



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

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CBSE/ACAD/2026

Date: 04.05.2026

Circular No: Acad-25/2026

All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Compliance with Introduction of R3 in Class VI – Follow-up to Circular No. Acad-17/2026 dated 09 April 2026

Dear Principal,

This is in continuation of CBSE Circular No. Acad-17/2026 dated 09 April 2026 regarding the introduction of R3 (third language) in Class VI as per the CBSE Scheme of Studies 2026–27, in line with the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE-2023).

It is heartening to note that a large number of schools have already initiated the implementation by uploading their chosen R3 language(s) in the OASIS portal. However, it has come to the notice of the Board that certain schools are yet to update their R3 language options in OASIS and formalize the implementation, while a few have filled in the choices that are contrary to the policy recommendations.

The Board appreciates that some schools may require additional time to complete administrative arrangements. To facilitate smooth administrative and academic preparedness, the following may be noted for necessary action by schools:

1. As OASIS updation is mandatory, schools that have not yet uploaded their R3 language choices are requested to finalise and update the same in the OASIS portal at the earliest, and in any case, before 31st May 2026.
2. The schools that have filled the choices in contradiction to the Policy recommendation are being given another opportunity to modify the details in the OASIS, by 31st May 2026.
3. For scheduled languages (languages enumerated in the Constitution of India), the official R3 textbooks will be made available on the NCERT and CBSE websites before 01 July 2026.
4. In cases where a school chooses to offer an R3 language that is not a scheduled language of India, the Board advises that such schools may follow the SCERT textbooks or other state-recognised materials, as proposed by CBSE for Classes IX and X as well. Schools opting for such languages must ensure that the curriculum strictly adheres to the competencies prescribed in NCFSE-2023 (attached as Annexure I in Circular No. Acad-17/2026).
5. Schools that have not yet started teaching at least two native Indian languages (under the R1, R2, R3 model) as per the policy mandate may now commence teaching from



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01 July 2026 without fail, strictly following the curricular goals and competencies prescribed in NCFSE-2023 (Annexure-1 of Circular No. Acad-17/2026).

All affiliated schools are once again requested to treat this matter with utmost priority. Regional Offices will continue to monitor compliance and extend necessary support.

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Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions 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, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
4. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No. 101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
5. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
6. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054
7. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160017
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11. The Director of School Education, Ladakh, Room No.101-102, Ground Floor, Council Secretariat, Kurbathang, Kargil - Ladakh
12. The Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh, 3rd Floor, B block, Anjaneya Towers, VTPS Rd, Bhimaraju Gutta, Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh – 521 456
13. The Director, Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi, Jharkhand
14. The Director, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS), Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Dharamshala, HP
15. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A –Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
16. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRC Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
17. The Director, Navy Education Society, Directorate of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, Delhi – 110066
18. DS to Chairperson, CBSE
19. Secretary/ Controller of Examinations/ All Directors, CBSE
20. All Regional Directors/ Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
21. All Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary/ Under Secretary/ Assistant Secretary, CBSE



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22. All Head(s)/ In-Charge(s), Centre of Excellence, CBSE
23. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this Circular on the CBSE Academic Website
24. In-Charge, Library
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