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Response to Queries on Languages at Class IX-X Session 2026-27

In continuation of Circular No. Acad 14/2026 dated 2nd April 2026, the following may be noted regarding the Scheme of Studies:

1. **For Class X:** Students of Class X 2026-27 will study the same languages they studied in Class IX, in the last session. The assessment scheme of class IX (2025-26) will continue for class X (2026-27).
2. **For Classes IX:** In compliance with NCFSE -23, the following provisions will be applicable:
 - i. **R1**
From session 2026-27 class IX, students may opt Hindi/English/Urdu/Kannada as R1.
 - ii. **R2**
After a language has been opted as R1, R2 can be any other language out of the remaining 43 languages offered by CBSE, different from the one chosen as R1. (Table 7). *The same language cannot be opted as R1 and R2.*
 - iii. **R3**
Not applicable till the academic session 2029-30 at the class IX level
 - iv. An optional third language at R1/R2 level in class IX may also be taken from Table 7 till the session 2028-29
 - v. For Hindi and Urdu, NCERT books can be offered at both R1 and R2 level.
 - vi. For English, the earlier English Communicative course has been discontinued by CBSE with effect from Class IX (2026-27) onwards. There will be only one course, 'English', as outlined in the Syllabus document, for which the same NCERT English textbook (the new textbook Kaveri for Class IX) can be used for both R1 and R2 levels. Students of Class X (2026-27) who had opted for Communicative English in Class IX may continue with it.
 - vii. For Kannada, the SCERT has prepared and made available dedicated textbooks suitable for both R1 and R2 levels. This unique availability of level-appropriate SCERT materials enables Kannada to be offered at both R1 and R2.
 - viii. Regional languages (except Kannada), will be offered only at the R2 level. Their R1 level will be included as and when NCERT develops and notifies appropriate textbooks.
 - ix. To summarise and put it in simpler words, based on the availability of textbooks:
 - Language 1 as R1 :Hindi / English / Urdu / Kannada
 - Language 1 as R2: any other language given in Table 7
 - Language 2 as R1 :Hindi / English / Urdu / Kannada (excluding the one from these 4 languages opted as Language 1)
 - Language 2 as R2: any other language given in Table 7.

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The same language cannot be opted for as both R1 and R2. Further, if Language 1 is opted at one level (R1/R2), Language 2 can be opted only at the other level, different from the one opted at Language 1 and vice-versa. For example, if Language 1 is at R1, Language 2 can only be at R2; if Language 1 is at R2, Language 2 can only be at R1.

All affiliated schools are requested to bring the above information to the notice of students and parents for the smooth implementation of the Scheme of Studies.

For detailed subject combinations, language offerings, textbook lists, and school-specific provisions, please refer to the latest CBSE Curriculum Document and Scheme of Studies available on the official CBSE website: www.cbseacademic.nic.in. For any further queries, schools may contact at cq2026-27@cbseashiksha.in.

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