

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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From,

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Additional Secretary to Government

To

The Director, Higher Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/
The Director, Secondary Education, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/
The President, Board of Secondary Education, Odisha, Cuttack/
The Chairman, Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha,
Bhubaneswar

**Sub: Reopening of Schools for class IX & XI under Govt./ Govt.
Aided/ Private schools of the State.**

Sir,

On the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that Government have been pleased to allow reopening of schools for class IX & XI from 08.02.2021 which will continue up to 30.04.2021 with following terms and conditions:

1. As discussed above, the teaching work in class IX and XI will be taken up from **08.02.2021** and may continue up to **30.04.2021**.
2. The duration of teaching for class IX and XI will be from **8.30 AM** to **10.30 AM** from Monday to Saturday. There will be no teaching for class IX and XI on Sundays. The earlier Guidelines for class X and class XII will continue as usual on Sundays. Three periods shall be taken up for class IX and XI daily. However, timing of the starting of the class can be rescheduled taking into the local weather condition into account.
3. Accordingly, the timing for class X will be rescheduled from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM consisting of seven classes with recess break from 1.40 PM to 2.10 PM. There will be no recess for class IX and XI. For the teaching staff reporting time in schools will be thirty minutes before a shift start.
4. As far as practicable, period allocation should be done in such a manner that teachers attending in morning shift shall remain school up to 1.30 PM.
5. Routine and scheme of lessons shall be accordingly prepared on the basis of revised syllabus of class IX, X, XI & XII. Keeping the volume of syllabus and number of teaching periods available, proportionate allocation of periods to different subjects should be made in weekly routine/ timetable so as to ensure coverage of entire revised syllabus in time and allocation of teaching assignment.

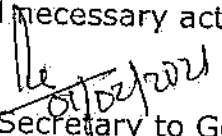
- to different faculties for both class IX and X. The teachers/ lecturers coming to schools in the morning shift must leave the school by 1.30 PM after taking classes of both IX & X as per allocation by the Headmaster/ Principal and the teachers coming in the second shift will continue up to 4.00 PM.
6. For class IX and XI, there will be one unit test in second week of March, 2021. The Annual Class Examination will be conducted in the last week of April, 2021.
 7. The sitting arrangements in classrooms shall be made keeping the size of the room in view, so as to ensure that required social distancing as per COVID-19 protocol is maintained.
 8. The earlier SOP communicated in this Department letter No.115/SME, Dtd.02.01.2021 must be followed strictly.
 9. The services of Elementary Teachers having bachelor degree and above shall be utilized for teaching in secondary classes. Also retired teachers/ Guest Faculties can be hired as per the latest guidelines communicated by this Department vide letter No.1276/SME, Dtd.18.01.2021 for class IX & X and order issued by Director, Higher Secondary Education vide No.588, Dtd.07.01.2021 for class XI & XII.
 10. Similarly, the guidelines communicated in letter No.117/SME, Dtd.03.01.2021 may also be followed for students staying in Hostels.

Yours faithfully,


Additional Secretary to Government

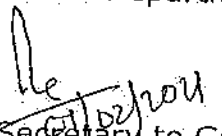
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