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### CIRCULAR NO 20

### IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO CBSE BOARD EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASS X – ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Dear Parents and Students,

Greetings!

As per the latest guidelines issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education via Circular No. CBSE/CE/2-Board Examination-X/2025 dated 25th June 2025, all Class X students will now appear for two CBSE Board-conducted examinations starting from the academic session 2025–26, in line with the National Education Policy 2020. The two examinations will be held in March 2026 (Board Exam-I) and May 2026 (Board Exam-II). Both exams will cover separate portions of the curriculum and will be of equal weightage in determining the final Class X result.

The syllabus will be rationally divided between the two terms by CBSE and shared with schools in advance. Each board exam will assess students using a balanced mix of Competency-Based Questions, Objective Type Questions, and Constructed Response Questions, reflecting the focus on conceptual clarity and application-based learning. The final result will be calculated based on the better performance of either the March or May examination, offering students a fair chance to improve. Students who are unable to appear in the March exam or are not satisfied with their performance will be allowed to appear in the **May 2026 examination** as an improvement opportunity.

It is important to note that the **May Board Exam is not a supplementary exam** but will be a full-fledged board exam, and students can choose to appear in either or both based on their preparation and performance. Internal assessments, including periodic tests, portfolio submissions, subject enrichment activities, and classroom participation, will continue to be conducted by the school and will contribute to the overall evaluation process as per CBSE norms. The May examination will also serve as the platform for conducting exams for students placed in the categories of **Essential Repeat, Compartment, and Improvement**. There will be **no separate compartment examination** later in the year. Students under these categories will be allowed to appear in the relevant subjects during the May session itself. Those opting for **improvement** may choose one or more subjects to reappear in. In all cases, the **best performance** from either March or May will be used for the final result declaration, providing students with greater flexibility and reduced exam-related stress.

Students and parents are advised to prepare consistently from the beginning of the academic year.

Best Regards,

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PRINCIPAL

