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To

The Heads of Schools Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Scheme of Studies for Class IX 2026-27 – reg.

Dear Principal,

In continuation of the Class IX Scheme of Studies for academic session 2026-27, available on CBSE Academic Website, the following shall be applicable in respect of students currently studying in Class IX (2026-27) and progressing to Class X in 2027-28:

(i) **Inter-disciplinary Area**: To align the introduction of this curricular area with the implementation schedule, the subject "*Individuals in Society"* and the "Modules of CT & AI" in Class IX (2026-27) & the subject "*Environmental Education"* in Class X (2027-28) shall not be the part of the curriculum for these batches.

(ii) **Vocational Education:** Vocational Education shall continue to be a compulsory curricular area for students of Class IX (2026–27) progressing to Class X (2027–28). To fulfil this requirement, students may opt for either the subject "Kaushal Vikas", or any one of the 22 Skill Subjects notified by the Board and available at Annexure-I.

Students opting for Kaushal Vikas shall be assessed internally for this subject. However, a student opting for any of the 22 skill subjects (Annexure-I), shall have to appear in the Board Examination in the respective skill subject in Class X (2027-28).

(iii) **Other optional subjects:** All other optional subjects, as available in 2025-26 scheme of studies, shall continue to be offered for Class IX (2026-27) and Class X (2027-28).

For details, please refer to the Scheme of Studies with assessment details in the form of Table I & II and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document annexed with this circular. You are requested to widely disseminate this information among students and all stakeholders.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Professor & Director (Academics)

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Annexure – I to Circular No-Acad-70/2026

List of Skill Subjects

S. No.	Code	Name of the subject
1	401	Retail
2	402	Information Technology
3	403	Security
4	404	Automotive
5	405	Introduction to Financial Markets
6	406	Introduction to Tourism
7	407	Beauty & Wellness
8	408	Agriculture
9	409	Food Production
10	410	Front Office Operations
11	411	Banking & Insurance
12	412	Marketing & Sales
13	413	Health Care
14	414	Apparel
15	415	Multi Media
16	416	Multi Skill Foundation Course
17	417	Artificial Intelligence
18	418	Physical Activity Trainer
19	419	Data Science
20	420	Electronics and Hardware
21	421	Foundation Skills for Sciences (Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology)
22	422	Design Thinking and Innovation

Scheme of Studies

Table 1

Session 2026-27	
Subject in Class IX	Assessment in Class IX
Language 1 R1	**School-based Assessment** **As per assessment rubrics already available in the syllabus.**
Language 2 R2	
Mathematics	
Science	
Social Science	
Mathematics Advanced (**optional**)	
Science Advanced (**optional**)	
Language 3 R3	
Art Education	
Physical Education and Well-being	
Vocational Education (Skill Education)	
Optional Subject	

Table II

2027-28 (Class IX Batch 2026-27 progressing to Class X 2027-28)	
Subjects in Class X	**Assessment**
Language 1 R1	School-based Internal Assessment (IA) and Board Examination
Language 2 R2	
Mathematics	
Science	
Social Science	
Mathematics Advanced **(optional)**	Board Examination
Science Advanced **(optional)**	
Language 3 R3	School-based Internal assessment
Art Education	
Physical Education and Well-being	
Vocational Education	Kaushal Vikas: School-based Internal Assessment (IA) **OR** Any one of the 22 Skill Subjects: Board Examination
Optional Subject	School-based Internal Assessment (IA) and Board Examination

Scheme of Studies 2026-27: Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. For which batch is the Scheme of Studies applicable?
Ans: Class IX session 2026-27 & Class X session 2027-28
Q2. Are the changes given in the Scheme of Studies applicable for the current Class X 2026-27 batch?
Ans: No. For current Class X (2026-27), old scheme will continue.
Q 3. How many subjects are to be studied by the current Class IX Session 2026-27 and Class X Session 2027-28?
Ans. For students in the current Class IX (2026-27) and Class X (2027-28), the **Interdisciplinary Area & CT&AI Modules will not be included in the Scheme of Studies**. The students shall be required to study the following 09 subjects:

1. Language R1,
2. Language R2,
3. Mathematics,
4. Science,
5. Social Science,
6. Language R3,
7. Art Education,
8. Physical Education & Well-being (PE&WB)
9. Vocational Education (Skill Education)

In addition, one Optional Subject can also be opted for from the list given below (Please note: **A language opted as the Optional Subject must be different from the Languages opted as R1/R2/R3**):

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

S. No.	Name
1.	Assamese
2.	Bengali
3.	Bhoti
4.	Bhutia
5.	Bodo
6.	Dogri
7.	Gujarati
8.	Gurung
9.	Hindi
10.	Kannada
11.	Kashmiri
12.	Kok Borok
13.	Konkani

14.	Lepcha
15.	Limboo
16.	Maithili
17.	Malayalam
18.	Manipuri
19.	Marathi
20.	Mizo
21.	Nepali
22.	Odia
23.	Punjabi
24.	Rai
25.	Sanskrit
26.	Santhali
27.	Sherpa
28.	Sindhi
29.	Tamang
30.	Tamil
31.	Tangkhul
32	Telugu AP
33	Telugu Telangana
34	Tibetan
35	Urdu
36	English
37	Arabic
38	Bahasa Melayu
39	French
40	German
41	Japanese
42	Persian
43	Russian
44	Spanish
45	Thai
46	Carnatic Music (Vocal)
47	Carnatic Music (Melodic Instruments)
48	Carnatic Music (Percussion Instruments)
49	Hindustani Music (Vocal)

50	Hindustani Music (Melodic Instruments)
51	Hindustani Music (Percussion Instruments)
52	Painting
53	Home Science
54	National Cadet Corps (NCC)
55	Computer Applications
56	Elements of Business
57	Elements of Book Keeping & Accountancy

Subjects that will have Board Examination or School-based internal assessment are given in the answers to the Q. No. 5 & Q. No. 6 ahead.

Q4. What do you mean by Vocational Education (Skill Education)? Which subjects are available under Vocational Education (Skill Education)?

Ans. Vocational Education (Skill Education) is a compulsory curricular area under which a student can take any one of the following 23 subjects from the list given below:

S. No.	Name of the subject
1	Retail
2	Information Technology
3	Security
4	Automotive
5	Introduction to Financial Markets
6	Introduction to Tourism
7	Beauty & Wellness
8	Agriculture
9	Food Production
10	Front Office Operations
11	Banking & Insurance
12	Marketing & Sales
13	Health Care
14	Apparel
15	Multi Media
16	Multi Skill Foundation Course

17	Artificial Intelligence
18	Physical Activity Trainer
19	Data Science
20	Electronics and Hardware
21	Foundation Skills for Sciences (Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology)
22	Design Thinking and Innovation
23	Kaushal Vikas

Therefore, to meet the requirement of the compulsory curricular area of Vocational Education (Skill Education), **a student has a choice to opt for either one of the 22 Skill subjects (S. No. 1 – 22 above) or Kaushal Vikas (at S. No. 23 above).**

Q 5: Which subjects of Class IX Session 2026-27 shall have a Board exam in Class X Session 2027-28?
Ans.

1. Language R1,
2. Language R2,
3. Mathematics,
4. Science,
5. Social Science

In addition to the above, the following subjects will have Board Examination **only if a student opts for these:**

- Optional subject (any one subject taken from the list of 57 subjects given in the answer to the Q. No. 3 above. Further, if a language is opted as an Optional Subject, the same has to be different from the language opted as R1, R2 and R3)
- Optional Mathematics Advanced
- Optional Science Advanced
- Any one of the following 22 Skill Subjects, if Kaushal Vikas is not opted.

S. No.	Name of the subject
1	Retail
2	Information Technology
3	Security
4	Automotive
5	Introduction to Financial Markets
6	Introduction to Tourism
7	Beauty & Wellness

8	Agriculture
9	Food Production
10	Front Office Operations
11	Banking & Insurance
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22	Design Thinking and Innovation

Q6 . Which subjects shall have school-based internal assessment in Class X Session 2027-28?

Ans. The following subjects shall have School-based internal assessment in Class X **Session** 2027-28:

1. Language R3
2. Art Education
3. Physical Education & Well-being
4. Kaushal Vikas, (if it is opted out of 23 subjects listed in answer to Q.4 above to meet the requirement of the compulsory curricular area of Vocational Education).

Therefore, to meet the requirement of compulsory curricular area of Vocational Education:

i. **if a student opts for one of 22 skill subjects, it will be assessed through Board Examination**

or

ii. **if a student opts for *Kaushal Vikas*, it will be assessed through School Based internal assessment.**

Q 7. If a student opts for *Kaushal Vikas* in class IX Session 2026-27, will he/she need to appear in a Board exam for *Kaushal Vikas* in class X Session 2027-28?

Ans. No. *Kaushal Vikas* will have only school-based internal assessment. Schools will issue their own certificate to the students who obtain a minimum 33% marks in the school-based internal assessment in *Kaushal Vikas*. To clarify again, **in the school-based Internal Assessment, Schools shall award marks along with corresponding grades for the subject *Kaushal Vikas*.**

GRADING CRITERIA

MARKS RANGE	GRADE
91-100	A1
81-90	A2
71-80	B1
61-70	B2
51-60	C1
41-50	C2
33-40	D
Less than 33	E

Q8. If a student opts for one of the 22 Skill Subjects in Class IX 2026-27, will he/she need to appear in a Board exam in the respective *Skill subject* in Class X Session 2027-28?

Ans. Yes, a student opting for any of the 22 skill subjects shall have to appear in the Board Examination in the respective skill subject in Class X **(**2027-28). The marks and grades for that Skill Subject will be reflected in the marksheet issued by the Board, as per existing practice. NSQF certificate will also be awarded to a student for successfully passing the Board examination in the offered Skill Subject referred above.

Q9. Will Marks be awarded by schools for Art Education and Physical Education & Well Being (PE & WB) in the School-based Internal assessment?

Ans. Schools will award only Grades (i.e. A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, C-1, C-2, D and E) in the School-based Internal Assessment of Art Education and PE&WB. Schools will issue their own certificates, students securing grade D or above. **The Grades can be awarded as per the following Table:**

GRADING CRITERIA

MARKS RANGE	GRADE
91-100	A1
81-90	A2
71-80	B1
61-70	B2
51-60	C1
41-50	C2
33-40	D
Less than 33	E

Q.10. What are the criteria for being declared Pass in Class X Board Examination?

Ans.

i. In order to be declared as having passed the Class X Board Examination, a student shall have to obtain **at least 33% marks in each of the five subjects** assessed by the Board i.e. **Language R1, Language R2, Mathematics, Science and Social Science.**

ii. A student shall be considered pass in a subject, if he/she secures **33% or above as an aggregate of Internal Assessment and Board Examination taken together**.

For example, a student who obtains 24 marks out of 80 in Board examination and 09 out of 20 in Internal Assessment, i.e., a total of 33 marks out of 100 marks in aggregate, will be declared Pass.

Q.11. What shall be the provisions for replacement of Subjects for Class X 2027-28?
Ans.

- **If a student opts for one of the 22 Skill Subjects under Vocational (Skill Education):** If a student secures less than 33% marks in any one of the three subjects (i.e., Science, Mathematics and Social Science) and passes in the Skill subject (opted from the list of the 22 Skill subjects given in the answer to the Q 4 above), then that subject will be replaced by the Skill subject and the result of Class X Board examination will be computed accordingly.

  It may be noted with clarity that there is no provision of such replacement in case a student has opted for *Kaushal Vikas* to meet the curricular requirement of Vocational Education.
- **If a student opts for a Language as an optional subject other than Languages already opted as R1/R2/R3:** If a student secures less than 33% marks in any one of the two languages (i.e., R1 & R2) and passes in the Language opted as the Optional subject (from the list of 45 languages listed out in the table of optional subjects in reply to Q.3 above), then that Language will be replaced by the optional Language subject and the result of Class X Board examination will be computed accordingly.

Q.12. What are the provisions in the Scheme of studies for Class IX (2026-27) Class X (2027-28) for CwSN?
Ans.

- CwSN shall have to study **one compulsory language**, which will have Board examination.
- The remaining four subjects for the Board Examination can be opted from the subjects listed below:

  i. Mathematics,
  ii. Science,
  iii. Social Science,
  iv. any Language given in the list at Q3 (any language, which should be other than the language already opted for)
  v. Music (any one to be taken from Carnatic Music (Vocal)/Carnatic Music (Melodic Instruments)/Carnatic Music (Percussion Instruments)/Hindustani Music (Vocal)/Hindustani Music (Melodic Instruments)/ Hindustani Music (Percussion Instruments)
  vi. Painting,
  vii. Home Science,
  viii. Elements of Business/ Elements of Bookkeeping and Accountancy and Computer Application
  ix. Maximum two Skill subjects **except Automotive** from the list of 22 Skill subjects given at Q 4 above (**Note: Information Technology, Computer Application and Artificial Intelligence cannot be taken together**)