



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन)

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

(An Autonomous Organization Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)



CBSE/SE/DIR/CSL/2026

20.03.2026

Circular No: Skill-13/2026

Heads of all institutions affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Guidelines for Establishment of 'Composite Skill Labs' in CBSE schools

Dear Principal,

This is with reference to CBSE Circular No. Skill-75/2024 dated 23.08.2024 regarding setting up of Composite Skill Labs in CBSE schools in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023.

As envisaged in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023, skill/vocational education has become an integral and mandatory component of school education. This is aimed to augment the academic learning through the development of practical competencies and skills among students.

To support this pedagogical shift, it is essential for schools to create enabling environments that facilitate hands-on learning. Composite Skill Labs, thus, serve as a critical infrastructure to support meaningful skill development and bridge the gap between conceptual understanding and practical application. The focus should be on ensuring accessibility, safety, and adaptability of the space to support hands-on, activity-based learning across skill sectors.

Through the above-mentioned circular, the schools were advised to set up either one Composite Skill Lab of 600 sq. ft. area for classes VI-XII, or two separate labs of 400 sq. ft. area each, one for classes VI-X and the other for classes XI-XII, as per the the following timeline:

- For the schools seeking fresh affiliation with CBSE, a Composite Skill Lab with all necessary equipments and machinery is a mandatory requirement for all schools seeking fresh affiliation with CBSE.
- Schools already affiliated with CBSE must establish a Composite Skill Lab with all necessary equipments and machinery, within a period of three years from the date of the above-mentioned circular (i.e. by 22nd August 2027).

The Board has also developed comprehensive guidelines for establishment and effective operationalization of Composite Skill Labs in schools. The list of tools and equipments mentioned in these guidelines are suggestive and may be adopted based on school's readiness and requirements. This guidelines booklet which includes infrastructure requirements, tool specifications, safety norms, and implementation plan, is available on the CBSE academic website (on the Skill Education webpage) and can also be directly accessed through the below mentioned link:

https://cbseacademic.nic.in/web_material/skilledu/comp_skill_lab.pdf

Schools are **advised to take all necessary steps for the timely establishment and effective operationalization** of Composite Skill Labs to support the implementation of Skill/Vocational Education.

Biswajit Saha

(Dr. Biswajit Saha)

Professor & Director (Skill Education)



सी.बी.एस.ई. एकीकृत कार्यालय परिसर, फेज -1, सेक्टर 23, द्वारका, नई दिल्ली – 110077
CBSE Integrated Office Complex, Phase-1, Sector 23, Dwarka, New Delhi –110077





केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन)

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

(An Autonomous Organization Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)



Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi-16
2. Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-54
4. Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh – 160017
5. Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101
6. Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791111
7. Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101
8. Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sec-3, Rohini, Delhi-85
9. Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001
10. Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi – 110001
11. Director, The Navy Education Society (NES), Dte of Naval Education, Naval Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, R. K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066
12. Secretary, Army Welfare Education Society (AWES), Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDRS Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar, Delhi Cantt – 110010
13. Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
14. Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha – 751005
15. Deputy Secretary to Chairman, CBSE - for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE
16. All the Heads of Department of the Board
17. All the Regional Directors/Regional Officers/Head-COEs, CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions for compliance
18. Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this circular
19. Joint Secretary (IT), CBSE, HQ with a request to upload this notification on CBSE Academics website
20. Incharge, Hindi Cell, CBSE HQ – for Hindi Translation of this notification

Professor & Director (Skill Education)



सी.बी.एस.ई. एकीकृत कार्यालय परिसर, फेज -1, सेक्टर 23, द्वारका, नई दिल्ली – 110077
CBSE Integrated Office Complex, Phase-1, Sector 23, Dwarka, New Delhi –110077

