

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
NAGALAND : KOHIMA**

CIRCULAR on Examination Concession

Dated 31st May 2023.

NO. SCERT/INC-EDU/2021-22: /For the information of all Govt. and Private schools registered in Nagaland this circular for examination concession for Children With Special Needs (CWSN) is issued in accordance to the NEP 2020, RPWD Act 2016 and Nagaland RPWD Act 2019 for keeping the spirit of inclusion alive.

All across the Country the State Government has addressed the needs of CWSN by responding to the different policies on education. The CBSE has made examination concession for CWSN. In Nagaland State too the NBSE has done accordingly for children studying from Class 8 to 12. Likewise, the SCERT recommends examination concessions to fill up this gap from pre-primary to elementary stage.

The mentioned facilities and concessions will be applicable in the examination arrangement from Pre-primary to elementary (up to class 7) The CWSN cannot be compared with the regular school students in terms of their competency and skills hence, it is expected that they will be evaluated in a different way too, hence the concessions and accommodation.


(KEVIRALE-Ü KERHUO)

**Director
SCERT, Nagaland, Kohima.
/ Dated Kohima, the 31st May 2023**

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1. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Nagaland for kind information of the Honorable Chief Minister.
2. The P.S to Advisor, School Education & SCERT for kind information of the Honorable Advisor.
3. Commissioner Secretary, School Education and SCERT, Govt. of Nagaland for information.
4. The State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland, Kohima for information.
5. The State Disability Commissioner, Office of the State Commissioner for PWD, Nagaland for information.
6. The Principal Director, Directorate of School Education for information.
7. The Chairman, NBSE, Nagaland, Kohima for information.
8. All DEOs/Sr. SDEO/SDEOs, Nagaland for information.
9. All the Head of Registered Schools for information and necessary action.


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Examination concession for CWSN

The examination concession mentioned here includes children studying from Pre- nursery to Class VII in all Govt. and Private Schools in Nagaland.

To make education Inclusive as per NEP 2020, RPWD Act 2016 and Nagaland RPWD Act 2019 every children should be given free and compulsory education and all necessary help for the CWSN to successfully complete their education.

CWSN and their parents and school authorities should be pro active to make the school accessible, facilitate the teaching, learning and assessment process at every stages of the school children in general and CWSN in particular.

As per the RPWD Act 2016 and Nagaland RPWD Act 2019 there are 21 identified disabilities. Accordingly these different types of disabilities have been studied and for the purpose of educational assessment they have been grouped into seven broad categories mentioned below for concessions and accommodation during examination.

1. Concessions for children with autism

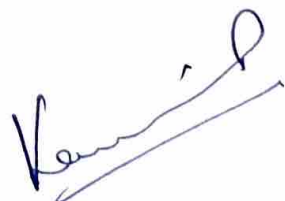
1. Children with autism will be given an extra 30 mins per hour to complete their exam.
2. If they fail in their examination, concession up to 5 marks will to be given to reach pass mark. This applies to all subjects.
3. Children with autism will be given their own school as the exam center. The examination room shall be free from all sound and glaring light. They will be given designed table (large table) and stable chairs.
4. A writer will be allowed for the student with the permission from the District Education Officer (DEO) /Sr. SDEO/SDEO. The DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO shall check the disability certificate/ medical certificate before giving them permission. The schools should get the permit from DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO and consult the parents to select writer from a pre-arranged list of volunteers. If possible, volunteer whom the child is familiar with.
5. Marks will be directly given to the child in case of any drawing of diagrams and maps.
6. In lieu of practical examinations only viva will be conducted in subjects like Science and EVS.
7. Do not deduct marks for spellings, grammatical error/s, punctuation marks etc.
8. Use minimal and appropriate words for mathematical problems, it should be well structured, simple and easy to understand.
9. If required make alternative arrangement for written to oral evaluation. This process should be recorded for evidence.
10. Make sure that all verbal instructions for examinations is written on the blackboard/whiteboard clearly.

2. Concessions for children with hearing and speech impairment.

1. These children will be given an extra 20 mins per hour to complete their exam.
2. If a child fails in their examination, concession up to 5 marks will be given to reach pass mark or 10 marks divided totally among all subjects would be given to the child.
3. As far as possible arrange examination center close to their residence/school.
4. Marks will be directly given to the child in case of any drawing of diagrams and maps.
5. Do not deduct marks for spellings, grammatical error/s, punctuation marks etc.
6. Make sure that all verbal instructions for examinations is written on the blackboard/whiteboard clearly and instruction given in sign language too.
7. Sign language expert should be arranged for proper communication with the children.

3. Concessions for children with partial visual impairment.

1. Arrange exam center close to their residences/school.
2. Approximately 30 mins extra time will be given for completion of exam paper.
3. A concession of 5 marks for a single subject or 10 marks divided totally among all subjects will be given to a student who fails his/her exam.
4. The word count of answers can be less than the expected word count. Answers to long questions can be given in points.
5. Do not deduct marks for spellings, grammatical error/s, punctuation marks etc.
6. If required make alternative arrangement for written to oral evaluation. This process should be recorded for evidence.
7. All verbal instructions for examinations should be written on the White/blackboard.

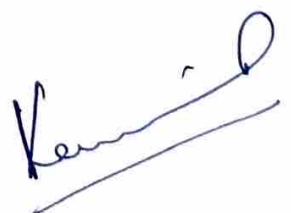
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4. Concessions for children with visual impairment.

1. Visually impaired children will be given an extra 30 mins per hour to complete their exam.
2. If a child fails in their exam, concession up to 5 marks will be given to reach pass mark. This applies to all subjects.
3. Arrange examination center close to their residence/school.
4. Writer will be allowed for the student with the permission from the DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO. The DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO should check the disability certificate/medical certificate before giving them permission. The schools should get permit from mentioned authority and consult the parents to select writer from a pre-arranged list of volunteers who is not a part of the teaching faculty.
5. In case of any drawing of diagrams and maps marks will be directly given to the child.
6. In lieu of practical examinations only viva will be conducted in subjects like Science and EVS.
7. If visually impaired child uses braille, do not deduct marks for slight braille writing error/s. The child may also be given break as and when rest is required.
8. If required a mobile phone for recording may be used to communicate questions to the students and their answers may be recorded as well. For such cases separate room should be arranged.
9. Taylor frame and talking calculator will be allowed during the exam time.
10. Use of abacus and geometrical tools will be permitted during the examination.
11. If a student need to use a software to appear for the exam screen reading software NVDA software may be used.

5. Concessions for children with Physical Deformities (nerve, bone and muscles).

1. Arrange examination center close to their residence/school.
2. These children will be given an extra 30 mins per hour to complete their exam.
3. A concession of 5 marks for a single subject or 10 marks divided totally among all subjects will be given to these if they fail in the exam.
4. If the child has a defect in the dominant hand with which he/she writes then a writer will be appointed to write for him/her. The school will have to make arrangement for a writer with the permission from the DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO.



6. The schools/center of examinations should check and see that basic amenities for the special children are put in place.

7. Use of device to help these children sit comfortably during exam will be allowed.

8. Concessions for Spastic Students.

1. Arrange examination center close to their residence/school.

2. These students would be given an extra 30 mins per hour to complete their exam.

3. A concession of 5 marks for a single subject or 10 marks divided totally among all subjects will be given if these children fail their exam.

4. The school will make arrangement for a specially designed table, typing machine, chairs for these children and also obtain permission from the DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO. The DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO shall check the disability certificate/ medical certificate before giving them permission. The schools will consult the parents to select writer from a pre-arranged list of volunteers who is not a teacher of the school.

5. In case of any drawing of diagrams and maps marks will be directly given to the child.

6. Practical examinations will not be conducted for the Science and EVS instead a viva will be conducted.

7. Separate seating arrangement will be made during the exams for spastic children as they require additional instructions.

9. Concessions for students with specific learning disabilities

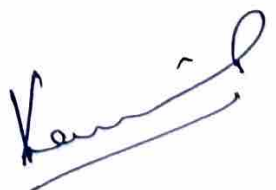
1. Arrange examination center close to their residence/school.

2. These children will be given an extra 20 mins per hour to complete their exam.

3. A concession of 5 marks for a single subject or 10 marks divided totally among all subjects will be given to children who fails in his/her examinations.

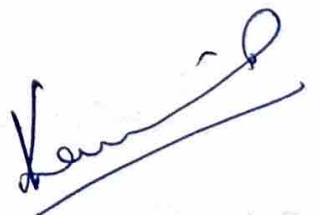
4. In case of any drawing of diagrams and maps, marks will be directly given to the child.

8. In case of severe dyslexia a writer may be provided to the child for writing or typing the answers or for writing some part of the paper or the entire paper, for which permission from the DEO/Sr.SDEO/SDEO is to be obtained. The DEO/Sr.SDEO/SDEO shall check the disability certificate/ medical certificate before giving them permission. The schools will consult the parents to select writer from a pre-arranged list of volunteers whom the child is familiar with.



5. Practical examinations will not be conducted for Science and EVS instead viva will be conducted.

Considering the above concessions if the candidates are challenged in one or more disabilities, the schools will write to the DEO/Sr. SDEO/SDEO mentioning the type of disability/ies along with medical certificates and disability certificates as well so that they will be allowed to sit for examinations with concessions. Likewise, the schools/center of examinations should be equipped with all related materials to let the affected children sit for examination comfortably.

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