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Circular No. Acad-12/2025

Heads of All Schools Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Implementation of New Competency-Based Textbooks for Grades 4, 5, 7, and 8

In continuation of Circular No. Acad-29/2024 (dated 22.03.2024) and Circular No. Acad-73/2024 (dated 23.08.2024), it is hereby informed that the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** will release **new competency-based textbooks** for **Grades 4, 5, 7, and 8**, in alignment with the **National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023**, for the academic session **2025-26**.

Additionally, NCERT has developed **Bridge Programmes (BP)** for **Classes 5 and 8** to ensure a smooth transition for students and educators to the updated curricular and pedagogical approaches across all subjects.

NCERT has intimated the following timeline for the availability of textbooks and teaching-learning material:

a. Bridge Programme :-

Sl. No.		Hindi	English	Urdu	Sanskrit	Maths	TWAO	Arts	PE WB	VE	Science	Social Science
1	BP for Grade 5	25th March			----	25th March			----	----	----	
2	BP for Grade 8	Will be available by 25th March in all existing subjects										
3	BP for Grade 6	Already available online in all existing subjects										

b. Textbooks :-

Sl. No.		Hindi	English	Urdu	Sanskrit	Maths	TWAO	Arts	PE & WB	VE	Science	Social Science
1	Grade 4	28th March	28th March	28th March	----	10th April	10th April	10th April	10th April	----	----	----
2	Grade 5	15th June	15th June	15th June	----	15th June	15th June	15th June	15th June	----	----	----
3	Grade 7	28th March	28th March	28th March	28th March	20th April	NA	10th April	10th April	10th April	10th April	20th April
4	Grade 8	20th June	20th June	20th June	20th June	20th June	NA	20th June	20th June	20th June	20th June	20th June



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Schools are advised to take note of the above dates and make use of the new competency-based textbooks for Grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 for the upcoming academic session 2025-26 and utilize **Bridge Courses** for Classes 5 and 8 to ensure seamless adaptation to the revised curriculum. Suggestions pertaining to teaching material shared by NCERT are enclosed as Annexure-1.

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Director (Academics)

Enclosures: As stated above.

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, KVS, 18 Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh-160017
5. The Director (Exam. & Scholarship), HRDD Department, Gangtok, Govt. of Sikkim, Sikkim-737101
6. The Director of Secondary Education, Department of Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Itanagar-11
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8. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, A - Wing, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi, 110001
9. The Joint Secretary (BR/CER/Sainik Schools), Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 108 (I), South Block, New Delhi.
10. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS), N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005.
11. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi.
12. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A-Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001.
13. The Director AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt-110010
14. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective Regions
15. All Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary/Assistant Secretary/SPS/Analyst, CBSE
16. All Head(s)/In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
17. In-charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic Website
18. In-Charge, Library
19. The Head (Media & Public Relations), CBSE
20. DS to Chairperson, CBSE



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25. PPS to Director (Skill Education), CBSE
26. Sr. PPS to Director (Professional Examinations), CBSE
27. PS to Director (Training), CBSE
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Annexure-1

Suggestions received from NCERT

Before introducing Grade 5, 6 and 8 textbooks, it must be ensured that every school offers bridge programmes from April 1st, 2025, for smooth transition of students from the old curriculum to the new curriculum. We advise schools to chalk out a strategy for engaging students entering Grades 5, 6 and 8 in 2025-26 in playful and activity-based learning to ensure a holistic environment that encompasses arts, physical education, and well-being, skill education, and fresh insights into language, mathematics, science, environmental education, and social sciences.

This approach is not only anticipated to ease the students' adaptation to the new curriculum but also aims to spread awareness of the updated educational perspectives among parents and the community. Consequently, the revision of school timetables will be required. Therefore, it is crucial to inform School Heads, Teachers, and Parents about the suggested time allocations in Preparatory and Middle Stages per the NCF-SE 2023, and to encourage schools to adapt their schedules in accordance with the local needs and the specific context in which they operate.

NCERT is also planning to conduct Capacity Building Programme for the Key Resource Persons of CBSE, KVS and NVS on the new textbooks and bridge programmes from 25th March 2025 onwards through online mode. Detailed programme schedule will be shared shortly.



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