

GUIDELINES FOR REFERRAL TO THE APSN SCHOOLS

The Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) is a voluntary welfare organisation catering to the needs of individuals with mild intellectual disability (MID), i.e., IQ range 50 – 70. According to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (2010)¹, a diagnosis of intellectual disability requires evidence of significant² limitations both in intellectual functioning *and* adaptive behaviour, the limitations being present before the age of 18 years.

APSN provides special education/training and support services to these identified individuals, to maximise their potential so that they can lead productive and independent lives.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Parents and referring agencies who apply for admission to the APSN Schools should note the criteria provided in the “Parents’ Guide for Children with SEN (*Special Educational Needs*)”, available at the website of Ministry of Education’s Special Education Branch (SEB): <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/special-education>.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE APSN SCHOOLS

The Special Education (SPED) School Application Form, which replaces all preexisting application forms from APSN, is available online. This and a user’s guide can be downloaded from the same URL.

All the documents highlighted by the form are to be included with the application, which is to be sent to APSN HQ for processing.

Additionally, where applicable, for applicants residing or had resided in a Home (e.g., residential/children’s homes) and/or known to MSF/child protection services/Rehabilitation Officers, a social report or update from relevant professionals is required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. We require all documents to be submitted together before we are able to process the application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
2. Submission by email and fax copies of the above documents will not be accepted.
3. Applications are accepted throughout the year.
4. For further information regarding admissions, please call our Admissions/Support Officer at 6479 6252 or email to hq_ar@apsn.org.sg.

¹ American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. (2010). *Intellectual Disability: Definition, classification and systems of supports* (11th ed.). Washington, DC: American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

² The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) defines “significant limitations” as performance that is at least two standard deviations below the mean, using appropriate, standardised, individually administered instruments.



HOW TO APPLY?

Please send all required reports/ documents as outlined above to:

The Admissions/Support Officer
Association for Persons with Special Needs – APSN Headquarters
900 New Upper Changi Road
Singapore 467354