



PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DAVANAGERE

Circular to Grade 9 (2026-27 Batch)

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IMPORTANT CIRCULAR: TRANSITIONING TO THE NEW CBSE CURRICULUM (GRADE 9)

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To: Parents of Grade 9 Students

Subject: Understanding the New CBSE Curriculum Framework (NCF-SE 2023)

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Podar International School, Davanagere!

As your child enters Grade 9, we understand that there is some anxiety regarding the new CBSE curriculum changes aligned with the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**. We want to reassure you that these changes are designed to make learning more meaningful, reduce stress, and prepare your child for the modern world.

Below is a simplified guide to the major updates for the **2026-27 Academic Session**:

1. A Shift from "Memorizing" to "Understanding"

The new curriculum moves away from rote learning (memorizing facts). Instead, it focuses on **Competency-Based Education**. This means your child will be evaluated on how well they can *apply* what they have learned to real-life situations.

2. The New Language Framework

CBSE is moving towards a multilingual approach. For students entering Grade 9 this year:

- **Three Languages:** Students will continue to engage with three languages.
- **Indian Roots:** At least two of these languages must be native to India (e.g., Hindi and Kannada).
- **Gradual Change:** The "Third Language" requirement for the Board Exam will become compulsory in a phased manner reaching **Class X by 2030**. For now, we are ensuring a smooth transition for our current batch.

3. New Compulsory Subjects & Modules

To keep our students future-ready, CBSE has introduced/integrated new core areas:

- **Computational Thinking (CT) & Artificial Intelligence (AI):** These are now compulsory modules to ensure digital literacy and ethical AI use.
- **Interdisciplinary Areas:** A new subject called "**Individuals in Society**" is introduced in Class IX to help students understand their role in the community.
- **Vocational Education:** This focuses on practical skills and "dignity of labor," giving students exposure to local industries and crafts.

4. Holistic Assessment (Internal & Board)

The "Report Card" is changing. It will now reflect **Holistic Development:**

- **Art & Physical Education:** These are no longer "extra" activities. They are core areas with defined learning standards.
- **Assessment 'For' Learning:** Teachers will use projects, discussions, and observations to help students improve *during* the year, rather than just testing them at the end.

5. Subject Structure for Class IX (2026-27)

Your child will take the following subjects, which they will continue into Class X:

Main Subjects:

1. **Language 1** (e.g., English)
2. **Language 2** (e.g., Hindi/Kannada)
3. **Mathematics** (Standard or Basic)
4. **Science**
5. **Social Science**

Other Subjects:

6. **Individuals in Society** (Internal Assessment)
7. **Vocational/Skill Subject**
8. **Physical Education & Well-being**
9. **Art Education**

Our Commitment to You

As a team, we want to assure you that our teachers are being trained to handle these pedagogical shifts. We will focus on **experiential learning**—using arts and activities to teach complex concepts.

Our goal is to ensure your child becomes a **rational, compassionate, and ethical individual** who is ready for the future. Please do not worry about the "change"—view it as an "upgrade" to your child's educational journey.

NOTE: There will be an **orientation session** for the parents of Grade 9 once the students resume back to school in May 2026. Also please find attached the **curriculum for all the main subjects**.

We seek your continued cooperation as we implement these visionary reforms.

Warm Regards,
Team of PIS Davanagere