

CBSE BIANNUAL CLASS X BOARD EXAMS STARTING 2026

Key Points and FAQs

Key Features

- Biannual Exams: Class 10 board exams will be held twice a year, with the first phase being mandatory and the second phase optional.
- Best Score Retained: The best score from either attempt will be retained.
- Optional Second Phase: Students can retake up to three subjects to improve their scores in the second phase.

FAQs

- Q: When will the biannual Class 10 board exams start?

A: Phase 1 exams will be held in February 2026, with results declared in April 2026. Phase 2 exams will be optional.

- Q: Is the first phase of the exam mandatory?

A: Yes, appearing in the first phase of the exam is mandatory for all Class 10 students.

- Q: Can students retake all subjects in the second phase?

A: No, students can retake up to three subjects from Science, Mathematics, Social Science, and languages to improve their scores.

- Q: What happens if a student misses three or more subjects in the first exam?

A: Students missing three or more subjects in the first exam will be marked as "Essential Repeat" and can only reappear the following year.

- Q: What is the rationale behind this change?

A: The decision aims to reduce exam stress, support flexible learning, and offer students the benefit of retaining the best score from either attempt, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's vision.

Additional FAQs

- Q: What is the pattern of the exam?

A: The exam pattern will include both objective and descriptive questions, assessing students' understanding and application of concepts.

- Q: How will practical exams be conducted?

A: Practical exams will be conducted separately, and students will need to appear for them as per the existing schedule.

- Q: What about students with disabilities (CWSN)?

A: Students with disabilities will be provided with necessary accommodations and support, as per the CBSE's existing policies.

- Q: Can students participate in national or international games during the exam period?

A: Students participating in national or international games may be granted special consideration, subject to CBSE's policies and procedures.

- Q: How will the best score be calculated?

A: The best score from either attempt will be retained, and students will be awarded grades based on their performance.

- Q: Will the biannual exams affect the overall assessment structure?

A: The biannual exams are part of the CBSE's efforts to introduce greater flexibility and reduce exam stress, while maintaining the existing assessment structure.

CBSE Official Circulars

CBSE OFFICIAL CIRCULAR (Dated 25-06-2025)

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X & XII DATESHEET (Tentative for 2026 Exams)

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