

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SANGATHAN (HQs)**Promotion Rules for Classes V & VIII – Academic Year 2025–26**

In accordance with the amended RTE Rules as notified in the Gazette of India (G.S.R. 777(E), dated 16.12.2024) and with reference to this office letter dated 18.03.2025, the revised Promotion Rules, which include the provision of 'Essential Repeat' for Classes V and VIII will be implemented from the Academic Session 2025–26 as per the following norms:

1. Students who do not meet the promotion criteria, as notified from time to time, shall receive additional instruction and be given an opportunity for re-examination within two months of the declaration of results (preferably before the Summer Vacation).
2. If a student is unable to meet the promotion criteria even after the re-examination, he/she shall be placed under "Essential Repeat" in Class V or VIII, as applicable.
3. No child shall be expelled from school until the completion of elementary education, thereby ensuring that every student has the opportunity to complete schooling.

Additional Instructions:

1. Periodic Tests (PTs), Half-Yearly Examinations (HY), and Session Ending Examinations (SEE) shall be conducted as per the prescribed split-up of the syllabus.
2. Both, main examination and re-examination shall follow a competency-based approach, emphasizing holistic development over rote learning and procedural recall, thereby fostering conceptual understanding and overall growth of learners.
3. A minimum of 50% competency-based test items shall be included in all question papers.
4. Question paper for Periodic Tests and Half Yearly Examination will be prepared & moderated at the Vidyalaya level/ Regional Level. However, Question Papers for Annual Examination is to be prepared at Regional Office level as per directions of this office letter dated 09.07.2025 and evaluation will be done at Vidyalaya level. Further, all question papers must be thoroughly reviewed to ensure alignment of test items with the prescribed Learning Outcomes and appropriateness of language used.
5. A variety of question formats such as Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs), Constructed Response Questions, Graphic Organizers, and Oral Assessments may be included to effectively assess the prescribed Learning Outcomes.
6. As per NCF-SE 2023, Section 3.4.9.2 (page 122), in Class V, a variety of formative oral and written assessments will also be introduced to support continuous and comprehensive learning.
7. Assessment and evaluation of the newly introduced core subjects, viz. Physical Education and Well-being (Khel Yoga) and Art Education (Bansuri), shall be carried out as per the guidelines issued by KVS (HQs) vide letter No. F.11311/2024-25/KVS (HQs)/ Acad./dated 02.01.2025. The grades awarded in these subjects will be reflected in the Progress Card; however, they will not be counted towards the Final Result.
8. The Holistic Progress Card (HPC) for the Preparatory Stage, as notified by CBSE, will be implemented in all KVs from the Academic Session 2025–26 onwards.
9. The academic year shall be divided into two terms, with equal weightage assigned to Term-I and Term-II examinations. For promotion to the next higher class, a student must obtain a minimum of 33% marks in each subject, based on the combined performance in both terms.

Table showing allocation of Marks, Weightage and Patterns of Exams

Term	Marks	Tests and Examinations for each subject	Remarks
Term -I	100	Periodic Tests, Written work. Subject Enrichment Activities, MDP/Communication Skills/Oral Assessments and Term -I Examination	Grades will be given for additional Core subjects
Term -II	100	Periodic Tests, Written work. Subject Enrichment Activities, MDP/Communication Skills/Oral Assessments and Term -II Examination	Grades will be given for additional Core subjects
<i>Both Terms</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>Each subject carries a weightage of 100 marks, and a minimum of 33% is required to pass the subject</i>	

10. At the time of declaration of the Final Result, if a student fails to secure the Minimum Required Marks (33%) in one or more subjects, a re-examination shall be conducted only in those subject(s), providing the learner an Additional Opportunity to qualify for promotion.
11. A student who does not meet the Promotion Criteria will be given an opportunity to appear for a re-examination, based on the same syllabus as of Session Ending Exam (SEE) or Term-2. After the re-examination, only the Marks of SEE/Term-2 will be replaced with the marks obtained in Re-exam while preparing the Final Result. Marks/Weightage of Internal Assessment and Term-1 will remain the same.
 - a) For Class V: Re- exam out of 40 marks (internal marks retained out of 60).
 - b) For Class VIII: Re-exam out of 60 marks (internal marks retained out of 40).
12. The re-examination shall be conducted within two months of Final Result declaration but before the Summer Vacations.
13. It is mandatory for a student to appear in all examinations of a particular class. Special Considerations for missed Tests/Exams (as per Article 105(G)(i-iii) of KVS Education Code):
 - a) If a student misses a Periodic Test due to late admission, proportionate weightage shall be assigned on the basis of subsequent tests taken.
 - b) Separate tests may be conducted for students who miss examinations due to medical reasons or participation in KVS events/activities.
 - c) No other grounds shall be accepted.
14. Support for students retained in a class:
 - a) Students who are retained in the same class shall be provided special academic support including targeted remedial classes, parental counselling, and continuous monitoring by teachers and the Principal.
 - b) Records of all remedial interventions and both external and internal assessments should be maintained at Vidyalaya level and to be retained for a period of 1 year after final results.
 - c) In accordance with the provisions of the Right to Education Act, 2009, even if retained, no child shall be expelled from school until the completion of Class VIII.
15. Children with Special Needs (CWSN):
All facilities and relaxations as per the RPwD Act, 2016 shall be provided to CwSN as per directions of KVS HQs letter dated 08.03.2021 and 15.02.2024.

These promotion rules are designed to ensure a fair, inclusive, and competency-based evaluation system that promotes holistic development and continuous learning for all students. By offering multiple assessment opportunities and emphasizing support for those who require it, Kendriya Vidyalayas uphold the principles of the Right to Education Act, fostering an environment where every child can successfully progress through elementary education.
