

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION BRANCH
BIKASH BHAWAN, 5TH FLOOR, SALT LAKE,
KOLKATA - 700 091.**

No. 382-SED-13037/195/2022-ELEMN SEC

Dated: 26.11.2024

MEMORANDUM

The following methodology shall be followed for admission of children in elementary classes including Pre-Primary Class in all Government/Government Sponsored/Aided Primary/Upper Primary/High/Higher Secondary schools including SSKs/MSKs for the academic session – 2025:

- i. As per provision of the RTE Act, 2009, no child or his/her parents or guardian will be subjected to any kind of screening procedure. All children from 6-14 years (6-18 years for children with special needs) shall be admitted to the appropriate classes according to their age in neighbourhood schools and elementary education including pre-primary education shall be provided to them free of cost.
- ii. It has been decided that admission in elementary classes including pre-primary class shall be done through draw of lots if number of candidates seeking admission to a class is more than the number of seats available for admission.

Mode of conducting draw of lots shall be as follows:

(A) At first a general draw of lots from amongst all applicants praying for admission irrespective of category is to be done to select the unreserved candidates.

(B) Thereafter, a series of draw of lots from the left over applications are to be arranged category-wise to fill up the reserved seats.

Reservation of seats will be maintained as per extant rules.

- iii) Children seeking admission for pre-primary class shall be 5 years of age or above and below 6 years as on 01.01.2025. All children of the age of 6-14 years shall be admitted to the appropriate classes according to their age.

Children who have completed any class at a lesser age as per prevalent rule in force at the material point of time in any school may be allowed to proceed to the next class.

The age appropriate classes would be as follows (Age will be calculated as on 01.01.2025)

- a. For Class I, the age of 6 years and above but less than 7 years of age.
- b. For Class II, the age of 7 years and above but less than 8 years of age.
- c. For Class III, the age of 8 years and above but less than 9 years of age.
- d. For Class IV, the age of 9 years and above but less than 10 years of age.

- e. For Class V, the age of 10 years and above but less than 11 years of age.
- f. For Class VI, the age of 11 years and above but less than 12 years of age.
- g. For Class VII, the age of 12 years and above but less than 13 years of age.
- h. For Class VIII, the age of 13 years and above but less than 14 years of age.

No student should be forced to drop out of education through the admission process. Moreover, out of school children are to be admitted for universalization of elementary education.

The Children with Special Needs shall be admitted in such a way that they may complete elementary education within 18 years of age.

In appropriate cases for calculation of age for admission of underaged children, relaxation by four months may be given by the Head of Institution depending on the merit of the case.

The District Education Officers, SSM, would facilitate admission of out of school children in schools and all schools should co-operate. Any school which wishes to increase the number of seats may send proposal to the Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal, through concerned District Inspector of Schools (Primary/Secondary).

(iv) In case a primary school and Upper Primary/High/Higher Secondary School running in the same building/premises, class-IV/ V students of Primary School shall automatically be admitted to class-V/ VI of the Upper Primary/High/Higher Secondary School as the case may be. No draw of lots is required to be done in case of admission of such children. After admission of all such interested candidates in Class-V/ VI the rest seats shall be filled up through the process of draw of lots.

v) If, however, any parent/guardian fails to get his/her ward admitted to any school through the process of draw of lots, he/she may apply to the District Inspector of Schools (PE)/District Inspector of Schools (SE) as the case may be for admission of his/her ward in any of the neighbourhood schools. District Inspector of Schools (PE) /District Inspector of Schools (SE) will arrange for admission of such children in any of the neighbourhood schools through concerned Sub-Inspector of Schools.

vi) Sub-Inspector of Schools shall ensure admission of all such students in any of the neighbourhood schools and send compliance report to the District inspector of Schools (PE/SE) within 31st January, 2025.

This may be communicated to all concerned for strict compliance.


 Additional Secretary
 School Education Department.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the :

1. Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal, Bikash Bhawan, 7th Floor, Kolkata -91.
2. State Project Director, PBSSM, Bikash Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Kolkata -91.
- 3-6) Secretary(Admin Branch) / Secretary (Law Branch) /Joint Secretary (Secondary Education Branch)/ Joint Secretary, (P& B Branch), School Education Department, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.
7. Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 5, S.N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata - 700 013.
8. President, West Bengal Board of Primary Education, Acharya Prafullya Chandra Bhawan, DK- 7/1, Sector - II, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091.
9. President, West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, Nivedita Bhawan, Karunamoyee, Bidhannagar, Kol-91.
10. Mission Director, PBRSSM.
- 11-33) District Magistrate (all Districts)
- 34-58) District Inspector of Schools (SE) (all Districts).
Copies of the Memoranda Vide No.959-BCW/MR-52/2019 dated 18.05.2023 and 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09/07/2019 are enclosed for ready reference.
- 59-83) District Inspector of Schools (PE) (all Districts).
Copies of the Memoranda Vide No.959-BCW/MR-52/2019 dated 18.05.2023 and 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09/07/2019 are enclosed for ready reference.
- 84-105) Chairperson, DPSC (all Districts).
Copies of the Memoranda Vide No.959-BCW/MR-52/2019 dated 18.05.2023 and 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09/07/2019 are enclosed for ready reference.
- 106-129) District Education Officer, SSM (all Districts)
- 130) Senior Scientist, NIC for uploading in the Web portal of this Deptt.
- 131) OSD to Hon'ble MIC, School Education Department for kind appraisal of Hon'ble MIC.
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