

**Maharashtra State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education**

**Department,**

**Bhamburda, Shivajinagar, Pune-411004.**

**Circular No.S.D. / Research/ Regarding Work-Experience (Work-Education) Subject for Students with Special Needs/ Marking System/  
3057/ 121**

**Date: 1April 2013.**

References:

1. Above mentioned office's Circular No. 2744, dated- 11 April 2012.
2. Above mentioned office's Circular No. 4768, dated- 02 July 2012.
3. Above mentioned office's Circular No. 6341, dated- 03 September 2012.
4. Above mentioned office's Circular No. 1807, dated- 06 March 2012.

Through this circular, it is being informed to the Heads of Secondary Department of all the recognized schools in the State that in 2011 Education Department had published a booklet regarding Subject-Plan, Exam-Plan, Syllabus and Question-Paper Pattern for all the students with Special Needs (Blind, Learning Disabled, Deaf, Physically Handicapped, Multiple Disabled, Spastic and Cerebral Palsy, Autistic) who are studying in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> std. Also, refer to the above mentioned circulars.

Department has always been considerate towards students with Special Needs - Blind, Handicapped, Deaf. Department has provided many concessions and provisions for them.

Deaf students have difficulty with understanding and writing languages due to their inability to hear. Therefore, in the syllabus of std. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, one language (first / second or third) is compulsory and in place of remaining two languages, students can opt for one of the 35 subjects under the subject of Work-Education (earlier known as Work-Experience), for one language and any other subject under Work-Education in place of the remaining other language.

Also, provision to opt for Work-Education in place of Math is made available for the students who are Deaf, Blind, Handicapped, Visually Impaired and Learning Disabled. Detailed information about these special provisions and concessions is available in the booklet of Subject-Plan, Exam-Plan, Syllabus and Question-Paper Pattern, which is published by the Education Department.

It is as follows:-

- Blind students can opt for any one subject under Work-Education, only in place of Math.
- Deaf students can opt for Work-Education papers in place of each of the two languages and Math.
- Students with Multiple Disabilities can opt for Work-Education Papers in place of each of the two languages and Math.
- Students with Learning Disability can opt for Work-Education Papers in place of each of the two languages and Math.
- Autistic students can opt for any one subject under Work-Education, only in place of Math.

Work-Experience books with new syllabus have been made available from June 2012. However, all these students with Special Needs have not yet got familiar with all these subjects due to their Physical Disability. Thus, students from mainstream schools who are studying in 9<sup>th</sup> std. must have been completely familiar with the subject which is taught under Work-Education as a graded subject. Therefore, exam of these students for this subject will be conducted in the respective schools according to the grade system, as per the rules of the Education Department.

But those students with Special Needs, who have opted for this subject in place of language subject, will be evaluated as per the syllabus of the above mentioned booklet because special schools teach according to the syllabus of this booklet.

There is no change in previously established Language Subject-Plan. From the academic year 2012-13, Department has developed a new evaluation system for Work-Education subject. This subject is for students without any disability. Those students with special needs, who are studying in mainstream school will be evaluated for Work-Education as per the same evaluation system, which is used for students without any disability and there is no change with regard to that.

However, students with Special Needs who have opted for any of the subjects under Work-Education in place of Language or Math, will be evaluated as follows:-

Written Work-25 Marks; Annual Work-25 marks; Practical Exam-50 marks; Total-100 marks.

Accordingly, this should be informed to the respective teachers, students, parents of your Secondary School to take appropriate action as per the circular. This circular has been made available on the website ([www.mabshse.ac.in](http://www.mabshse.ac.in)) of the department.

By order,

Secretary,  
State Department,  
Pune-411004.  
No. M.R.D. / Research/ 121  
Date: 26.04.2013.

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To,  
The Head-Master,  
All Recognized Schools,  
Thane/ Raigad/ Mumbai/ Brihanmumbai.

You are being informed that all the respective teachers, students and parents of your school should be made aware of the above mentioned circular.

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