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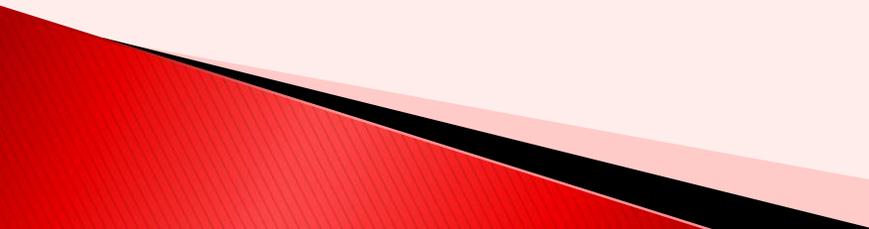
Ghana Education
Service (GES)

2021 BECE School Selection(CSSPS)

Sensitization Exercise

Preamble

- **CSSPS is an abbreviation for Computerised School Selection and Placement System**

- **It is a system used by the Ghana Education Service (G.E.S) to place students transiting from the Junior High Schools (JHS) into Senior High Schools(SHS), Senior High Technical Schools (SHTS) and Technical/Vocational Institutes (TVIs).**

Rationale for the 2020 Update

- Making available, detailed Tech/Voc. Programmes offered in each of the Senior High/Tech Schools in Ghana

- Categorization of Purely Tech/Voc. Institutes

- Introducing the new Policy *One Compulsory Tech/Voc. Programmes* for every candidate

Policy Guidelines (2020)

- I. Public Second Cycle Institutions: Four groups
-      namely Categories A, B, C and D

- II. Category E comprises of all 2nd cycle schools that
-       offer Technical/Vocational Programmes

- II. Private Schools: Senior High Schools & Technical Vocational Institutions (Categories F & G) respectively

Policy Guidelines

Updates Added

- All Technical/ Vocational Institutions have been categorized into A, B and C, and added to SHS/ SHTS

- Category E comprises of all 2nd cycle schools that offer Technical/Vocational Programmes

- Appendix A; contains detailed Technical/ Vocational programmes

- Appendix B; contains detailed Senior High/Technical programmes

Policy Guidelines(Cont.)

Number of Schools per category

SN	CATEGORIES	NO. OF SCHOOLS
1	Category A	73
2	Category B	232
3	Category C	417
4	Category D (*virtual*)	722
5	Category E (*virtual*)	182
	TOTAL	722

Policy Guidelines(Cont.)

- Six (**6**) Subjects are used for Selection & Placement (*Four core + Two Best) These are:*

i.	English,	ICT
ii.	Mathematics,	French
iii.	Integrated Science	BDT
iv.	Social Studies	RME
		Gh. Lang

- Aggregate & Raw scores of candidates are used.

- Choice of schools across regions allowed.

Policy Guidelines(Cont.)

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SUBJECT	MARK	GRADE	SUBJECT	MARK	GRADE
ENGLISH	87	1	ENGLISH	90	1
SOC. STD	90	1	SOC. STD	89	1
RME	93	1	RME	90	1
MATHS	85	1	MATHS	90	1
INT. SCI	87	1	INT. SCI	85	1
FRENCH	91	1	FRENCH	90	1
ICT	89	1	ICT	91	1
GH. LANG	90	1	GH. LANG	85	1
BDT	91	1	BDT	92	1
RAW SCORE = 533			**RAW SCORE = 537**		

Policy Guidelines(Cont.)

CATEGORIES OF CANDIDATES

Categories of candidates processed for placement this year will include:

- Category 1   : 2021 BECE candidates (**Regular Candidates**)

- Category 2   : 2021 Private BECE Candidates (**Private**

   Candidates.)

- Category 3   : Foreign Students (**Foreign Candidates**)

Policy Guidelines(Cont.)

Selection Criteria

Candidates :

1. Must Choose five(5) schools

2. Must Select **Programme** and **Accommodation** for each choice

c. Must List choices 1- 3 in order of preference

d. Must Select their fourth (4th) choice school from Category E

e. Must Choose their fifth (5th) choice school from Category D

f. May select three(3) choices from Category C, One(1) from

   Category E and one(1) from category D

Selection Criteria (cont'd)

g. Cannot select more than two (2) schools from Category B

h. Cannot choose more than one (1) School from Category A

i. Candidates who desire to pursue purely Technical Programme may select all 1st - 4th Schools from Technical/ Vocational Category (*and must still select the 5th Choice from Category D*)

- PRIVATE SHS and PRIVATE TVET SCHOOLS are not BENEFICIARIES of FREE SHS.

Candidates who desire to pursue courses in private schools should make their own arrangements with those(private) schools.

Selection Criteria(cont.)

- Candidates can select **1st - 5th** choice schools from a combination of **Categories A, B,** and **C.**

- List choices 1-3 in order of preference

- Must Select one (1) School and Programme (Tech/Voc.) from category **E as the fourth (4th) Choice** (**compulsory**)

- Choice five(5) must be candidates' Catchment Area Day school (**compulsory**)

Selection Criteria(cont.)

SOME EXAMPLES OF CORRECT CHOICE SELECTION

Choice	Selasie	Acquah	Tetteh	Agyarpong	Halidu
1	A (board.)	C (board.)	A (board.)	B (board.)	A (TECH.)
2	B (board.)	C (day)	C (board.)	B (board.)	B (TECH.)
3	C (board.)	C (day)	C (day)	A (board.)	C (TECH.)
4	E (board.)	E (day)	E (board.)	E (board.)	E (board.)
5	D	D	D	D	D

Selection Criteria(cont.)

Examples of Wrong Selection Patterns

SN	JOHN	CHRISTIE	KWAME	WENDY
1	CAT A	CAT E	CAT A (board.)	CAT B (board.)
2	CAT A	CAT A	CAT A ✖ (board.)	Cat B (board.)
3	CAT A ✖	CAT A ✖	CAT D	Cat B ✖ (board.)
4	CAT B	CAT B	CAT C	CAT A
5	CAT D	CAT D	CAT D	CAT D

POLICY GUIDELINES (Placement Procedure)

- Placement is by Merit.

- School and Programme options are linked

- In the event of a tie, candidates' raw scores are compared to help discriminate further.

- Candidates who slip out of all five choices can access schools using the Self **Placement Module**

How The System Works (cont.)
Self placement Module

Candidates who are not placed after auto placement (Unplaced

Candidates) can use the **Self Placement Module** to place themselves.

How It Works:

Candidates visits the CSSPS portal

www.cssps.gov.gh   or   www.cssps.org

Enter their details (*Index numbers & Pin codes*)

Schools with vacancies are made available for candidates to choose from.

Candidates print their placement form after submission.

30% Public JHS Allocation

30% of the total vacancies declared by each of the Category

'A' schools are reserved for candidates from the Public Basic

Schools (JHS)

Implying that 30% of the total vacancies declared by all

Category 'A' schools is reserved for Public Basic Schools

(JHS) candidates who have selected that particular Category

'A' school

30% Public JHS Allocation(Cont.)

Who Qualifies?

- **Strictly reserved for candidates of Public JHS**

- **To qualify for this, candidates are required to select a Category 'A' school**

- **It is automatic and not optional**

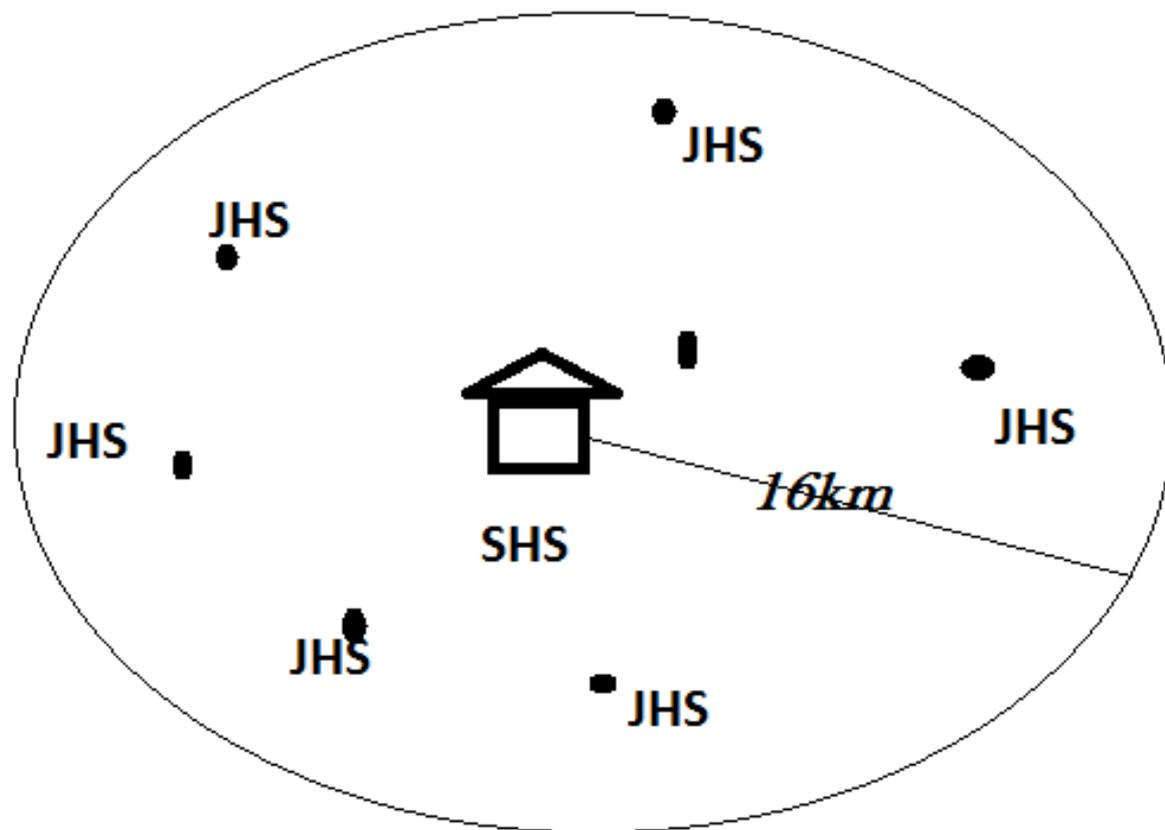- **Public JHS candidates who choose Category 'A' schools compete for placement**

POLICY GUIDELINES
Placement Procedure (Cont.)

Catchment Area Day Schools(Category. D)

- These are Junior high Schools(JHS) located within a 10miles Radius (16km) of a Senior High School/Tech/Voc.

- Must be purely Day or Day/Boarding School/Tech/Voc.

- It could be one or more
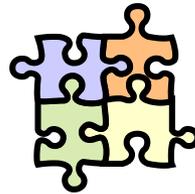
- Could be located within different district/region

Illustration of catchment area schools

Tips for Candidates

- **Follow the right procedures in selecting the schools in each category.**

- **Make sure Schools code tally with schools' chosen.**

- **Assess your academic performance before making a choice**

- **Use Appendix 'B' as a guide to select a preferred Tech/Voc. programme (Category E)**

- **Never choose a day school outside your catchment area .**

- **Never let a café attendant select schools for you.**

- **Arrange your choices in order of priority (i.e 1ˢᵗ-3ʳᵈ choices).**

QUESTIONS
&
ANSWERS

End of Presentation