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Directorate of School Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01

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To

Deputy Director of School Education (Secondary)
Himachal Pradesh
Dated: Shimla-01, October, 2026

Subject: Instructions regarding Adherence to CBSE Curriculum, Academic Guidelines and Norms in respect of Class IX.

On above cited subject, it is intimated that a meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Sh. Jeewan S. Negi, Additional Director (E&A), on 08.10.2026 to deliberate upon various CBSE-related issues and formulate a standardized curriculum framework for Class IX in Government Senior Secondary Schools affiliated with CBSE and approved for affiliation with CBSE, in the State, in accordance with the instructions and guidelines issued by CBSE, New Delhi. The following officers/officials attended the meeting:

Sr. No	Name of the Participants	Designation / Institution
1.	Mrs.Sheetal Sharma	Assistant Director, DSE
2.	Sh. Mohit Gupta *(Spl Invitee)*	Principal, KV, Jutogh
3.	Sh. Jai Dev Negi	Principal, GSSS, Portmore
4.	Sh. Manjeet Singh	Principal, GMSSS Shoghi
5.	Mrs. Vidya Banshtu	Principal, GUSSS Chotta Shimla
6.	Mrs. Nancy Grover	Lecturer, CBSE Cell
6.	Sh. Vinay Kumar	JOA (IT), CBSE Cell

After detailed deliberation on the issues, committee has unanimously proposed as under:

1. **Curriculum for Class IX**: In view of extant guidelines, curriculum framework issued by CBSE and importantly subjects being offered at presently in the Government Schools affiliated to CBSE, following standard patterns are suggested:

Sr No	Subjects Offered	Assessment Scheme
1.	R1- Hindi	School Based Internal Assessment & annual Examination
2.	R2-English	
3.	Mathematics	
4.	Science	
5.	Social Science	
6.	R3 – Sanskrit/ Urdu/ Punjabi	School Based Internal Assessment
7.	Individuals in Society	
8.	Art Education	
9.	Physical Education and well-being	
10.	CT & AI *(As a compulsory subject in Session 2027-28)*	

I. *Subjects at Sr. Nos. 1 to 5 shall be compulsory main subjects, to be assessed through the Annual Examination and Internal Assessment, as prescribed by CBSE.*

II. *Where Punjabi or Urdu is offered as the R3 language in the previous school and a student migrates to a school where the concerned language is not offered, the student shall be permitted to continue studying that language, subject to submission of a valid Transfer Certificate (TC) as proof of migration and an undertaking by the parent/guardian that necessary arrangements shall be made for providing a tutor for the concerned subject. However, where the number of such students opting for the same language reaches 50 or more, the State Government may consider providing a teacher for the concerned subject, subject to feasibility and availability of resources.*

III. *Mathematics Advanced & Science Advanced shall be optional subjects for the students. Each subject shall be assessed through a separate additional examination carrying 25 marks. The principal has to decide about the management of these additional/optional subjects after proper sensitization and counseling of all interested students. Further, it is also clarified that if students score less than 50% marks in these subjects, no reference to the advanced level shall be reflected in the marksheet.*

2. **Kaushal Vikas- a Mandatory Subject in Class IX:** CBSE has introduced *Kaushal Vikas* as a mandatory Skill Subject, which shall be assessed entirely through School-Based Internal Assessment. Accordingly, it is proposed that the Principal concerned shall ensure the teaching of *Kaushal Vikas* to all students by assigning teaching responsibilities to available Science, Humanities and Scheme-Based Teachers, depending upon their subject expertise. Teaching periods shall be allocated among such teachers in proportion to the weightage assigned to the respective subject areas in the prescribed *Kaushal Vikas* syllabus, so as to ensure effective curriculum coverage without requiring the engagement of additional teachers.
3. In addition to *Kaushal Vikas*, students may opt for an additional Skill Subject, which may be considered for replacement of any one of the subjects, namely Mathematics, Science or Social Science (provided that students have passed three languages as stipulated) in the event of failure, subject to the applicable CBSE examination rules.

The proposals/suggestions made by the Committee have been examined in the light of the guidelines and instructions issued by CBSE, New Delhi, from time to time, and have been approved for implementation in all Government Schools affiliated with CBSE or approved for CBSE affiliation in the State, with a view to ensure and to bring uniformity in curriculum across the State.

You are, therefore, directed to ensure implementation of the approved proposals/suggestions in letter and spirit. In case any difficulty arises in their implementation, the matter shall be referred back to this Directorate, after due scrutiny along with specific recommendations, immediately before the commencement of the registration of Class IX students on the CBSE portal, so that necessary clarifications may be issued to the concerned institutions on a case-to-case basis.

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1. Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02.
2. The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01.
3. Secretary, HP Board of School Education Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala.
4. Branch Officers/Supdt G-I/II, General/Planning/Quality, E-II/EIII/E-IV/E-V of this Directorate.
5. The Sub Regional Officer, CBSE, Panthaghati, , Shimla, Himachal Pradesh *(through email).*
6. Deputy Directors of School Education (Elementary/Quality) in Himachal Pradesh.
7. All concerned Principals, GSSSs affiliated to CBSE/approved for CBSE, in the State.
8. The Nodal Officer, IT Cell, DSE for information with the request to upload same to departmental website.
9. Guard File.

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