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# CBSE unveils new exam format for classes VI to IX

## CCE Junked, Changes From Coming Year

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**New Delhi:** The Central Board of Secondary Education has formally junked the continuous and comprehensive evaluation (CCE) scheme for classes VI to IX, being followed in affiliated schools since 2009. Replacing it from the coming academic year (2017-18) is a new format — 'uniform system of assessment, examination and report card' — that aims at standardising teaching and evaluation across schools.

All students will be under a "uniform assessment" process from Class VI onwards and schools will have to adhere to CBSE's template, from examinations to report cards, which will now bear the logo of the board.

CBSE said schools under its fold have been following various systems of assessment and examination in classes VI to IX. The changes being brought in are also linked to the restoration of the Class X board examinations from 2018, said board chairperson R K Chaturvedi.

The new format, he said,

### UNIFORM REPORT CARD, GRADE SYSTEM

**U**niform assessment & examination system for classes VI to IX to kick in from coming academic year (2017-18)

**A**ll schools to issue report cards of the same pattern with CBSE logo on left top corner & school logo on right

**N**o detention policy till class VIII continues; schools will issue grades in CBSE's given format

### EXAMINATION PATTERN

- Classes VI to IX to have **two exams**, term I & term 2
- **Subjects:** Three languages, Maths, Science, Social Science and one other subject (such as Computers)
- Each exam of 100 marks — 20 for **periodic assessment** + 80 for **written test**
- Periodic assessment will comprise **periodic tests** (10

- marks), **notebook submission** (5), **subject enrichment** (5)
- Half-yearly test from **syllabus covered till announcement** of exam dates by school
- Yearly exam (term 2) will include **10%** of term 1 syllabus in **class VI**, **20%** of term 1 syllabus in **class VII** and **30%** in **class VIII**

is a "gradual movement towards quality education through standardisation of teaching, assessment, examination and report card".

Chaturvedi added that uniform standards had become imperative because disparities in the system were creating problems for students whenever they migrated to another school.

"With the increase in CBSE affiliated schools from 309 in 1962 to 18,688 at present, a uniform system will ensure easy migration of students within the CBSE

schools and also ease their difficulties while seeking admissions in new schools," Chaturvedi said.

The new report cards for classes VI to VIII will be identical with rows which specify the terms, periodic, notebook, subject enrichment and half yearly/yearly marks scored in each subject and the corresponding grades. It will also have co-scholastic assessment where students will be graded on a 3-point scale.

➤ **90% weightage, P 8**

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**T**he format changes in Class IX where the report card will have scores of a single yearly term comprising a periodic test, notebook, subject enrichment and annual examination. The co-scholastic grading will be on a five-point grading scale.

Under the CCE scheme students were assessed based on two term-end 'summative assessments' and four 'formative assessments' (two each in each term). Sixty percent of the assessment was pen-paper tests, while 40% formative assessment during the

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year was continuous evaluation by teachers based on various activities.

The new scheme too has two terms, but the pen-paper test weightage will be now 90%, which includes the 80 marks of the half yearly or yearly exam and 10 marks of the 20 marks set aside for periodic assessment in each term.

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While the half-yearly

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# 90% weightage for written tests

## THEN & NOW

The uniform system of internal assessment, examination pattern and issue of report cards for Classes VI to IX is set to sound the death knell for the much-debated Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation system

**1** CBSE's new system will take effect from the 2017-18 academic year, schools will issue grades in the prescribed format...

...But just like CCE, the RTE Act provision of no detention till Class VIII stays

**2** Here's how grading for scholastic areas for Classes VI-VIII will work under the new system

MARKS	GRADE
91-100	A1
81-90	A2
71-80	B1
61-70	B2
51-60	C1
41-50	C2
33-40	D
32 & below	E

➤ **Co-scholastic activities** with three-point grading  
A=Outstanding  
B=Very Good  
C=Fair

➤ **Subject-enrichment activities:** Languages (developing effective listening & speaking skills); Mathematics (activities from links given in CBSE website); Science (Practical work & activities as suggested by NCERT syllabus & text books)

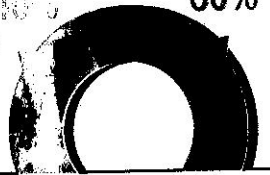
Needs Improvement (for C1, C2)  
For Class IX, this grade is failed (for D, E)



**3** In contrast, here's how the CCE scheme worked (Under two terms)

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT**  
Used by teachers to continuously monitor students' progress through quizzes, interviews, oral and visual testing, projects and practicals

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT**  
60% A pen-paper test conducted by schools



➤ Co-scholastic areas like life skills evaluated through attitudes & values; participation & achievement in activities involving literary & creative skills; scientific skills; aesthetic skills and performing arts & clubs; and health & physical education

(term 1) exams for all the classes from VI onwards will be based on syllabus covered till the exam time, the syllabus for yearly exams will have a slightly different format.

These exams will increase cover more of term 1 syllabus, starting with 10% for Class VI, 20% for Class VII and 30% for Class VIII.

"This is to gradually

prepare the students for Class IX and higher classes where they will have to appear for exams for the entire syllabus. But it will happen gradually," said Chaturvedi.