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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

(An Autonomous Organisation Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)



CBSE/SE/JS/Skill Labs/2024

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Circular No.: Skill-75/2024

The Principals/ Heads of Institutions
affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Setting up of 'Composite Skill Labs' in CBSE schools

Dear Principal,

As you are aware that the National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), has focussed significantly on enhancing Skill Education, particularly for students in classes VI to X.

NCF-SE has also advocated the inclusion of skill subjects as an integral part of the curriculum by including it as a mandatory subject of study from class VI onwards. It stresses the importance of equipping students with practical skills alongside traditional academic subjects.

NCF-SE has emphasised that schools must provide opportunities for students to engage in real-world tasks and projects related to their chosen skills, thus bridging the gap between theory and practice. It has advocated the establishment of well-equipped skill labs and vocational training centers within schools. These facilities are crucial for providing the necessary resources and environment for effective skill development and practical, hands-on learning experiences.

However, it has been noticed that many schools currently lack the necessary facilities and equipments to provide effective hands-on training. The matter was discussed in the 139th meeting of the Governing Body of the Board and it was been mandated that all schools affiliated with the Board must establish a '**Composite Skill Lab**' alongwith all necessary equipments and machinery to effectively implement the recommendations of NEP and NCF-SE.

It is believed that setting up '**Composite Skill Labs**' will help in providing training on practical skills aligned with industry needs, enhance employment prospects for students in various trades and vocations, enable exploration of diverse career pathways beyond traditional options, and foster entrepreneurial capabilities among students.

Schools are advised to set up either one Composite Skill Lab of 600 sq. ft. area for classes VI–XII, or two separate labs of 400 sq. ft. area each, one for classes VI–X and the other for classes XI–XII.


Implementation Timeline:

- For the schools seeking **fresh affiliation** with CBSE, a Composite Skill Lab with all necessary equipments and machinery is a **mandatory requirement** for all schools seeking fresh affiliation with CBSE.
- Schools **already affiliated** with CBSE must establish a Composite Skill Lab with all necessary equipments and machinery, **within a period of three years** from the date of this circular.

Additional details regarding the setup of these labs, including necessary materials for teaching various skill subjects, will be available in the curriculum guidelines published on the CBSE website shortly.

Further, the schools that are already offering Skill subjects are advised to offer more choices to students by offering more Skill subjects. The schools that are still not offering any Skill subjects are advised to offer atleast one Skill subject to the students.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to enhancing skill education through this important initiative.


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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 the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi-110016
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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
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6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar - 791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair - 744101
8. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, New Delhi
9. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
10. The Additional Director, General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 110001
11. The Secretary, AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), 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/ Directors 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. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, Rouse Avenue with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website
18. Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this notification
19. Incharge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification

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