille Junior Life Centre	Cor. McAllister St. & Old St. Joseph Road, Success Village, Laventille
0376	Morvant/Laventille Secondary	Pelican Extension Road, Morvant/Laventille
0385	Mucurapo West Secondary	Mucurapo Road, St. James
0469	Providence Girls' Catholic	146 Belmont Circular Road, Belmont
0470	Queen's Royal College	19 Maraval Road, St. Clair
0497	Russell Latapy Secondary	Cipriani Street, Morvant
0562	South East Port of Spain Secondary	25 Nelson Street, Port-of-Spain
0576	St. Ann's Junior Life Centre	#5 Second Avenue, Cascade
0578	St. Anthony's College	Morne Coco Road, Westmoorings
0595	St. Francois Girls' College	St. Francois Valley Road, Belmont
0603	St. James Secondary	15 Panka Street, St. James
0613	St. Joseph's Convent, Port of Spain	57 - 59 Pembroke Street, Port-of-Spain
0622	St. Mary's College	75 Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain
0644	Success/Laventille Secondary	Eastern Main Road, Laventille
0665	Tranquility Secondary	5 - 7 Victoria Avenue, Port-of-Spain
0669	Trinity College, Maraval	Moka Estate, Maraval
0706	Woodbrook Secondary	41- 45 French Street, Woodbrook

DISTRICT 4 - ST. GEORGE EAST

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0008	Aranguez North Secondary	Boundary Road Extension, El Socorro, San Juan
0016	Arima Junior Life Centre	c/o Servol Life Centre, Malabar Main Road, Arima
0031	A.S.J.A. Girls' College, Tunapuna	Back Street, Tunapuna
0040	Barataria Junior Life Centre	#92 Third Avenue, Barataria
0041	Barataria North Secondary	Third Avenue Extension, Barataria
0042	Barataria South Secondary	Third Avenue Extension, Barataria
0063	Bishop Anstey High School East	1 College Avenue, Trincity
0071	Blanchisseuse Secondary	Paria Main Road, La Fillette
0075	Bon Air Secondary	Bon Air Gardens, Arouca
0102	Caribbean Union College **	Maracas, St. Joseph
0190	El Dorado East Secondary	Karamath Street, El Dorado
0193	El Dorado West Secondary	Target Road, El Dorado
0222	Five Rivers Secondary	Range Road, Five Rivers, Arouca
0260	Hillview College	El Dorado & College Roads, Tunapuna
0298	Lakshmi Girls' Hindu College	Eastern Main Road, St. Augustine
0327	Malick Secondary	Coconut Drive, via Lady Young Road, Morvant
0380	Mt. Hope Secondary	Gordon Street, Mt. Hope
0519	San Juan Junior Life Centre	LP #74 Calvary Hill, San Juan
0520	San Juan North Secondary	Saddle Road, Bourg Mulatresse, Lower Santa Cruz
0523	San Juan South Secondary	Moreau Road, Saddle Road, San Juan
0579	St. Augustine Girls' High	Evans Street, Curepe
0580	St. Augustine Secondary	Corner Gordon & Warren Streets, St. Augustine

DISTRICT 4 - ST. GEORGE EAST (cont.)

0588	St. Charles High **	Back Street, Tunapuna
0598	St. George's College	Corner Sixth Avenue & Tenth Streets, Barataria
0605	St. Joseph Secondary	Government Farm Road, St. Joseph
0611	St. Joseph's College **	Richmond Street, Maracas, St. Joseph
0612	St. Joseph's Convent, St. Joseph	Richmond Street, Maracas, St. Joseph
0668	Trinity College East	1 College Avenue, Trincity
0678	Tunapuna Secondary	Taylor Street, off El Dorado Road, Tunapuna

DISTRICT 5 - ST. PATRICK

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0112	Cedros Secondary	Bonasse Village, Cedros
0230	Fyzabad Anglican Secondary	Guapo Road, Fyzabad
0232	Fyzabad Secondary	Siparia Road, Fyzabad
0265	Holy Faith Convent, Penal	Clarke & Lachos Road, Penal
0270	Holy Name Convent, Point Fortin	1 Tulip Drive, Clifton Hill, Point Fortin
0276	Iere High	Bayanie Street, De Gannes Village, Siparia
0416	Palo Seco Secondary	Siparia Erin Road, Palo Seco
0430	Penal Secondary	Oliviere Drive, Clarke Road, Penal
0448	Point Fortin East Secondary	Reid Road, Egypt Village, Point Fortin
0735	Point Fortin Junior Life Centre	c/o Father Gerry Pantin Life Centre, Lot D Julien Street, Striker's Village Point Fortin
0450	Point Fortin West Secondary	Reid Road, Egypt Village, Point Fortin
0548	Shiva Boys' Hindu College	35 - 37 Clarke Road, Penal
0553	Siparia East Secondary	La Brea Trace, Erin Road, Siparia
0559	Siparia West Secondary	La Brea Trace, Erin Road, Siparia
0690	Vessigny Secondary	Vessigny Village, La Brea

DISTRICT 6 - SOUTH EASTERN

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0028	A.S.J.A. Girls' College Barrackpore	1 km Rochard Douglas Road, Barrackpore
0043	Barrackpore East Secondary	Papourie Road, Barrackpore
0046	Barrackpore West Secondary	Papourie Road, Barrackpore
0061	Biche Secondary	16mm Cunapo Southern Main Road, Biche
0126	Christ College **	Seafield Road, Craignish, Princes Town
0141	Cowen Hamilton Secondary	Fifth Company Village, Moruga Road, Moruga
0253	Guayaguayare Secondary	Warrick Street, Newlands Village, Guayaguayare
0351	Mayaro Junior Life Centre	Lion's Civic Centre, Plasiance Rd, Mayaro
0353	Mayaro Secondary	Guayaguayare Road, Mayaro
0373	Moruga Secondary	Tompierre Trace, Basseterre, Moruga
0461	Princes Town East Secondary	East Matilda Jct, St. Julien Village, Princes Town
0467	Princes Town West Secondary	East Matilda Jct, St. Julien Village, Princes Town
0478	Rio Claro East Secondary	Naparima Mayaro Road, Rio Claro
0484	Rio Claro West Secondary	Naparima Mayaro Road, Rio Claro
0634	St. Stephen's College, Princes Town	Craignish Village, Princes Town
0649	Tabaquite Secondary	Emmanuel Junction, Tabaquite
0651	Tableland Secondary	Naparima/Mayaro Main Road
0704	Williamsville Secondary	Guaracara Tabaquite Road, Kumar Village

DISTRICT 7 - VICTORIA

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0027	A.S.J.A. Boys' College, San Fernando	19 - 21 Park Street, San Fernando
0030	A.S.J.A. Girls' College, San Fernando	33 - 35 Park Street, San Fernando

DISTRICT 7 - VICTORIA (cont.)

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0164	Debe Secondary	M2 Ring Road, Debe
0237	Gasparillo Secondary	Bonne Aventure Rd, Happy Hill Village, Gasparillo
0293	La Romaine Junior Life Centre	c/o Junior Life Centre #2 Canaan Road, Bamboo Village Road, La Romain
0295	La Romaine Secondary	Church Street, La Romaine
0335	Marabella North Secondary	1 ¼ mm Guaracara Tabaquite Road
0336	Marabella South Secondary	Corner Tagore Avenue & Gopaul Lands, Marabella
0389	Naparima College	Paradise Pasture, Independence Avenue, S'Fdo
0390	Naparima Girls' High	4 La Pique Road, San Fernando
0408	Open Bible High **	20 - 24 Ruth Avenue, San Fernando
0419	Parvati Girls' Hindu College	Debe Main Road, Debe
0439	Pleasantville Secondary	200 Collector Road, Pleasantville
0457	Presentation College, San Fernando	32 - 34 Coffee Street, San Fernando
0504	San Fernando Central Secondary	Todd Street, San Fernando
0505	San Fernando East Secondary	Pleasantville 200, San Fernando East
0512	San Fernando West Secondary	Farah Street, San Fernando
0566	Southern Academy of S.D.A. **	Pouchet Street, San Fernando
0584	St. Benedict's College	Southern Main Road, La Romain
0614	St. Joseph's Convent, San Fernando	City Square, Harris Promenade, , San Fernando
0640	Ste. Madeleine Secondary	Corinth Road, Ste. Madeleine, San Fernando
0680	Union Claxton Bay Secondary	St. Margaret's Village, Claxton Bay

DISTRICT 8 - TOBAGO

SCHOOL CODE	SCHOOL	ADDRESS
0067	Bishop's High, Tobago	Mt. Marie Road, Tobago
0242	Goodwood Secondary	11 ¼ Goodwood, Tobago
0730	Harmon School of SDA	Rocky Vale, Scarborough, Tobago
0311	Light and Life Pentecostal High	Sangster's Hill, Scarborough, Tobago
0345	Mason Hall Secondary	Centre Street, Bon Accord, Tobago
0496	Roxborough Secondary	Day Street, Windward Road, Roxborough
0545	Scarborough Secondary	Shaw Park, Milford Road, Scarborough, Tobago
0550	Signal Hill Secondary	Signal Hill Road, Tobago
0570	Speyside Secondary	Lucy Vale, Speyside, Tobago

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