



PODAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DAVANAGERE

Circular: Grades 1 to 10

Date: 23 June 2026

Subject: Empowering Individual Growth Through Student Academic Goal Setting

Dear Parents,

At **Podar International School, Davanagere**, we look at every student as a unique, budding flower destined to bloom in their own time and way. True education recognizes and respects this individuality. When we burden children with unrealistic expectations or force them into an environment of cutthroat competition, we risk bruising their self-esteem and hindering their natural development.

To cultivate a learning environment rooted in self-reflection and healthy progress, we are proud to launch our **Student Academic Goal Setting Initiative** for the Academic Year 2026-27. Before every major examination, every student will consciously map out their own academic targets.

1. The Core Philosophy: Competing with Oneself

Our educational roadmap is built on a single, powerful truth: **We do not believe in comparing one child with another.**

Peer-to-peer comparison creates anxiety and fractures a child's confidence. Instead, we want every student to **compete exclusively with their own past self**. By focusing on personal bests rather than class ranks, we foster a healthy, positive outlook that equips our children for long-term success and emotional well-being.

2. How the Goal Setting Process Works

To make this process structured and interactive, the school will share a dedicated **Google Form** before each examination cycle.

- **The Process:** With your guidance at home, your child will log into the form and set a specific, numerical target score for every subject based on their own self-assessment and capability.
- **Parental Role:** We request parents to sit with their children as mentors, helping them reflect on their current preparation and define their targets.

Important Guideline for Parents: Please be exceptionally careful that the goals set by your child are **practical and achievable**. A goal should stretch a child's capability slightly to encourage effort, but it must never be so unrealistically high that it creates fear or a sense of inevitable failure. Let the target be tailored strictly to *your* child's current pace and potential.

The same circular is available at: <https://www.podareducation.org/school/davanagere/davanagere-circulars>

3. Celebrating Effort and Milestones

This initiative is designed to reward progress, not just top-tier perfection.

- Every single student who successfully meets or exceeds the personal goals they set for themselves will be honored.
- Achievers will receive formal appreciation, validation, and a "thumbs up" from their Subject Teachers, Class Teachers, and the School Leadership Team.

By celebrating the fulfilment of a personal promise, we teach our students that their dedication and hard work have direct, measurable value.

4. A Joint Appeal for Constructive Motivation

Let us connect with our children through realistic expectations and shared encouragement. Our role as adults is to provide a scaffolding of support, ensuring they grow healthily without feeling crushed by external pressures. When students learn to set **realistic targets** and achieve them, academic excellence becomes a natural, stress-free by-product of their routine habits.

Please access the Google Form link below to complete the goal-setting exercise with your child for the upcoming examination cycle: Please click correct link of your grade.

Grades 1 & 2 Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/kuuBGcnHx8idzhSv9>

Grades 3 to 5 Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/U6Ujz7cKLaEtHCQt6>

Grades 6 to 8 Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/oYzJjnZ8YTfyJCmL9>

Grades 9 & 10 Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/JxyAtRHNVj4xgGyJ9>

Thank you for partnering with us to build a collaborative, encouraging, and emotionally secure ecosystem where every child can grow with pride and purpose.

With Respect,

Principal