Choose your NEW

SSS Curriculum stream and subjects in 3 steps...

1 Select your specialist stream

2 Select your school

3 Select subjects to study

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Step 1: Select your specialist stream

The new SSS curriculum will offer more than 70 subjects when it launches in September. These subjects are divided into five specialist streams - your first job is to look at the Subject and Specialist Streams Grid at the end of this leaflet and decide which specialist stream most interests you by also:

★ Talking with your teachers and your parents, and friends. Don't make the decision on your own and use your school's Guidance Counsellors if it has any.

★ Thinking about the subjects you are good at and like because you are more likely to be successful in these areas.

★ Thinking about what you want to do in the future. Look at the kind of entry requirements and qualifications needed for the university courses and careers that you want to pursue. Ask for help from teachers or people who already work in those areas.

★ Visiting the MBSSE website to see the syllabus for subjects that you have not studied before.

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Step 2: Select your school

Now identify your first and second choice of schools. Your choice of school will depend on whether they offer the stream you are interested in. Not every school will offer every stream but every stream will be available in at least one school in your district.
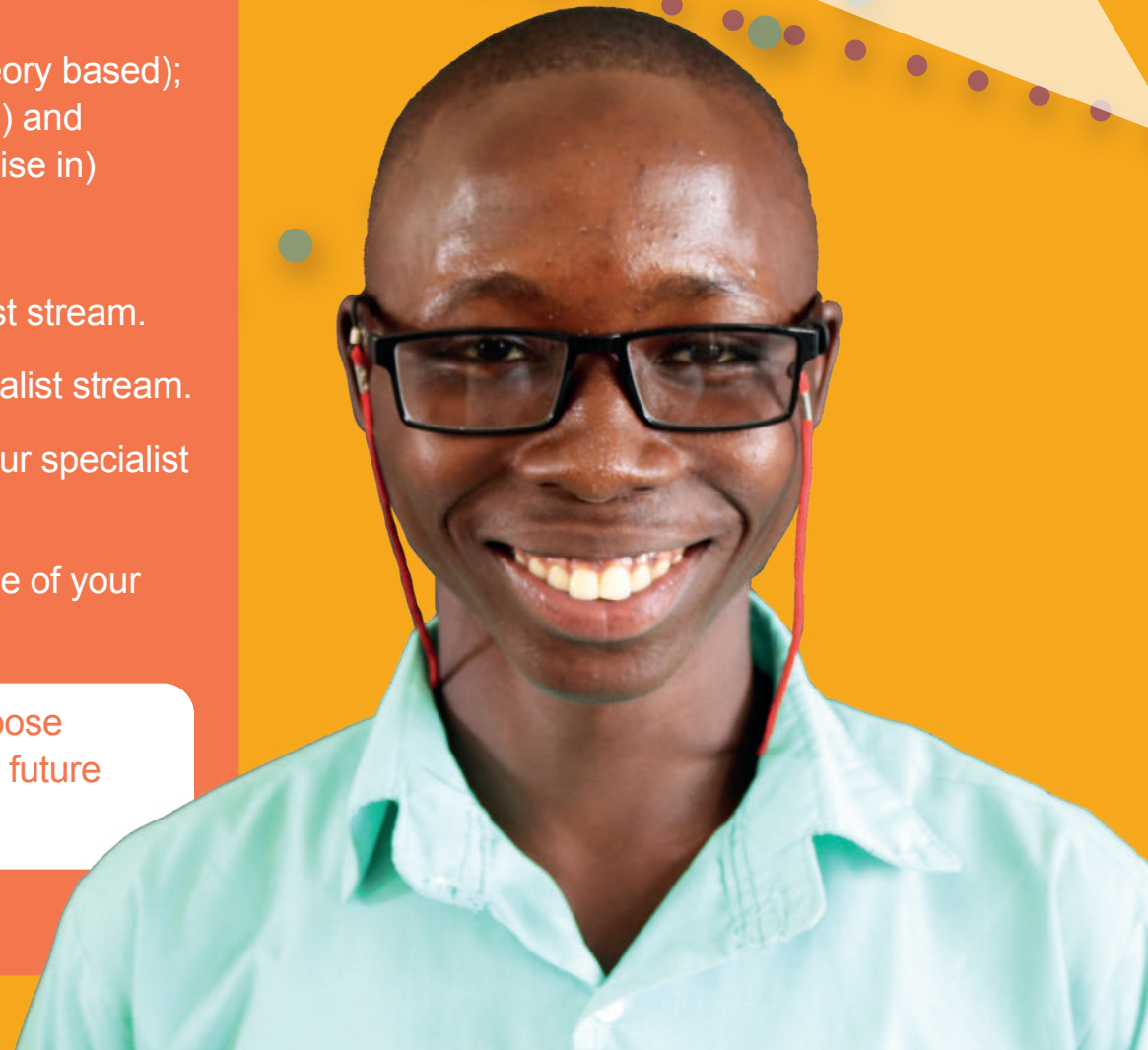
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Step 3: Select subjects to study

You now need to choose 6-10 subjects but please read the following instructions carefully first.

Each stream has three types of subjects: core subjects (theory based); applied subjects (where focus is on how knowledge is used) and everyday subjects (those you like but not enough to specialise in)

You must choose at least:

★ 3 (and not more than 4) core subjects from your specialist stream.

★ 1 (and not more than 2) applied subjects from your specialist stream.

★ 1 (and not more than 2) applied subjects from outside your specialist stream.

★ 1 (and not more than 2) everyday subjects offered outside of your specialist stream.

Do not take on too many subjects and remember: choose subjects you are good at, and enjoy, and think about your future and what you want to do after leaving school.

Subject and Specialist Streams Grid

Note that a school might not offer every subject in a specialist stream. It will depend on the number of learners who are interested in the subject. So, be ready with alternative subject selections.

5 Specialist streams	Core subjects	Applied subjects	Everyday subjects
Social & Cultural Studies	History of Sierra Leone African History Geography Music Dance + Drama Studies Politics & Governance Social Studies & Civics Religious & Moral Education	Geography & Environment Music as an Applied Subject Entertainment Industry Derivatives of Religious & Moral Education	Dance Performance and Appreciation Mining Industry & The Environment Fishing Industry & The Environment Tourism & Conservation Living with Religious & Moral Education
Languages & Literatures	English Language African Literature English Literature French as a Foreign Language Sierra Leone Literature Sierra Leone Languages (Mende, Kathemne, Hulimba, Krio)	Creative Writing Business English French for Tourism Technical Writing English for STEAMM French for Business and Marketing	Everyday Basic French Popular Literature Appreciation Arabic Language Fula
Economics, Business & Entrepreneurial Studies	Principles of Economics Entrepreneurship Principles of Accounting Business Management Studies Principles of Commerce	Principles of Marketing Business Accounting Clerical Office Duties Insurance Management Business Economics	Business & Society Customer Relations Management Micro/Small/Medium Enterprise Management Business Ethics
Mathematics & Numeracy	Fundamentals of Mathematics Further Mathematics Statistics & Probability Calculus	Mathematics for Business and Enterprise Mathematics applications for Coding Mathematics for STEAMM Computer Mathematics Maths for other Disciplines	Introductory Statistics & Probability Functional Mathematics
Sciences & Technologies	Integrated Science Biology Chemistry Computer Science Agricultural Science Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Robotics Physics	Environmental Science Health Science Food Security Engineering Science Physical Health Education Climate Change Awareness, Preparation and Resilience	Adolescent Health & Life Skills Computer Literacy Popular Science

Let's see some examples

These are the subject choices made by Brenda, Sulaiman and Khadijah.

★ Brenda

Brenda is not sure about what she wants to do after she leaves school. She is very good at mathematics but she loves dance and music. After talking with her teachers and her parents, she chooses mathematics as her specialist stream. She selects four subjects to study from this stream: Fundamentals of Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Statistics & Probability and Mathematics applications for Coding. Brenda selects Music as an Applied Subject and Dance Performance and Appreciation from outside her specialist stream.

★ Sulaiman

Sulaiman always has his nose in a book. He is interested in a career in the media. Sulaiman chooses English Language, African Literature, English Literature, Sierra Leonean Literature and Creative Writing from his specialist stream – Languages and Literatures. He chooses Business and Society and Popular Science outside his specialist stream.

★ Khadijah

Khadijah has always known that she wants to be a teacher and she is an activist in her school. She enjoys school debates, and she is a campaigner for the MBSSE's Radical Inclusion Policy. She selects Social & Cultural Studies as her specialist stream. She chooses History of Sierra Leone, Politics & Governance and Social Studies & Civics as her three core subjects and Derivatives of Religious & Moral Education as her applied subject. Outside her specialist stream, she chooses Creative Writing as an applied subject and Adolescent Health and Lifeskills as an everyday subject.

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