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To
Heads of all Institutions affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Initiatives to promote Skill Education in schools affiliated to CBSE

Dear Principal,

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous 2025!

CBSE, in alignment with NEP- 2020 and NCF-School Education, is committed to embedding skill (vocational) education as a vital component of the school curriculum. By integrating vocational skills at the school level, CBSE aims to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world application, fostering students' readiness for future challenges and opportunities. CBSE aims to prepare well-rounded and future-ready students. CBSE's efforts also align with India's vision to become a global leader in skill development.

Some of the initiatives taken by CBSE for promoting Skill Education in schools are as follows:

1. CBSE, vide its circular no. 25/2020, introduced **Skill Modules for students of classes VI to XII.** Students can opt for one or more modules in an academic session. These modules can be offered through classes or through Hobby Clubs (if available) or online in self-learning mode. These modules may be of same topic or of different topics. Students opting for any skill module will begin from the first module and then move to next available module. Assessments are school-based, preferably project-based. CBSE has also developed a portal for registration and certification of students who have opted for Skill Modules.

2. CBSE offers **22 Skill subjects in classes IX-X and 43 Skill subjects in classes XI-XII**. The list of these subjects along with respective job roles and marks distribution are annexed. **Please note that the affiliated schools do not need to seek any separate permission from CBSE or pay any fee to CBSE for introducing Skill module(s) or Skill subject(s) at any level.** The school shall fill the details in the OASIS form and provide the required details.

3. For adequate **handholding and mentoring** of schools that wish to introduce Skill subjects/ Skill Modules w.e.f. session 2025-2026, information may be provided using below mentioned links:

a)	For providing information about the Skill Modules introduced by the school in classes VI– XII (*refer to Annexure I for the list of Skill Modules).*	https://forms.gle/YaMy NFyD6Zgc55n6A
b)	For providing information about the Skill Subjects introduced by the school in class IX (*refer to Annexure III for the list of Skill subjects).*	https://forms.gle/4nqK 313Duc2BV7mw7
c)	For providing information about the Skill Subjects introduced by the school in class XI (*refer to Annexure V for the list of Skill subjects).*	https://forms.gle/Dmk H7kZ5dfMpbDiE9

4. It is important to note that the Skill Subjects offered by CBSE are mapped to specific NSQF levels, each corresponding to a defined job role and a required number of study hours. Therefore, it is not advisable for students to **change their Skill subject in classes X and XII** or to opt for a Skill subject in these classes that they have not previously studied in classes IX and XI.

5. CBSE vide its Circular No. Skill-75/2024 has informed the schools that in order to effectively implement the recommendations of NEP and NCF-SE, all the schools affiliated with the Board must establish a **Composite Skill Lab** with all necessary equipments, within a period of three years from the date of this circular. Details regarding the structure/ setup/ design of these labs, including necessary materials for teaching-learning various skill subjects, will be made available shortly.

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6. The **National Credit Framework (NCrF)** enables establishment of equivalence and mobility between general education, both formal and non-formal, and vocational education for lifelong learning, recognition of prior learning, multiple entry and exit, and continuous professional development. It also includes a mechanism for transfer of credits. In line with this, CBSE through its Circular No. Skill-33/2024 shared the guidelines for implementation of NCrF in schools. This was followed up with various sessions (both offline & online). More interactive sessions are being scheduled for orienting and mentoring the schools for implementation of the NCrF.

7. CBSE is in the process of appointing **District Skill Coordinators (DSCs)** in every district across the country. These DSCs will play a crucial role in supporting and guiding schools, ensuring the smooth and effective execution of these initiatives at the grassroots level.

8. CBSE regularly organizes **Awareness Programs for Principals** and the representatives of **School Management** to inform them about the various initiatives the Board has undertaken to promote Skill Education. Additionally, the Board conducts **Capacity Building Programs for teachers** who teach Skill subjects in affiliated schools. These programs are carried out in collaboration with Industries and respective Sector Skill Councils, who support CBSE in the effective implementation of Skill Education. It is important to note that all programs conducted by the Department of Skill Education are offered free of charge to all the participants. Moreover, these programs are recognized as part of the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) requirement, fulfilling the mandatory minimum requirement of 50 hours per year for teachers and Principals, as recommended in NEP 2020.

9. CBSE regularly conducts a range of **subject enrichment activities for students** to provide experiential learning opportunities, fostering innovation and practical application of knowledge. Some of these activities are: Skill Expos, Career Guidance Sessions, Hackathons, Bootcamps, Olympiads, Ideathons, Industry Engagement & Exposure Programs, etc.

10. CBSE has prepared a comprehensive '**Compendium of Careers and Education Pathways**' which provides valuable information & guidance for students pursuing skill subjects in Class XII. The same is available on the 'Skill Education' webpage of the CBSE Academic website.

11. The **curriculum, textbooks/study materials, sample question papers, and previous years' question papers** for various Skill Subjects and Skill Modules offered by CBSE are readily available on the 'Skill Education' webpage of the CBSE Academic website: http://cbseacademic.nic.in/skill-education.html.

CBSE calls upon all affiliated schools to urgently implement these initiatives and embed Skill Education into their curriculum without delay. By taking proactive steps to introduce vocational subjects, set up skill labs, and provide hands-on learning opportunities, your school can make a significant contribution to building a skilled and self-reliant workforce for the Nation.

Please feel free to share your feedback, suggestions and success stories of alumni.

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Encl:
  i.   Annexure-I: List of Skill Modules in Middle School (Classes VI – VIII)
  ii. Annexure-II: Scheme of Studies at Secondary level (Classes IX – X)
  iii. Annexure-III: List of Skill Subjects at Secondary level (Classes IX – X)
  iv. Annexure-IV: Scheme of Studies at Senior Secondary level (Classes XI – XII)
  v.   Annexure-V: List of Skill Subjects at Senior Secondary level (Classes XI – XII)

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

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi – 110016.

2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida - 201309.

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8. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110085.

9. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.

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11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt – 110010.

12. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

13. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751005.

14. The Deputy Secretary to Chairman, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE.

15. All the Heads of Department of the Board.

16. All the Regional Directors/Regional Officers/Head-COEs, CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions for compliance.

17. Director/Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE.

18. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, Rouse Avenue with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website.

Director (Skill Education)

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LIST OF SKILL MODULES BEING OFFERED BY CBSE (CLASSES VI-XII)

S. No.	CODE	SKILL MODULES
1	901	Artificial Intelligence
2	902	Beauty & Wellness
3	903	Design Thinking & Innovation
4	904	Financial Literacy
5	905	Handicrafts
6	906	Information Technology
7	907	Marketing/ Commercial Application
8	908	Mass Media - Being Media Literate
9	909	Travel & Tourism
10	910	Coding
11	911	Data Science (Class VIII only)
12	912	Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality
13	913	Digital Citizenship
14	914	Life Cycle of Medicine & Vaccine
15	915	Things you should know about keeping Medicines at home
16	916	What to do when Doctor is not around
17	917	Humanity & Covid-19
18	918	Blue Pottery
19	919	Pottery
20	920	Block Printing
21	921	Food
22	922	Food Preservation
23	923	Baking
24	924	Herbal Heritage
25	925	Khadi
26	926	Mask making
27	927	Mass Media
28	928	Making of a Graphic Novel
29	929	Kashmiri Embroidery
30	930	Embroidery
31	931	Rockets
32	932	Satellites
33	933	Application of Satellites
34	934	Photography

NOTE: **Please note that NO FEE is to be paid by the school to the Board for offering any Skill Module/ Skill Subject or for downloading any certificate.**

SCHEME OF STUDIES AT SECONDARY LEVEL
(CLASSES IX – X)

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	MARKS
SUBJECT 1	Language 1	100
SUBJECT 2	Language 2	100
SUBJECT 3	Science	100
SUBJECT 4	Mathematics	100
SUBJECT 5	Social Science	100
SUBJECT 6 (ADDITIONAL)	Skill Subject	100

PLEASE NOTE:

➤ If a student fails in any one of the three elective subjects (i.e. Science, Mathematics and Social Science), then it will be replaced by the Skill subject (offered as a 6th additional subject) and result of Class X Board Examination will be computed accordingly.

➤ Also, if a student studies three compulsory subjects (i.e., Science, Mathematics and Social Science) and also chooses to study a Skill subject (offered as sixth optional subject), then the aggregate of best five including two languages (Subject 1 & 2) and the best three (from subject 3, 4, 5 & 6, including Skill subject) can be considered for calculation of percentage.

➤ Under Co-Scholastic activities, students opting Skill subject shall be exempted from Work Education or Pre-Skill activities.

➤ Further, if desired, students may also opt language-3 as 7th optional subject along with Skill subject as 6thadditional subject.

➤ Children with Special Needs (CWSN) may opt one language and any four subjects including the skill subject.

➤ For detailed Scheme of Studies, please refer to the Secondary Curriculum available on the CBSE website (http://cbseacademic.nic.in).

SKILL SUBJECTS BEING OFFERED AT SECONDARY LEVEL (CLASSES IX – X)

S. No.	SUB CODE	COURSE NAME	JOB ROLES	MARKS DISTRIBUTION Th.	Prac.
1	401	Retail	Store Operations Assistant	50	50
2	402	Information Technology	Domestic IT Executive/ Operator	50	50
3	403	Security	Unarmed Security Guard	50	50
4	404	Automotive	Automotive Service Technician	50	50
5	405	Introduction To Financial Markets	Business Correspondent	50	50
6	406	Introduction To Tourism	Assistant Tour Guide	50	50
7	407	Beauty & Wellness	Assistant Beauty Therapist	50	50
8	408	Agriculture	Solanaceous Crop Cultivator	50	50
9	409	Food Production	Assistant Chef (reg.)	50	50
10	410	Front Office Operations	Front Office Executive	50	50
11	411	Banking & Insurance	Field Executive	50	50
12	412	Marketing & Sales	Marketing Assistant	50	50
13	413	Health Care	General Duty Assistant	50	50
14	414	Apparel	Hand Embroider	50	50
15	415	Multi Media	Texture Artist	50	50
16	416	Multi Skill Foundation course	Multi Skill Assistant	50	50
17	417	Artificial Intelligence		50	50
18	418	Physical Activity Trainer	Early Years Physical Activity Facilitator	50	50
19	419	Data Science		50	50
20	420	Electronics & Hardware	Field Technician - Other Home Appliances	50	50
21	421	Foundation Skills For Sciences (Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology)		50	50
22	422	Design Thinking & Innovation		50	50

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SCHEME OF STUDIES AT SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL (CLASSES XI – XII)

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	MARKS
SUBJECT I	Language I: English or Hindi	100
SUBJECT II	Language II: Language other than Language I **OR** An Academic Elective In lieu of Language II	100
SUBJECT III, IV & V	Three Academic Electives **OR** Two Academic Electives and one Skill Elective **OR** One Academic Elective and Two Skill Electives **OR** Three Skill Electives	100
SUBJECT VI **Additional Subject (optional)**	One language at elective level **OR** One subject from Academic Electives **OR** Any one subject from Skill Electives	100
SUBJECT VII & VIII **(Subjects of Internal Assessment)**	501 – General Foundation Course 502 – Physical and Health Education	

PLEASE NOTE:

➢ Out of the languages, one shall be English or Hindi, both English and Hindi can also be offered simultaneously.

➢ The same language can be offered only at one level i.e. Core/ Elective.

➢ Informatics Practices (065) cannot be taken with Information Technology (802), Web Application (803) or Typography & Computer Application (817).

➢ Business Studies (054) and Business Administration (833) cannot be taken together.

➢ For detailed Scheme of Studies, please refer to the Senior Secondary Curriculum available on the CBSE website (http://cbseacademic.nic.in).

SKILL SUBJECTS BEING OFFERED AT SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL (CLASSES XI – XII)

S. No.	SUB. CODE	NAME	JOB ROLES	MARKS DISTRIBUTION Th	Prac
1	801	Retail	Sales Associate	60	40
2	802	Information Technology	IT Helpdesk Assistant	60	40
3	803	Web Application	Web Developer	60	40
4	804	Automotive	Automotive Service Technician	60	40
5	805	Financial Markets Management	Equity Dealer/ Mutual Fund Agent	60	40
6	806	Tourism	Tour Guide	60	40
7	807	Beauty & Wellness	Beauty Therapist	60	40
8	808	Agriculture	Agriculture Extension Worker	60	40
9	809	Food Production	Trainee Commie	60	40
10	810	Front Office Operations	Counter Sales Executive	60	40
11	811	Banking	Sales Executive (Banking product)	60	40
12	812	Marketing	Marketing Executive	60	40
13	813	Health Care	General Duty Assistant	60	40
14	814	Insurance	Sales Executive (Insurance)	60	40
15	816	Horticulture	Floriculturist / Entrepreneur	60	40
16	817	Typography & Comp. Application	Executive Assistant	60	40
17	818	Geospatial Technology	GIS Operator	60	40
18	819	Electrical Technology	Field Technician-other home	60	40
19	820	Electronic Technology	Installation Technician	60	40
20	821	Multi-Media	Animator	50	50
21	822	Taxation	Asst. Tax Consultant/ GST Acc. Asst.	60	40
22	823	Cost Accounting	Jr. Accountant	60	40
23	824	Office Procedures & Practices	Executive Assistant	60	40
24	825	Shorthand (English)	Stenographer	60	40
25	826	Shorthand (Hindi)	Stenographer	60	40
26	827	Air-conditioning & Refrigeration	Service Technician	60	40
27	828	Medical Diagnostics	Medical Lab Technician	60	40
28	829	Textile Design	Design Assistant (Apparel/ Textile)	60	40
29	830	Design	Assistant Designer	50	50
30	831	Salesmanship	Sales Executive	60	40
31	833	Business Administration	Business Executive	60	40
32	834	Food Nutrition & Dietetics	Assistant Dietician	60	40
33	835	Mass Media Studies	Media Assistant	60	40
34	836	Library & Information Science	Library Assistant	60	40
35	837	Fashion Studies	Assistant Fashion Designer	60	40
36	841	Yoga	Yoga Instructor	50	50
37	842	Early Childhood Care & Education	Early Childhood Educator	50	50
38	843	Artificial Intelligence		50	50
39	844	Data Science		50	50
40	845	Physical Activity Trainer		50	50
41	846	Land Transportation Associate		50	50
42	847	Electronics & Hardware	Installation Technician – Computing and Peripherals	60	40
43	848	Design Thinking & Innovation		50	50

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