

Assessments

How are parents informed about the dates for Assessments including Formative Assessments?

With the removal of Mid-Year Examination (MYE) in schools, ongoing non-weighted Formative Assessments (FA) serve to provide appropriate feedback on student learning. Being an integral part of the teaching and learning process, FA across all levels is carried out, taking into consideration the progress of students, pace of the class and at timely junctures such as immediately after a lesson or upon completion of a topic and not fixed.

Dates for Weighted Assessments (WA) and P6 Preliminary Examination are communicated in Letters to Parents. Parents can also refer to the **School Calendar** on the school website and download a copy on their own electronic devices such as smartphone and laptops. Essential information such as the scope and components of assessments are in the **Information Booklet for Parents** obtainable on the school website as well.

Can the school reduce the number of out-of-classroom learning experiences so that students can focus on doing well in examination?

With the evolving and rapid advancements in the world, it is important that citizens are prepared to constantly upgrade themselves throughout their lifetimes to keep pace and stay relevant. That is why MOE has made bold shifts in our education system – to move away from the over-emphasis on grades and examination results and to nurture a generation of students who enjoy learning and are not bogged down by chasing every last mark. While academic excellence stands us well and is necessary, broader sets of foundational skills and core competencies are needed for our children to thrive in today's fast-changing world.

MOE FY2021 Committee of Supply Debate Response by Minister for Education Lawrence Wong - "The competencies that matter for success in the real world go well beyond academic abilities. They include skills like effective communication and teamwork, creativity and innovation, curiosity, resilience and grit."

Students can acquire these crucial life skills from the varied schooling experiences the school provides both in and out of the classrooms. Most significantly, students appreciate these valuable opportunities as they are meaningful, engaging and build interpersonal relationships.