

# A Holistic Education for Secondary School Students - LEAPS 2.0

A holistic education provides students with a broad and deep foundation for lifelong learning. This includes learning not just in the academic areas. Equally important is the development of values and life skills in each child. This will equip the child to handle the challenges in life later on.

A holistic education also supports students to discover their strengths, interests and talents. Students tend to flourish in areas they are interested in. Thus, as far as possible, we should allow them to pursue their areas of interest.

Schools offer a range of co-curricular programmes to help students achieve a holistic education. Community service is also invaluable in helping students develop qualities such as care, concern and respect for others in society.

## LEAPS 2.0<sup>1</sup>

LEAPS 2.0 is a framework to recognise secondary school students' holistic development. Students will be recognised with levels of attainment in four domains: Participation, Achievement, Leadership and Service.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

As parents, you play an important role in ensuring your child's holistic and balanced development. Your child benefits most when the emphasis on developing values, life skills and your child/ward's interests and strengths are reinforced at home.

You can discuss the following areas with your child when selecting his/her co-curricular activities:

- Identifying interests and strengths  
*Example: What is your child interested in? What is your child good at?*
- Setting objectives  
*Example: What kind of person does your child want to be? What kind of values and life skills should your child be developed in?*
- Encouraging self-directed learning  
*Example: How does your child want to pursue this development? What are the possible opportunities that can help support this development?*
- Managing commitments  
*Example: Is your child able to cope? How can you help to support him/her in the learning pursuits?*

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<sup>1</sup> LEAPS stands for Leadership, Enrichment, Achievement, Participation and Service. LEAPS 2.0 builds on the LEAPS system to better reflect MOE's current emphasis on Student-Centric, Values-Driven education.

## LEAPS 2.0 DOMAINS

### ***Participation***

This domain recognises students' participation in one school-based<sup>2</sup> Co-Curricular Activity (CCA). Recognition is based on the number of years of participation and exemplary conduct and active contribution<sup>3</sup> to the CCA. Sustained engagement in the same CCA allows for progressive development of character, skills, knowledge and friendships, and will be accorded higher recognition.

### ***Service***

This domain recognises students' development as socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community. Every secondary school student will contribute at least 6 hours per school year to the community. They can choose to embark on a Values-In-Action project (VIA). Students will be recognised for the time they put into planning, service and reflection, when participating in a VIA project.

### ***Leadership***

This domain recognises students' leadership development. Recognition is accorded to students' ability to take charge of personal development, work in a team and assume responsibilities in service of others. In addition to formal leadership appointments, participation in student leadership modules/workshops, the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) and leadership positions in the school, CCA or student-initiated/student-led projects will also be recognised.

### ***Achievement***

This domain recognises students' **representation** and **accomplishment** in co-curricular involvements beyond the classroom. Opportunities for representation and accomplishment present valuable learning experiences for students to learn discipline, resilience and develop their character. Students may represent the school or organisations endorsed by the school. Recognising external opportunities better caters to students' diverse interests and talents. It also recognises the community's role in developing the child.

**Representation** refers to being selected and endorsed by the school or an organisation endorsed by the school (e.g. the community club or national association) to contribute, perform or compete. It need not be tied to his/her CCA in school.

**Accomplishment** refers to attaining accolades and awards at competitions, festivals, performances, exhibitions, conferences and symposiums where the student represents the school or other organisations endorsed by the school.

The details on the levels of attainment for each of the domains are attached at [Annex A](#).

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<sup>2</sup> School-based CCA refers to CCA that are organised within the school or have been endorsed by the school.

<sup>3</sup> Schools have processes in place to determine 'exemplary conduct and active contribution' with respect to their school's context. #

## Recognition of Students' Level of Attainment

At the end of the graduating year, students' co-curricular attainment will be recognised according to Excellent/Good/Fair. The level of attainment will be converted to a bonus point(s) which can be used for admission to Junior Colleges/ Polytechnics/ Institutes of Education (JC/Poly/ITE).

| Co-Curricular Attainment      | Details  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Excellent<br>(2 bonus points) | Student who attains a minimum Level 3 in all four domains with at least a Level 4 in one domain.   |
| Good<br>(1 bonus point)       | Student who attains a minimum Level 1 in all four domains with any one of the following:<br>i. At least Level 2 in three domains;<br>ii. At least Level 2 in one domain and at least Level 3 in another domain; or<br>iii. At least Level 4 in one domain. |
| Fair                          | Student's attainment in co-curricular will not translate into any bonus points.  |

Please refer to examples in Annex B.

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**PARTICIPATION (Level of Attainment)**

| Level 1  | Level 2  | Level 3  | Level 4  | Level 5  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in any CCA for 2 years with at least 75% attendance for each year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in any CCA for 3 years with at least 75% attendance for each year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in any CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in any CCA for 5 years with at least 75% attendance for each year</li> </ul>   |  |
|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in any CCA for 3 years with at least 75% attendance for each year and demonstrating exemplary conduct and active contribution</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in any CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year and demonstrating exemplary conduct and active contribution</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the <u>same</u> CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year and demonstrating exemplary conduct and active contribution</li> </ul> |
|  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the <u>same</u> CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated in the <u>same</u> CCA for 5 years with at least 75% attendance for each year</li> </ul>   |

**SERVICE (Level of Attainment)**

| Level 1  | Level 2   | Level 3   | Level 4   | Level 5  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 24 to less than 30 hours of service</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 30 to less than 36 hours of service</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 36 hours of service</li> </ul>  |   |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed at least one VIA project that impacts the school or community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed at least two VIA projects that impact the school or community</li> </ul>   |   |  |
|  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed at least 24 hours of service <u>and</u> at least one VIA project that impacts the school or community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed at least 24 hours of service <u>and</u> at least two VIA projects that impact the school or community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed at least 24 hours of service <u>and</u> at least one <u>student-initiated</u> VIA project that impacts the community beyond the school <u>and</u> at least one other VIA project</li> </ul> |

Note: One example of an approach to VIA is Service-Learning. Time spent on VIA projects, including the planning, service and reflection components, will count towards the minimum hours of service stated in the above criterion.

## LEADERSHIP (Level of Attainment)

|  | Level 1   | Level 2  | Level 3  | Level 4  | Level 5  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <b>School-based Leadership Opportunities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed 2 leadership modules of at least 3 hours each</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class Committee</li> <li>Committee for student-initiated or student-led projects, approved by school (or equivalent)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class Chairperson</li> <li>Prefect</li> <li>Peer Support Leader</li> <li>Committee for school-wide events<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Chairperson/ Vice-Chairperson for student-initiated or student-led projects, approved by school (or equivalent)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Prefect</li> <li>Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson for school-wide events (or equivalent)</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee<sup>5</sup> of Student Council / Prefectorial Board (or equivalent)</li> </ul>                            |
|  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower Sec CCA Committee (or equivalent)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower Sec CCA Executive Committee</li> <li>Upper Sec CCA Committee (or equivalent)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Sec CCA Executive Committee (or equivalent)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCA Captain/ Chairperson (or equivalent)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>National Youth Achievement Award</b>      |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NYAA Bronze</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NYAA Silver and above</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| <b>Uniformed Groups (Rank)</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lance Corporal (or equivalent)</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporal</li> <li>Patrol Second</li> <li>Assistant Patrol Leader (or equivalent)</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sergeant</li> <li>Patrol Leader (or equivalent)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Sergeant</li> <li>Assistant Company Leader</li> <li>Senior Patrol Leader (or equivalent)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warrant Officer</li> <li>Master Sergeant</li> <li>Station Inspector</li> <li>Troop/ Company Leader (or equivalent)</li> </ul> |

<sup>4</sup> Examples of school-wide events are Open House, CCA exhibition, Speech Day, Founder's Day and the four National Education (NE) commemorative days: Total Defence Day, International Friendship Day, Racial Harmony Day and National Day.

<sup>5</sup> Executive Committee (applies to all subsequent mentions) – may include Secretary, Treasurer and Heads of sub-committees#

## ACHIEVEMENT (Level of Attainment)

|                                   | Level 1   | Level 2  | Level 3  | Level 4   | Level 5  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Representation<sup>6</sup></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented class / house / CCA at intra-school event<sup>7</sup></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented school / external organisation at local / international event<sup>8</sup> for 1 year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented school / external organisation at local / international event for 2 years</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented school / external organisation at local / international event for 3 years or more</li> <li>Represented UG HQ at international event<sup>9</sup></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented Singapore Schools at local / international competition</li> <li>Represented Singapore at international event endorsed by national bodies</li> <li>Represented National Project of Excellence<sup>10</sup> at local / international concert</li> <li>Represented MOE at local / international event</li> <li>Represented UG HQ at international competition</li> </ul> |
| <b>Accomplishment<sup>6</sup></b> |   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented school / external organisation at local / international event and achieved the following (for 1 year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 4 (or equivalent) team placing</li> <li>Top 8 (or equivalent) individual placing</li> <li>Gold/Silver/Bronze/Merit award / certification<sup>11</sup> (or equivalent)</li> <li>SYF Arts Presentation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented school / external organisation at local / international event and achieved the following (for 2 years or more): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 4 (or equivalent) team placing</li> <li>Top 8 (or equivalent) individual placing</li> <li>Gold/Silver/Bronze/Merit award / certification<sup>11</sup> (or equivalent)</li> <li>SYF Arts Presentation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented Singapore Schools/ National Project of Excellence/MOE at local / international competition OR</li> <li>Represented Singapore at international event, endorsed by national bodies</li> </ul> <p>AND achieved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 4 (or equivalent) team placing</li> <li>Top 8 (or equivalent)</li> </ul>                    |

<sup>6</sup> Self-representation or participation for personal enrichment will not be recognised. For representation of external organisations and accomplishments associated with such representation, schools' approval is required for recognition. Involvement in events whereby participation is mass in nature and/or does not require training, preparation or selection will also not be recognised in this domain.

<sup>7</sup> Intra-School Events refer to intra-school competitions, festivals, school performances / concerts, exhibitions and conferences. These events primarily do not include student participation from other schools and/or members of the public.

<sup>8</sup> Events refer to competitions, festivals, school performances / concerts, exhibitions, conferences and symposiums. Local refers to school cluster/zone-based and MOE-organised events (SYF Arts Presentation, SYF Celebrations, SYF Art Exhibition, National Schools Games, etc.), as well as community-organised events which primarily involves student participation from other schools and / or members of the public.

<sup>9</sup> UG HQ International Events refer to exchange programmes, performances, camps and other equivalent platforms which involve participants from other countries. Competitions are excluded.

<sup>10</sup> This refers to the Singapore National Youth Orchestra and Singapore Youth Chinese Orchestra.

<sup>11</sup> This applies to events that present different levels of award or certificate which extend beyond the top 4 participants. The Merit award/certification constitutes the fourth placing. It should only be given for events where Merit is not accorded by default to all participants who did not receive Gold- Bronze award/certification.

## ACHIEVEMENT (Level of Attainment)

|  | Level 1                        | Level 2                        | Level 3  | Level 4   | Level 5   |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
|  |                                |                                | Certificate of Distinction /Accomplishment<br>○ SYF Art Exhibition Certificate of Recognition (Special Mention) /Recognition<br>○ Presented original research paper / project accepted at the platform | Certificate of Distinction /Accomplishment<br>○ SYF Art Exhibition Certificate of Recognition (Special Mention) / Recognition<br>○ Presented original research paper / project accepted at the platform | individual placing<br>○ Gold/Silver/ Bronze award / certification (or equivalent)<br>○ Presented original research paper / project accepted at the platform |
| <b>Uniformed Groups Achievement Badges</b> | • Bronze Badge (or equivalent) | • Silver Badge (or equivalent) | • Gold Badge (or equivalent)   | • Best Unit Cadet / Outstanding Cadet Award by UG HQ (or equivalent)  | • Top Award for each UG (e.g. Camp Pinnacle Badge, President's Guide Award, Chief Commissioner's Award)   |

**LEVELS OF ATTAINMENT – EXAMPLES**

**Example A:** Student has attained a minimum Level 3 in all four domains and at least Level 4 in one domain (Participation). Hence, the student's co-curricular attainment is recognised as Excellent.

| Domain        | Description of Attainment   | Level |
|---------------|---|-------|
| Participation | Participated in the <u>same</u> CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year                      | 4     |
| Achievement   | Represented school at local competition / conference / festival / exhibition for 2 years                        | 3     |
| Leadership    | Committee for school-wide events  | 3     |
| Service       | Completed at least 24 hours of service <u>and</u> at least one VIA project that impacts the school or community | 3     |

**Example B:** The student has attained a minimum of Level 1 in all domains with at least Level 2 in three domains. Hence, the student's co-curricular attainment is recognised as Good.

| Domain        | Description of Attainment  | Level |
|---------------|--|-------|
| Participation | Participated in any CCA for 3 years with at least 75% attendance for each year | 2     |
| Achievement   | Represented class / house / CCA at intra-school event                          | 1     |
| Leadership    | Class Committee  | 2     |
| Service       | Completed at least one VIA project that impacts the school or community        | 2     |

**Example C:** The student has attained a minimum of Level 1 in all domains, with at least Level 2 in one domain (Achievement) and Level 3 for another domain (Participation). Hence, the student's co-curricular attainment is recognised as Good.

| Domain        | Description of Attainment   | Level |
|---------------|---|-------|
| Participation | Participated in any CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year          | 3     |
| Achievement   | Represented school at local competition / conference / festival / exhibition for 1 year | 2     |
| Leadership    | Lance Corporal (NCC)  | 1     |
| Service       | Completed at least 24 to less than 30 hours of service                                  | 1     |

**Example D:** The student has not met the criteria for a Good co-curricular attainment. Hence, the student's co-curricular attainment is recognised as Fair.

| Domain        | Description of Attainment  | Level |
|---------------|--|-------|
| Participation | Participated in any CCA for 4 years with at least 75% attendance for each year | 3     |
| Achievement   | Did not represent class / house / CCA / school in any event                    | 0     |
| Leadership    | Completed 2 modules on leadership  | 1     |
| Service       | Completed at least 24 to less than 30 hours of service                         | 1     |