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Department of Higher Education
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From

The Secretary (Education) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh,

To

The Director, Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

The Director, Elementary Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

Dated Shimla-171002 15/12/2025.

Subject:- Regarding Annual Academic Calendar.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the Annual Academic Calendar for winter and summer closing schools with the request to forward the same to all the Deputy Directors of the department for wide publicity and to implement it in letter and spirit. You are also requested to ensure the vacation schedule is followed strictly.

Yours faithfully

15/12/2025

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THE ANNUAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

WINTER-CLOSING SCHOOLS

Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
JANUARY	Holidays	1st Jan - 11th Feb	Winter Break
FEBRUARY 13 working days	Admission Days	11th Feb onwards	The teaching –learning process shall start from the very first day of the academic session
	School Readiness Phase for Class-I	17th Feb – 17thMay	The program's objective is to prepare children for school and help them develop social, emotional, and language skills.
	Remedial Classes (Class-II toVIII) & New batch of Class 9th	17th Feb – 19th March	30 days, readiness/ remedial teaching shall be provided to address learning gaps, taking into account the students' previous class results.
	National Science Day	28th Feb	Quiz, model demonstrations during zero periods
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Feb	Awareness on cybercrime, drug abuse, and safety
MARCH 23 working days	School Readiness Phase for Class-I	Continued	
	Remedial Classes (Class I-VIII)& New batch of Class 9th	Continued till 19th March	
	World Water Day	22nd March	Activities to promote water conservation
	Shiksha Samwad	31st March	Reflections and results announcement (9th and plus one)
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Mar	Chess, puzzles, and logic games NIPUN Mela
	Final Examination (Classes 9th -12th)	First week of March Onwards	
	FA-I	3rd Week of March	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching Assessment of class-I be based on Nipun Lakshyas.
APRIL 21 workingdays	FLN activities of School Readiness	continued	
	Himachal Day	15th Apr (Holiday)	The activities related to Himachal Diwas shall be conducted on working day during morning assembly before 15th April
	World Earth Day	22nd April	Awareness and activities during zero periods

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	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of April	Events on road safety, health hygiene & Mock Drill on Disaster Management.
MAY 24working days	School Readiness – FLN activities for Class-I	Till 17th May	Assessment shall be conducted by teacher based on NIPUN(FLN)- Lakshyas for class –I students
	World Red Cross Day	8th May	Lessons on humanity and service
	FA-II	2nd Week of May	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
	No Tobacco Day	31st May	Awareness for healthy living by organising various related Events, Zero Period
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of May	Visits to post offices and banks etc.
JUNE 22 working days	World Environment Day	5th Jun	Activities to encourage eco-friendly habits
	SA-I	3rd Week of June	Comprehensive assessment
	International Yoga Day	21st Jun	Yoga sessions promoting mental and physical well-being (morning assembly)
	International Day Against Drug Abuse	26th Jun	Awareness during morning assembly
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Jun	School beautification activities & Bal Mela at School Level
JULY 21workingdays	Monsson Breaks Bag-Free Day	21st July to 26th July Last Sat of Jul	Bal Mela school level
AUGUST 23 working days	First Terminal Exams (9th -12th)	First week of Aug	The first milestone for evaluations
	FA-III	2nd Week of August	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
	Independence Day	15th Aug (Holiday)	Patriotic events like declamation, group songs, poem recitation drawing competition, slogan writing etc and flag hoisting conducted during morning assembly.
	Bag Free Day	Last Sat of Aug	Awareness on waterborne diseases
SEPTEMBER 25 working days	Teachers' Day	5th Sep	Special Shiksha Samwad to honour educators.
	Hindi Diwas	14th Sept.	Celebrating our linguistic heritage during Morning assembly and in language class
	World Ozone Day	16th Sept.	Painting/Poster making & Awareness Activities during Morning assembly and

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Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
			zero period
	Bag-Free Day	Last Saturday of September	Cultural activities showcasing student talents.
OCTOBER 21workingdays	Gandhi Jayanti	2nd Oct	Inspirational assemblies honouring Mahatma Gandhi's ideals Cleanliness Campaign(Zero Period)
	Bag-Free Day	Last Saturday of October	Competitions on origami, rangoli, and Diya-making etc.
	FA-IV	2nd Week of October	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
NOVEMBER 22working days	International Science Day	10th Nov.	Science Quiz, Exhibition, Science Talks etc. (In Zero Period)
	Shiksha Diwas	11th Nov	Reflecting on educational milestones during morning assembly
	Children's Day	14th Nov	Activities celebrating childhood
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Nov	Storytelling and career counseling
DECEMBER 25 working days	SA-II	2nd Week of Dec	Final term assessments
	World AIDS Day	1st Dec	Awareness activities during morning assembly
	Second Terminal Examination (9th - 12th)	Second Week of December	
	National Mathematics Day	22nd Dec	Maths quiz to enhance numerical skills and any other such activities
	Bag Free Day	Last Saturday of Dec.	Exposure visit/Excursion
	Shiksha Samwad	31st Dec	Result announcement with parents discussion with general house of SMC and planning for the next academic session.

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SUMMER CLOSING

Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
JANUARY 21 working Days	Holidays	11th Jan - 16th Jan	Lohri Break
	FA-IV	3rd Week of Jan	Formative Assessment for Diagnostic Teaching
	Statehood Day	25th Jan	Zero-period celebrations
	Republic Day	26th Jan	Flag-hoisting, parades, and patriotic assemblies
	Martyr's Day	30th Jan	Tributes during the morning assembly
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Jan	Stress-busting tips for exam preparation
FEBRUAR 21 working Days	Revision & Preparations for Final Exams	1st Feb. Onwards	Effective revision sessions
	National Science Day	28th Feb	Quiz, model demonstrations during zero periods
	Practical Exams (9th -12th)	20th Feb. Onwards (Tentative)	
	Revision & Preparations for Final Exams	01st Feb. to 05th March	Focused improvement sessions
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Feb	Strategies to combat exam stress
MARCH 23 working Days	World Water Day	22nd Mar	Activities to promote water conservation
	SA - II	Second week of March	Final term assessments
	Shiksha Samwad	31st Mar	Reflections and results announcement
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat. of Mar	Chess, puzzles, and logic games NIPUN Mela
	Final Examination (Classes 9th -12th)	First week of March Onwards	
APRIL 21 working Days	Admission Days	1st April Onwards	Curriculum begins afresh
	School Readiness Phase for Class-I	01st April -June	Nurturing little learners for three months
	Remedial Classes (Class I-VIII & New batch of Class 9th)	01st April -01st May	Focused improvement sessions
	Himachal Day	15th Apr	Tributes to our state during zero period
	World Earth Day	22nd Apr	Awareness and activities during zero periods
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Apr	Events on road safety, health hygiene & Mock Drill on Disaster Management (Earth Quake)
MAY 24 working Days	FA -I	Third week of May	The first milestone for evaluations
	World Red Cross Day	8th May	Lessons on humanity and service

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	No Tobacco Day	31st May	Awareness for healthy living by organising various related Events.Zero Period
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of May	Visits to post offices and banks etc.
JUNE 15 working Days	FA-II	3rd Week of Jun	Second milestone for evaluation
	World Environment Day	5th Jun	Activities to encourage eco-friendly habits
	Bal Mela	One Day (1st Week of June)	Bal Mela at School Level
	International Yoga Day	21st Jun	Yoga sessions promoting mental and physical well-being (morning assembly)
	Monsoon Break	22nd Jun - 29th Jul	A refreshing break to rejuvenate .
JULY 2 working Days	Monsoon Break	Till 29th July	
AUGUST 23 working Days	First Terminal Exams (9th -12th)	First week of Aug	The first milestone for evaluations
	Independence Day	15th Aug	Patriotic events and flag hoisting
	Bag Free Day	Last Sat of Aug	National Sports Day Sports (School/Centre Level) and Bal Mela at Cluster Level .
SEPTEMBER 25 working Days	SA-I	3rd Week of Sep	Summative Assessment
	Teachers' Day	5th Sep	Special Shiksha Samwad to honour educators
	Hindi Diwas	14th Sep	Celebrating our linguistic heritage
	World Ozone Day	16th Sept.	Painting/Poster making & Awareness Activities
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Sep	Cultural activities showcasing student talents
OCTOBER 21 working Days	Gandhi Jayanti	2nd Oct	Inspirational assemblies honouring Mahatma Gandhi's ideals Cleanliness Campaign(Zero Period)
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Oct	Competitions on origami, rangoli, and Diya-making etc.
NOVEMBER 22 working Days	FA-III	3rd Week of Nov	Third milestone in assessment
	International Science Day	10th Nov.	Science Quiz, Exhibition, Science Talks etc. (In Zero Period)
	Shiksha Diwas	11th Nov	Reflecting on educational milestones during morning assembly
	Children's Day	14th Nov	Activities celebrating childhood
	Bag-Free Day	Last Sat of Nov	School campus beautification
DECEMBER 25 working Days	World AIDS Day	1st Dec	Awareness activities during morning assembly
	Second Terminal	Second Week of	

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Month	Activities	Duration	Remarks
	Examination (9th - 12th)	December	
	National Mathematics Day	22nd Dec	Maths quiz to enhance numerical skills and any other such activities
	Bag Free Day	Last Saturday of Dec,	Exposure visit/Excursion/ Picnic
	Shiksha Samwad	31st Dec	Closing the year with reflections and planning for the next

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

1. **Tournament of elementary classes (under 14) will be organised as follows:**
   - **Block Level- 27th April , to 29th April**
   - **District Level- 18th May, to 20th May**
   - **State Level- 11th October -12th October**

   (A three days training /coaching camp can be organised in each district for the selected teams prior to the tournament)

2. **Secondary classes (under 19) will be organised as follows:**
   - Block Level- 10-12 May
   - District Level-29-31 May
   - State Level-11-12 October
3. The Bal Mela, Kala Utsav and other cultural competitions shall also be part of the Block/District and State Tournaments.
4. The team for sporting event shall be n+2 students where 'n' stands for the number of players required for the sport as per the norms/ rules notified for that sport.
5. It has been noticed that the teachers selected against sports quota are also deputed as OSD etc. for the tournaments. This practice shall be stopped and no such teacher shall be deputed for the tournaments. It shall be the duty of the PETs/ DPEs to organise the event. However, at the host school the teachers (as per requirement) shall be deputed from the staff of host school only. No other teacher from other school shall be deputed for the tournament duty.
6. Only PETs and DPEs shall be deputed for tournaments. No other teaching staff (JBT/Subject teachers-TGTs/ Lecturers etc) shall be deputed for tournaments. Where DPE/PET is not available at Block Level the same shall be deputed from the adjoining block by the Deputy. Director concerned.

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In case of requirement of a lady escorts with the girl students at least one lady PET/DPE shall be deputed by the Dy. Director concerned for a batch of every 30 students. If there is a shortage of lady PETs/DPEs, MDM workers (women) shall be deputed with girl students.

7. **The resources such as Kabbadi mats, Volley ball Nets and other sports equipment available with any of the schools shall be shared and made available on demand to the tournament organizing Schools without any delay/unnecessary objections irrespective of the category of the tournaments.**
8. **It has been observed that the DPEs and PETs do not cooperate/coordinate with each other. To ensure optimum utilization of manpower and to exclude subject teachers from sports duties, Deputy Director concerned shall ensure that adequate numbers of DPEs are deployed for Under-14 tournaments and vice – versa i.e. adequate PETs are deployed for Under-19 tournaments as per the requirement received from the organizing Schools.**
9. **The dates and duration of the tournaments shall not be changed. However, the events may be organized at different venues separately for Boys and Girls (not more than 2 venues for Block Level/4 venues for District Level/5 venues for State Level) so that the tournaments can be concluded as per the fixed timeframe.**

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS-

1. The teaching –learning process shall start from the very first day of the academic session.First 30 days , readiness/ remedial teaching shall be provided to address learning gaps, taking into account the students' previous class results.
2. For class-I a three months school readiness programme aligned with NCERT's Vidya Pravesh manual based on NEP 2020 guidelines shall be implemented. The programme aims to prepare children for school, aligned with the three months learning outcomes specified by the government of India. All the primary teachers have been provided training and guidelines to implement the programme effectively.
3. The practice of sending school children to attend various functions / events/ programmes/ rallies/ yatras etc. organised by different government departments / NGOs etc shall be stopped. No group of students from any school shall be sent for such events as participants/ audience. In case it is required to send the batch/ group of students for any such events prior permission of the Director Education concerned shall be taken.

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4. The students shall, however, be allowed to participate in various competition as a team/ participant. Only one teacher shall accompany such team as coordinator/ manager.
5. The schools can organize as many school level activities (curricular and co-curricular) as per requirement without reducing the teaching days and teaching hours mentioned in this calendar.
6. Children Science Congress will be organised as per the format prescribed by HIMCOSTE.
10. The schools are free to innovate and to be creative for organizing various events at the school level if these support learning outcomes.
11. The Director HE and Director EE shall issue any clarification, if required, with regard to these instructions/ guidelines.

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