

# CBSE Takes Strict Action Against Low Attendance, Mandates Schools To Submit Attendance Report

CBSE has introduced new norms to regularize the attendance of students in all its affiliated schools. Read here for detailed information.

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced strict rules to deal with the cases of short attendance of students of all its affiliated schools. In this regard, the Board has issued a new set of instructions to the schools which has made it mandatory for all schools to submit the attendance report of its students to the Board. The Board will then take the final decision on allowing students to appear in board examinations.

According to board officials, an analysis of the 2019 result indicated that students with low attendance performed poorly in the examinations, which made CBSE to take strict action against the same. Board has developed the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for dealing with low attendance cases.

## **CBSE's new rules on low attendance:**

- As per CBSE norms, exemption will be given to students on account of prolonged illness, loss of mother or father, authorized participation in sports in national or international level, or for any other reasons of similar nature.
- In each academic session, schools will have to compile the attendance by 1<sup>st</sup> January and identify the cases of short attendance. The cases along with supporting documents have to be sent to the Regional Office of CBSE till 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- In all cases, schools will have to submit the attendance report to board along with a request letter from parents, certificates issued by the competent authority and recommendation of school concerned in the required proforma while seeking exemptions in attendance.

As per the CBSE officials, all further information and any deficiency in documents will be communicated by the regional office to the schools.

Schools will have to fulfill the requirements before predefined deadline. February 7 will be the last date for all approvals by CBSE.

### **CBSE to standardize admissions to class IX, XI in all its affiliated schools from 2020**

Actually, the Rule 13 of the Examination Bye-Laws of the Board specifies the attendance requirements for a student to be eligible to appear for CBSE Class 10, 12 examinations while Rule 14 of the Examination Bye-laws states the percentage of attendance up to which it can be considered for condonation.

However, in past, it was observed that students, parents and schools were not following the attendance rules strictly. They were not submitting desired documents and certificates of the Competent Authority while seeking exemptions in attendance. Schools are also not sending all cases of short attendance to the CBSE. Students with low attendance were observed to have performed poorly in board examinations. So, to deal with the situation, board has prepared SOPs to ensure the importance of classes and the attendance that is ultimately considered as an important step towards the improvement in board exam results.

Meanwhile, CBSE is planning to prepone the practical examinations for classes 10 and 12 to December, 2019 whereas board examinations for both classes may start from 15 February, 2019. This year, board may conduct the main subject examinations first following which the examinations for the vocational subjects will be held.