

# New learning matrix

Year Four pupils will undergo a centralised national assessment from this year under the National Education Plan 2026-2035. The aim of the assessment, administered by the Examinations Board, is to strengthen early academic foundations and identify learning gaps before they transition to secondary school. Other initiatives are:

**Children will begin pre-school at five and enter Year One at six in 2027, though parents may choose to enrol their children at seven if they are not ready.**

**Form Three assessment, four core subjects and History, will be implemented starting in 2027.**

**International and religious schools, and UEC streams, will be required to offer Bahasa Melayu and History as compulsory subjects in SPM.**

**Higher Education Ministry to take over the pre-university system next year. Form Six and matriculation students come under higher education.**

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