



**GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
(REFORMS & IMPLEMENTATION WING)**

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NOTIFICATION

POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR PROMOTION AND SUBJECT GROUPING AT GRADES 5 & 8

In pursuance of the approval accorded by the competent authority, (Minister Elementary & Secondary Education Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), the following result oriented academic progression policy framework for Government schools is hereby notified as under:

A. Policy Framework

1. Grade-8 (Middle → Secondary):

- i. Students securing 60% or above in the cumulative examination (Science, Mathematics, English and Information Technology) shall be eligible for admission in Science/Computer Science.
- ii. Students securing 33% – 59% marks in the cumulative examination (Science, Mathematics, English and Information Technology) may appear in an Entry Test; those securing 60% and above in the Entry Test shall also be eligible to opt for the Science/Computer Science.
- iii. Students securing below 60% in the Entry Test shall not be placed in the Science/Computer Science Group and shall be admitted to the Humanities / Arts Group.
- iv. In case the number of students qualifying for admission in Science/Computer Science Group are less than the available seats in same school the admission criteria may be relaxed up to 50% of the obtained marks in Entry Test.

2. Grade-5 (Primary → Middle):

- i. Students securing 60% and above marks in Grade-5 exam, shall be promoted directly to Grade-6.
- ii. Students securing 33% – 59% marks shall be promoted to Grade-6 subject to qualifying an Entry Test with at least 60% marks.
- iii. Those who will not be able to obtain 60% or above marks in the Entry Test will be given conditional admission in Grade-6 subject to the condition that such students will have to obtain at least 60% marks in both semesters of Grade-6, failing which he/she shall repeat Grade-6.

B. Implementation Mechanism

1. Entry Test

- a. Entry Test for Winter Zone shall be conducted in the first week of March and for Summer Zone in the first week of September, through the Assessment & Evaluation Wing, Directorate of Curriculum & Teacher Education (DCTE).
- b. The test shall be MCQ-based, curriculum-aligned and competency-focused, separately for:
 - i. Grade-5 (promotion to Grade-6), and
 - ii. Grade-8 (eligibility for Science/Computer Science Group in Grade-9).
- c. The qualifying benchmark for Entry Test shall be 60% marks or 50% in case of para A(1)(iv).
- d. DCTE shall issue detailed test papers, schedules and centre-wise arrangements in consultation with Director E&SE.



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2. Eligible Candidates

- a. Grade-5 students securing 33% – 59% in exam may appear in Entry Test for promotion to Grade-6.
- b. Grade-8 students securing 33% – 59% marks in the cumulative examination (Science, Mathematics, English and Information Technology) may appear in Entry Test for opting Science/Computer Science Group in Grade-9.
- c. Lists of eligible candidates shall be prepared school-wise by Heads of Institutions and verified by respective DEOs.

3. Roles & Responsibilities

- a. District Education Officers (Male/Female)
 - i. Ensure timely submission of verified candidate lists.
 - ii. Facilitate conduct of Entry Test at district level.
 - iii. Ensure implementation of promotion / subject grouping decisions strictly as per notified policy.
- b. Heads of Institutions
 - i. Inform parents/students in writing about eligibility and timelines.
 - ii. Maintain complete record of results, Entry Test scores, and final placement.
 - iii. Ensure immediate compliance with promotion / subject allocation / repetition.
- c. Directorate of Curriculum & Teacher Education (DCTE)
 - i. Develop and administer Entry Test.
 - ii. Compile results and share with districts within prescribed timelines.

4. Monitoring & Transparency

- a. Entry Test conduct shall be monitored by ASDEOs / School Leaders and Education Monitoring Authority (EMA).
- b. Any complaint regarding conduct of Entry Test shall be addressed at district level by DEO, with escalation to Directorate E&SE where required.

5. Academic Support

- a. Students transitioning through Entry Test shall be provided structured academic support by schools.
- b. School Heads shall prepare brief remedial plans for such students and share progress with DEOs.

6. Incentives & Accountability

a. Student Incentives

- i. Merit-linked Science/Computer Science Group admission for eligible students.
- ii. Cash rewards for top 100 position holders to recognize high performance.
- iii. Provision of books and learning support materials to encourage academic effort.
- iv. Incentives to be financed through Capitation Grant and other permissible avenues, without additional fiscal burden





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b. Teacher Accountability

- i. Persistently poor results to trigger performance review, rather than automatic penal action.
- ii. Provision of targeted academic support, mentoring and supervision to address learning gaps.
- iii. Administrative action, where warranted, to be taken strictly under applicable rules after support measures.

All concerned shall ensure strict adherence to the notified policy. Any deviation shall be viewed seriously.

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