

**File No.ESE02-30027/5/2021-A&I -CSE-Part(1)**

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT**

Memo.No.ESE01-SEDN0CSE/784/2021-Prog.II.      Dated:03/09/2021

Sub:- School Education - COVID-19 pandemic - Academic Year 2021-22 - Certain instructions issued - Regarding.

- Ref:- 1) Covid Response Action Plan Dt.04.05.2021.  
2) Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dated:28.07.2021 of the Union Home Secretary, Chairman, NEC, Gol, New Delhi.  
3) G.O.Rt.No.429, Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department, Dated:09.08.2021.  
4) Govt.Memo.No.ESE01-SEDN0CSE/784/2021-Prog.II, Dt:14.08.2021 from the School Education (Prog.II) Dept., GoAP.  
5) From the DSE, A.P., e-File No:ESE02-30027/5/2021-A&I-CSE-Part(1), Dated:26.08.2021.

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For the Academic Year, 2020-21, schools were re-opened on 02.11.2020 in a phased manner and closed on 19.04.2021 with maximum (138) working days for class X and minimum of (61) days for classes I to V and all students of classes I to X in all schools under all managements were treated as PASS and promoted to their next classes keeping in view of surge of Covid-19 cases with high positivity rate in the Country.

2. For the academic year 2021-22, instructions were issued for opening of all classes in all schools w.e.f 16.08.2021 in the State with a loss of (50) working days (i.e., 12.06.2021 to 15.08.2021) so far, in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) communicated by the Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department and general instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

3. In reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited, the Director of School Education, A.P, has reported that, he has visited certain schools in Srikakulam, Vishakhapatnam, Prakasam and East Godavari Districts after the schools are re-opened and observed that, even though the students have not acquired appropriate competencies, the teachers are proceeding with teaching lessons directly without considering the previous knowledge of the children etc, and therefore, he has requested the Government for issuing necessary orders to take up School Readiness Programme atleast for six weeks, so as to ensure seamless transition of students from their present level of competence to their respective age-appropriate learning activity.

4. In continuation of the instructions issued in reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited and in the circumstances reported by the Director of School Education, A.P., in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited, Government hereby issue the following instructions:-

- a. **School Readiness** - All Headmasters and teachers be instructed to ensure a six week School Readiness programme (01.09.2021 to 08.10.2021) for seamless transition of students from their present level of competence to their respective age-appropriate learning activity.
- b. For this programme, all teachers be instructed to analyze the standards of their students based on the baseline test conducted before re-opening of schools.
- c. All teachers be instructed to utilize the workbooks supplied to all schools through DCEB concerned and to ensure the required competencies are attained so as to study the present class.
- d. **Child Friendly Environment in schools** - It is aware that, schools are being transformed as Child Friendly Uubs under Manabadi; Nadu-Nedu. As significant number students is being admitted from various schools including Private Schools, all headmasters/teachers be instructed to create/ensure a child friendly environment in schools duly facilitating them to mingle with each other.
- e. **Mainstreaming of Out of School Children (OoSC)** - All headmasters and teachers be instructed to identify the Out of School/Migrant children and ensure that, they are enrolled in regular/alternative schools in their appropriate class.

4. The Director, SCERT, is directed to prepare/revise the Academic Calendar for 2021-22 duly considering the timelines specified for School Readiness.

5. The Director of School Education, A.P and the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, are requested to take further necessary action accordingly and ensure seamless transition of students to their age-appropriate learning activity, and also ensure strict compliance on COVID-Appropriate behavior, such as wearing of mask, maintenance of social distancing and frequent hand washing in the schools without fail.

**B.RAJSEKHAR, IAS**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director of School Education, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.  
The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Vijayawada.  
The Director, SCERT, Ibrahimpatnam.

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The Commissioner and Director, Municipal Administration and Urban Development, AP, Amaravathi.

The Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare, AP, Amaravathi.

The Commissioner, Transport, AP, Amaravathi.

The Director, Social Welfare/BC Welfare/Tribal Welfare, AP, Amaravathi.

The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, AP, Amaravathi.

The Secretary, APREIS/APSWREIS/APTWREIS/APBCWREIS, Amaravathi.

The Secretary, KGBVs, Vijayawada.

The Director, Mid Day Meal and Sanitation, AP, Ibrahimpatnam.

All the Collector & District Magistrates in the State.

All the Joint Collectors (Development) in the State.

All the Regional Joint Directors of School Education in the State.

All the District Educational Officers.

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The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Education.

The OSD to Secretary to CM.

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