

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

No. 7705 /SME Dt- 6.4.2021
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The School & Mass Education Department hereby accepts implementation of the new Pedagogical and Curricular Structure of School Education, i.e. 5 (Foundational) +3 (Preparatory) +3 (Middle) +4 (Secondary) as described hereunder.

The National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 envisages that the extant of 10+2 structure of School Education will be modified with a new pedagogical and curricular restructuring of 5+3+3+4 covering children of ages 3-18 years. In this structure, children will spend **5 years in Foundational Stage, 3 years in Preparatory Stage, 3 years in Middle stage and 4 years in Secondary Stage**. The stage-wise corresponding age groups of Children will be 3-8 years for Foundational Stage, 8-11 years for preparatory state, 11-14 years for Middle Stage and 14-18 years for Secondary Stage.

In the existing 10+2 structure, children in the age group of 3-6 years are not covered as Class 1 begins at the age of 6, whereas 5+3+3+4 structure brings pre-school education into the fold of formal education.

The Foundational Stage will comprise of 5 years of pre-school education and Class 1 & 2. Inclusion of 3 years of pre-school would help with a more seamless and inclusive transmission from the pre-school ages right to the higher classes.

The Preparatory Stage will comprise of 3 years of education, i.e. Class III to V, which will lay a strong foundation and groundwork across subjects.

The Middle Stage will comprise of 3 years of education (Class VI – VIII), building on the pedagogical and curricular style of the preparatory stage with more focus on the development of critical thinking among the learners.

The Secondary Stage will comprise of 4 years (Class IX to XII) of multidisciplinary study, building on the subject-oriented pedagogical and curricular style of the Middle Stage, but with greater depth and

greater flexibility and student's choice of subjects. Students after exiting Class-X and entering in the next phase can pursue vocational or any other courses available at Grade XI and XII, including more specialised school, if so desired.

The implementation of the proposed 5+3+3+4 structure of school education will bring a standardised structure of school education in India.

By order of the Governor

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