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WEBINAR ON THE CLASS X BOARD EXAMINATION POLICY

Dear Parents,

CBSE recently conducted a **webinar on the Class X Board Examination Policy**.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mik3p208xPs

The Board has also published **FAQs for parents and teachers**. We request all parents to **go through these FAQs** to understand the Board's policies clearly.

Warm regards,

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE TWO BOARD EXAMINATION POLICY

Class X

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As per NEP 2020, CBSE has introduced the Two Examination policy in class-X from session 2025- 2026. It is a new policy and will be implemented for the first time. Hence, there is a necessity that stakeholders are made well aware of this policy not only for better implementation but for the ease of the stakeholders. Being a new policy, here is a possibility that stake holders may have certain queries.

Accordingly, CBSE has developed FAQs to make the policy more & more clear to its stakeholders. After going through these FAQs, if certain other doubts remain, that stakeholders may wish to clarify, they may mail it on the following email id- queries2be@cbseshiksha.in

Question	Answer
1. What is the rationale behind the 2 Board Examination for Class X?	The NEP 2020 states that "**To further eliminate the 'high stakes' aspect of Board Exams, all students will be allowed to take Board Exams on up to two occasions during any given school year, one main examination and one for improvement, if desired."** In order to implement the true essence of NEP 2020, the Board has come out with the two-examination policy for Class X from 2026.
2. From which academic Session will the Policy be implemented?	The 2 Board Examination Policy will be implemented from the 2025-2026 academic session. This implies all candidates appearing for Class X examination in 2026 will have this opportunity, if they desire so.
3. Will candidates placed in Compartment category in the year 2025 results also be allowed to appear in the Second Board examination 2026 if they miss the Main Examination 2026 for any reason?	As 03 opportunities are provided to the students placed in compartment, hence for the students main or the first exam would be the second opportunity, and the Second Board Exam will be the third and last opportunity. Hence, they will be allowed in Second Board Examination.
4. If candidates of 2025 who wish to improve their performance will they be allowed to improve in 2nd Board Exam in May 2026.	No, for all such students, they will have the chance to appear only in the Main Examinations to be held in February/March 2026.

5. Do all students appearing for the Main examination 2026 need to appear for the Second Board Examination?	No, if any student is unable to perform well in the first examination, they may decide to appear in Second Board examination. It is advised to all students & parents that students should prepare well for the Main examination and make best efforts to perform well in the first examination. Further, the role of the school is to make a conducive environment where learners can remain stress free and should not be pressured to appear for the second examinations to secure more marks just for the sake of better school performance for publicity etc.
6. What will be the schedule of the Two Examinations? **OR** When will these two Examinations be held by the Board?	The **Main Examinations** will be held from 17/02/2026 to 10/03/2026. The **Second Examination** will be conducted tentatively from 15/05/2026 to 01/06/2026.
7. What are the Conditions of the 2 Board Policy?	The Most important Condition of the Two Board Examination Policy is that the First Main Examination to be held in February / March is mandatory for all Candidates of Class X. This implies that all students studying in Class X will have to appear for the First Examination to become eligible for the Second examination. **Detailed eligibility conditions for candidates for appearing in the Second Board exam alongwith illustrations are given at ANNEXURE I**
8. Who can appear for the First Examination?	The following category of students can appear for the First examination to be held in Feb/March 2026. (a) Fresh students of Class X (b) Second Chance Compartment (c) Essential Repeat of previous year (d) Improvement examination for students passed in 2025
9. Who can appear for the Second Examination?	The following category of students can appear for the Second examination to be held in May 2026.

	(i) Improvement category up to 3 main subjects i.e. Science, Social Studies, Maths & a Language. (ii) First/Third Chance Compartment (iii) Compartment + Improvement (iv) Improvement for the students passed by the replacement of the subject. However, appearing in first examination is a mandatory condition.
10. What is the Eligibility for appearing in the Second Examination?	Eligibility for appearing in Second examination is that a student must have appeared in the first examination and status of the result is as follows: 1. Passed Class X 2. Placed in compartment category. 3. Passed Class X by replacing with the 6th subject.
11. When will a student not be allowed to appear in the Second examination?	1. If a student has not appeared in the First Examination due to any reasons. 2. If a student has not appeared because of any reasons / failed in 3 or more subjects in the First Examination then he/she will not be allowed to appear for the Second examination. 3. Students placed in the ER category will not be eligible for the Second Examination, they will be allowed next year in the main examinations.
12. What will happen to a student who remains absent in the First Examination?	All such candidates who do not appear in 3 or more subjects in the First Examination because of any reasons will not be allowed to appear for the Second examination. Such students will be placed in the “Essential Repeat” category and will be eligible to take the examination only next year in the Main Examinations in the month of February/March.
13. Can a student appear in all 5/6/7 subjects opted for in the Second Examinations?	Students who pass and are eligible will be allowed for improving their performance in any of the **three subjects** out of Science, Mathematics, Social Science and languages during the Second Board Examination. This implies students can

	appear for improvement of performance in and up to 3 subjects.
14. Can a student appear in an additional Subject during the Second Examination?	Additional Subjects will not be permitted for the Second or subsequent Examinations after passing class X. Students will not be allowed to appear in stand-alone subjects. As there is a provision of internal assessment in the subjects & student will not have appeared for the Internal assessment, hence, no additional subject will be allowed.
15. Can a student change his/ her subject while appearing for the Second Examinations?	No. Subject Change will not be allowed for the Second Examination being conducted by the Board.
16. Can a student opt for Improvement in all 3 languages he/she opts for?	No, a student can only appear for improvement in any of the 1 language that he may have opted for, if not placed in compartment in any language.
17. Can a student opt for Improvement in 2 languages he/she has as subjects?	No, a student can only appear for improvement in any of the 1 language out of the 2/3 languages being studied.
18. Can a student opt for Improvement in 1 language he/she has as a subject?	Yes, a student can opt for only 1 language in the Second Board Examination for improvement.

19. Will a special Examination for candidates appearing in National/ International Sports and Olympiad be conducted by the Board?	Sports students will be allowed to appear in the Second Examination in the subjects whose examinations may have coincided with their sports event during the conduct of the Main Examinations. So, a special examination for such candidates will not be held separately.
20. If a student is unable to appear in 3 subjects due to illness or hospitalization or any such reasons, can such a student be allowed to appear for the Second Board Examination?	No, if a student is absent in 3 or more subjects due to any reasons, the student will be placed in the Essential Repeat category. Such students can only appear for examination in the subsequent year.

21. As a CWSN candidate will I get the same Facilities as earlier in both the Examinations?	YES. The facilities extended to CWSN candidates in the Main Examination will be extended in the Second Examinations also.
22. When will Internal Assessment be conducted? Will it also be conducted twice for the two examinations?	Internal assessment will be conducted only once before the main examinations. Marks will be uploaded as per schedule. There is no provision of improvement in the Internal Assessment.
23. What will be the syllabus for the First Examination?	The first examinations will be conducted on the full syllabus meant for the year.
24. What will be the syllabus for the Second Examination?	The second examinations will also be conducted on the full syllabus meant for the year.
25. Will LOC be filled in for both the examinations separately?	YES, Filling of LOC and appearing in the Main/first examination will be compulsory. LOC for the Second examinations will be filled in separately. However, no new names will be added to the LOC of the Second examination
26. What will happen if the LOC for the First Examination is not filled by any school?	For any school not filling the LOC of the First Examinations, Such Candidates will not be able to appear in any examination conducted by the Board in that year.
27. When will the Results of these examinations be declared?	Result of First examination is proposed to be declared in the month of April. Result of Second examination is proposed to be declared in the month of June.
28. What if some student wants to appear in the Second examination after declaration of first exam result?	The student/ school can fill the LOC for the Second examination for all such students immediately soon after the facility of LOC submission for the second exams is started by the CBSE.
29. Can a new name be added to the LOC for the Second examination?	No new names can be added in the LOC for the Second examination.

30. Will I get my Marksheet after result declaration if I do not wish to appear in the Second Examination?	Performance of main/first examination will be made available in Digi Locker. This could be used for admission to class XI if the student does not wish to appear in the Second examinations. Passing document will be issued to all the students after the results of Second examination only. Documents available in Digi Locker could be used after 1st examination for any or all purpose.
31. If a student is placed in the Merit List, when will she/he get the merit certificate?	Merit certificate will be issued only after second examination.
32. If a student wish to apply for Photocopy or rechecking and re-evaluation after the first examination, will she/he be able to do so after 1st exam?	Facilities of Photocopy, verification and re-evaluation will be available only after declaration of results of Second examination for both the examinations i.e. Main and Second Examinations.
33. Can a student take admission to Class XI if she/he placed in compartment category and wish to appear for the Second examinations?	Students not qualified in the main examination and placed under compartment category will be allowed provisional admission in Class XI and based on the result of the Second examination; their admission will be confirmed in Class XI.

ANNEXURE I

Some of the illustrations of subject combinations based on the results of first Board examination to know the eligibility for second Board examinations are as given below. These illustrations are broadly categorised in four groups as below-

1. **Group A**- The candidate has offered 5/6/7 subjects in first exam and passed in all 5/6/7 subjects (Combination 01 to 04).
2. **Group B** - The candidate has offered five subjects in first exam and failed in one or two subjects (Combination 05 to 09).
3. **Group C** - The candidate has offered six subjects in first exam and failed in one or two subjects (Combination 10 to 18).
4. **Group D** - The candidate has offered seven subjects in first exam and failed in one or two subjects (Combination 19 to 23 & 24).

GROUP 'A'

Combination-01 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Candidate passed in class X 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under improvement Category. 3. Can appear for improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum three subjects i.e. any one language and/or Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3 subjects.	

Combination-02 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including a skill subject)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Candidate passed in class X 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under improvement Category. 3. Improvement in Skill Subject is not allowed. 4. Can appear for improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum three subjects i.e. any one language and/or Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3 subjects.	

Combination-03 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including 3rd language)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Not offered
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Candidate passed in class X 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under improvement Category. 3. Can appear for improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum three subjects i.e. any one language and/or Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3 subjects.	

Combination-04 in First Exam (Candidate offered mandatory five subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Final Outcome 1. Candidate passed in class X 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under improvement Category. 3. Can appear for improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum three subjects i.e. any one language and/or Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3 subjects.	

GROUP B

Combination-05 in First Exam (Candidate offered mandatory five subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Fail/Absent
Final Outcome 1. Compartment in Academic 3 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects including any one language and/or Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 subjects along with Compartment in Academic 3. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is failed or absent in one academic subject and pass in two languages and two academic subjects.	

Combination-06 in First Exam (Candidate offered mandatory five subjects)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Final Outcome 1. Compartment in Language 1 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects including Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or Academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartmental subject. 4. Improvement in Language 2 is not allowed. 5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is failed or absent in one language and pass in other language and three academic subjects.	

Combination-07 in First Exam (Candidate offered mandatory five subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 3	Pass

Final Outcome:

1. Compartment in academic 1 & academic 2 subjects
2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category.
3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. either Language 1 or Language 2 or Academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartmental subject.
4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in two academic subjects and pass in two languages and one academic subject.

Combination-08 in First Exam (Candidate offered mandatory five subjects)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass

Final Outcome:

1. Compartment in Language 1 and language 2 subjects
2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category.
3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. either Academic 1 or Academic 2 or Academic 3 subjects alongwith 2 Compartment subjects.
4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail in two languages and pass in three academic subjects.

Combination-09 in First Exam (Candidate offered mandatory five subjects)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass

Final Outcome:

1. Compartment in Language 1 & Academic 1 subjects
2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category.
3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. Academic 2 or academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartment subjects.
4. Improvement in Language 2 is not allowed.
5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language and one academic subject and pass in one language and two academic subjects.

GROUP C

Combination-10 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including a skill subject)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Fail/Absent
Skill	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Candidate passed in class X by replacement of skill subject 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in two subjects including any one language and/or Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 alongwith compartment subject i.e. academic 3. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one academic subject and pass in two languages and two academic subjects and one skill subject and declared pass with the replacement of the subject.	

Combination-11 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including a skill subject)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Compartment in Language 1. 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects including Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or Academic 3 subjects along with Compartment subject. 4. Improvement in Language 2 is not allowed. 5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language and pass in other language, three academic subjects and one skill subject.	

Combination-12 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including a skill subject)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Compartment in Academic 1 and Academic 2 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in either one subject i.e. any one language and/or Academic 3 alongwith Compartment subjects. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in two academic subjects and pass in two languages, one academic subject and one skill subject.	

Combination-13 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including a skill subject)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Compartment in Language 1 & Academic 1 subjects 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. academic 2 or academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartment subjects. 4. Improvement in Language 2 is not allowed. 5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language and one academic subject and pass in one language, two academic subjects and one skill subject.	

Combination-14 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including 3rd language)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Not offered
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome : 1. Compartment in Academic 1 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects including one Language and/or Academic 2 and/or Academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartment subject. 4. Improvement in 02 Languages is not allowed. 5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail in one academic subject and pass in three languages & two academic subjects.	

Combination-15 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including 3rd language)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Not offered
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Candidate passed in class X by replacement of language 1 by Language 3 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum three subjects i.e. Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3 subjects. 4. Eligible for Second Board Examination in the two conditions mentioned at 1 & 2. 5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language and pass in two languages & three academic subjects.	

Combination-16 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including 3rd language)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Not offered
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Compartment in academic 1 & academic 2 subjects 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. either in any one Language or Academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartment subjects. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in two academic subjects and pass in three languages and one academic subject.	

Combination-17 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including 3rd language)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Not offered
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Compartment in Language 2 & Academic 1 subjects 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. either Academic 2 or academic 3 subjects along with Compartment subjects. 4. Improvement in Language is not allowed. 5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language and one academic subject and pass in two languages & two academic subjects.	

Combination-18 in First Exam (Candidate offered six subjects including 3rd language)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Not offered
Language 3	Pass

Final Outcome:

1. Compartment in Language 1 and/or language 2 subjects
2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category.
3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. either Academic 1 or Academic 2 or Academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartment subjects.
4. Improvement in Language is not allowed.
5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail in two languages and pass in three academic subjects and one language.

GROUP D

Combination-19 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass

Final Outcome:

1. Candidate passed in class X by replacement of academic 1 subject by skill subject.
2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category.
3. Can appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects including any one language and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3.
4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one academic subject and pass in three languages, two academic subjects and one skill subject.

Combination-20 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass

Final Outcome:

1. Candidate passed in class X by replacement of language 2 by Language 3.
2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category.
3. Can appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects including any Academic 1 and/or Academic 2 and/or academic 3 subjects.
4. Improvement in Language is not allowed.
5. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language and pass in two languages, three academic subjects and one skill subject.

Combination-21 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Pass
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome: 1. Compartment in Academic 1 and Academic 2 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in one subject i.e. any one language and/or Academic 3 subjects alongwith Compartment subjects. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in two academic subjects and pass in three languages, one academic subject and one skill subject.	

Combination-22 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 1	Pass
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome : 1. Compartment in Language 1 and language 2 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can also appear for improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum two subjects i.e. either Academic 1 or Academic 2 or Academic 3 alongwith Compartment subjects. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail in two languages and pass in three academic subjects, one language and one skill subject.	

Combination-23 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Pass
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome : 1. Candidate passed in class X by replacement of skill subject as well as language subject. 2. Eligible for second Board Examinations under Compartment + Improvement Category. 3. Can appear for Improvement in Second Board Examination in maximum one subjects i.e. any one Academic 1 or Academic 2 or academic 3 subjects. 4. This illustration will cover all cases where candidate is fail or absent in one language & one skill subject and pass in two languages, two academic subjects and one skill subject	

Combination-24 in First Exam (Candidate offered seven subjects)	
Language 1	Fail/Absent
Language 2	Pass
Academic 1	Fail/Absent
Academic 2	Fail/Absent
Academic 3	Pass
Skill	Pass
Language 3	Pass
Final Outcome : 1. Candidate is placed in ER Category and will appear in full subjects in main examinations next year. 2. Not permitted for second Board examination.	

IMPORTANT :-

All other cases where candidate is failed/ absent in three or more subjects will be placed in Essential Repeat category and will appear in full subjects in main examinations next year.

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