

From

The District Education Officer,
Union Territory, Chandigarh.

To

All the Principals/Heads of Govt. Schools of
Union Territory, Chandigarh.
(By Email also)

Memo No.DEO/UT/G1/2026/ 8860-61
Chandigarh dated, the 27/3/2026

Subject: Guidelines regarding Admission for classes Pre-Primary-II (Balvatika-II), Pre-Primary-III (Balvatika-III) and 1st to 9th in Government Schools of U.T. Chandigarh for the session 2026-27.

All the Principals/Heads are to ensure that admission to Beyond Pre-Primary-II (Balvatika-II), Pre-Primary-III (Balvatika-III) and 1st to 9th for Session 2026-27 in Govt. Schools of U.T. Chandigarh is being made at School level. However, it has been felt that in view of implementation of RTE Act 2009 & New Education Policy, 2020 in U.T. Chandigarh a common policy guidelines/Instructions for admissions to these classes is required to be issued so that the admission procedure in all schools is carried out as per policy instructions.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR CLASSES PRE-PRIMARY-II (BALVATIKA-II), PRE-PRIMARY-III (BALVATIKA-III) AND 1ST TO 9TH FOR SESSION 2026-27

1. Admission to classes Pre-primary-II (Balvatika-II), Pre-Primary-III (Balvatika-III) and 1st to 8th in all Govt. Schools will be made for residents of U.T., as per the provisions of RTE Act & New Education Policy 2020.
2. For Pre-Primary & Primary Classes children residing within 1 Km are to be admitted and in case of vacant seats the area may be extended upto 3km.
3. For Upper Primary Classes children residing within 1 Km are to be admitted and in case of vacant seats the area may be extended upto 3km and if the seats still remain vacant then the area may be further extended to 5km.
4. School-wise list of allotment of area is attached herewith. Schools are to admit children from area mentioned in Zone A at the first instance, if seats remain vacant, then from the area in Zone B, if seats are still available, then Zone C and if still vacant then anywhere from U.T., Chandigarh but within 5 Km from the school.
5. If in any class (Except Class 9th) a school receives applications in excess than the number of seats, the school will hold a draw and admit the students as per the allotted number of seats.
6. For class 1st, the school may have the same number of sections as were in position in the session 2025-26. Number of sections may be increased as per availability of infrastructure.
7. Number of students per section is proposed as under:

Classes	No. of Students (Per Section)	Age as per NEP, 2020
Pre-Primary-II (Balvatika-II)	40	4+
Pre Primary-III (Balvatika-III)	40	5+
1 st	40	6+
2 nd	40	7+
3 rd to 5 th	40	-
6 th to 9 th	45	-

The age criteria for class 1st is 6+ i.e. Children born between 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.

"As per Annexure-I (D.O.No.22-7/2021-EE.19/IS.13 dated 15.02.2024)".

8. For admission to classes Pre-primary-II (Balvatika-II), Pre-Primary-III (Balvatika-III) and 1st to 8th following documents are required: -
 - a) Duly filled application form
 - b) Proof of Date of Birth.

- (i) Child's Birth Certificate issued by the registrar of births and deaths of municipal corporation or any other prescribed authority, whosoever has been empowered under the registration of birth and deaths Act, 1969 to register the Birth of a child born in India.
or
- (ii) Child's Passport.

NOTE: In exceptional circumstances, admission may be considered with the prior approval of the competent authority, subject to availability of seats and fulfillment of applicable norms.

c) Residential Proof

- (i) Ration Card issued in the name of parents having name of child in Ration Card; or
- (ii) Domicile certificate of child or of his/her parents; or
- (iii) Residence certificate of the child or of his/her parents; or
- (iv) Voter I – Card (EPIC) of any of parents; or
- (v) Electricity bill/BSNL telephone bill/Water bill in the name of either parent;
or
- (vi) Unique Identify care (Aadhar) of mother/father/child issued by UIDAI.

Note: Rent Agreement will not be accepted as a proof of residence/address.

- a) SLC/Transfer certificate issued by previous schools (For all Classes).
- b) 4 passport photographs.
- c) Any other relevant documents as per requirement.

9. For new admission to class IX, in case of vacant seats, admission is to be made on the basis of written test in English, Science, Maths, Social Studies and 1st Language.
10. Local migration from one Govt. school to another Govt. school is not allowed. However as per RTE norms in exceptional cases the migration may be permitted at DEO level.
11. All the Govt. Schools will use a standard common admission form for classes I to VIII.
12. Schools may also be advised to prepare the admission schedule (Class wise) and display at notice boards of school last date for admission to all classes is 30th April, 2026.
13. All the cluster heads are directed to look after admissions to middle school students who have passed 8th class, for promotion to class 9th within their cluster. They are also directed to monitor the entire admission process within their respective clusters.
14. All the SOPs/Guidelines issued by the Government of India/Education Department are applicable in letter and spirit.

DA/As above.

Endst. No.Even.


District Education Officer,
Union Territory, Chandigarh
Dated: 27/3/26

A copy is forwarded to the PA/Director School Education, Chandigarh Administration for information of the Officer.

DA/As above.


District Education Officer,
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AREA ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS FOR ADMISSION FOR CLASSES PRE-PRIMARY-II (Balvatika-II), PRE-PRIMARY-III (BALVATIKA-III) and 1st to 9th (SESSION 2026-27)

Sr. No.	Name of the School	Zone A (Village/Sector/Colony)	Zone B (Village/Sector/Colony)	Zone C (Village/Sector/Colony)
1	GMHS- 7	6,7	5,26,19,8	Kishangarh, 18,27
2	GMSSS-8	5,8,9	5,18,7	Kaimbwala,4,17,19
3	GMSSS-10	10,3,4	9,11,16	Khuda Alisher,15,17
4	GMHS-11	11,2,1	Khuda Alisher, 12,15,10	14,16
5	GMHS-12	12, Sarangpur	11,Khuda Jassu, Khuda Lahora, 14, Sarangpur, Dhanas Milk Colony, Dhanas, Dhanas Col.	Not Required
6	GMSSS-15	15	11,14,24,16	14,25,23,10
7	GMSSS-16	16,17	10,15,23	9,11,24,22
8	GMSSS-18	18	8,17,21,19	7,9,22,20
9	GMSSS-19	19	7,18,20,27	26,8,21,30
10	GHS-19	19	7,18,20,27	26,8,21,30
11	GMSSS-20B	20	19,21,33,30	27,18,34,32, Daria, Col. No.4
12	GMSSS-20D	20	19,21,33,30	27,18,34,32, Col. No.4
13	GMHS-20D	20	19,21,33,30	27,18,34,32
14	GMSSS-21	21	18,22,34,20	19,17,35,33
15	GMSSS-22	22	17,23,35,21	18,16,36,34
16	GMHS-22C	22	17,23,35,21	18,16,36,34
17	GMSSS-23A	23	16,24,36,22	17,15,37,35
18	GMSSS-23 (NYC)	23	16,24,36,22	17,15,37,35
19	GMMS-23	23	16,24,36,22	17,15,37,35
20	GHS-24	24	15,25,37,23	16,14,38,36
21	GMHS-25	25	14,Dhanas, Milk Col. Dhanas, Dhanas Col., 38,24	Not Required
22	GMSSS-26™	26	Police Line 26, Kishangarh, 28	Manimajra
23	GMHS-26 (P)	26 Police Line	Police Line 26, Kishangarh, 28	Manimajra
24	GMS-26 BD	26	Police Line 26, Kishangarh, 28	Manimajra
25	GPS-26™	26	Police Line 26, Kishangarh, 28	Manimajra
26	GMSSS-27	27	26,19,30,28	26,29,20,Col. No. 4
27	GMSSS-28D	28	26,27,29,Col. No. 4	30, Daria
28	GMHS-28C	28	26,27,29,Col. No. 4	30, Daria
29	GMHS-29A	29	28,30,31,Col. No. 4	32,Daria, Karsan, Hallomajra
30	GMHS-29B	29	28,30,31,Col. No. 4	32,Daria, Karsan, Hallomajra
31	GHS-30	30	27,20,32,29	19,28,31,33
32	GMHS-31	31	29,32,47,Karsan	Hallomajra
33	GMSSS-32	32	30,33,46,31	29,20,45,Burail,47
34	GHS-32	32	30,33,46,31	29,20,45,Burail,47
35	GMSSS-33	33	20,34,45,32,Burail	30,21,44,46
36	GMS-33	33	20,34,45,32,Burail	30,21,44,46
37	GMHS-34	34	21,35,44,33	20,22,43,45,Burail
38	GMSSS-35	35	22,36,43,34	21,23,42,44, Attawa
39	GHS-35	35	22,36,43,34	21,23,42,44, Attawa
40	GMHS-36	36	23,37,42,35, Attawa	22,24,41,43, Buterla, Badheri
41	GMSSS-37B	37	24,38,41,36, Buterla, Badheri	23,25,40,42,Attawa
42	GMSSS-37D	37	24,38,41,36, Buterla, Badheri	23,25,40,42,Attawa
43	GMHS-37C	37	24,38,41,36, Buterla, Badheri	23,25,40,42,Attawa
44	GMHS-38 D	38	25, Modern Housing 38W, 38W,40,37	24,39,41,Badheri,Butrel a,Dhanas
45	GHS-38	38	25, Modern Housing 38W, 38W,40,37	24,39,41,Badheri,Butrel a,Dhanas

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Sr. No.	Name of the School	Zone A (Village/Sector/Colony)	Zone B (Village/Sector/Colony)	Zone C (Village/Sector/Colony)
46	GMSSS-38W	Modern Housing 38W, 38W	Dhanas, Milk Col. Dhanas, Dhanas Col., Dadumajra,39,38	Not Required
47	GMHS-38W	Modern Housing 38W, 38W	Dhanas, Milk Col. Dhanas, Dhanas Col., Dadumajra,39,38	Not Required
48	GMSSS-39	39	Modern Housing 38W, 38W, Maloya, Maloya Col., 56,40	Not Required
49	GMSSS-40	40	38,39,55,41,Badheri, Buterla, Palsora Col.	Modern Housing 38W, 38W, 56
50	GHS-40	40	38,39,55,41,Badheri, Buterla, Palsora Col.	Modern Housing 38W, 38W, 56
51	GMHS-41	41,Badheri, Buterla	37,40,54,55,Palsora, 42	55, Palsora, 56
52	GHS-41	41,Badheri, Buterla	37,40,54,55,Palsora, 42	55, Palsora, 56
53	GPS-Buterla	41,Badheri, Buterla	37,40,54,55,Palsora, 42	55, Palsora
54	GMHS-42	42, Attawa	36,41,Badheri, Buterla,53,43	52, Kajheri
55	GMHS-43	43	35,42,52,44, Kajheri, Attawa	53,51
56	GMSSS-44	44,51	34,43,45,Burail	50,Kajheri
57	GSSS-45	45,Burail	33,44,50,46	32,51,49
58	GMSSS-45 (NEW)	45,Burail	33,44,50,46	32,51,49
59	GMMS-45	45,Burail	33,44,50,46	32,51,49
60	GMS-Burail	45,Burail	33,44,50,46	32,51,49
61	GMSSS-46	46,49	32,45,47,Burail	31,33,50,48
62	GHS-46	46,49	32,45,47, Burail	31,33,50,48
63	GMS-46	46,49	32,45,47,Burail	31,33,50,48
64	GMSSS-Sec-47	47,48	31,46,Faidan	Karsan
65	GHS-47	47,48	31,46,Faidan	Karsan
66	GMHS-48	48,49, Faidan	46,47	Karsan
67	GMHS-49	49,46, Faidan	47,45	50, Burail
68	GMPS-49	49,46, Faidan	45,44,46,50	Karsan
69	GHS-50 (Smart School)	50,51	45,Burail,51,49,63	52
70	GHS-52	52, Kajheri	43,51,53,61	Not required
71	GHS-53(Smart School)	52,53,Kajheri	42,Attawa,54	Not required
72	GHS-54	54,55, Palsora	41,56,Palsora Col.,61,56	Not required
73	GMSSS-Sec-56	56, Palsora	39,55	Not required
74	GMS-Palsora Colony	56	39,55	Not required
75	GSSS-Kaimbwala	Kaimbwala	Khuda Alisher	Not required
76	GMSSS,Khuda Ali Sher	Khuda Alisher	Kaimbwala	Not required
77	GMHS-KhudaJassu	Khuda Jassu	Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,Dhanas, Milk Col. Dhanas,Dhanas Col.	Not required
78	GSSS-KhudaLahora	Khuda Lahora	Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,Dhanas, Milk Col. Dhanas,Dhanas Col.	Not required
79	GMSSS-Sarangpur	Sarangpur	Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,Dhanas, Milk Col. Dhanas,Dhanas Col.	Not required
80	GMSSS-Dhanas	Dhanas,Milk Col,Dhanas Colony	Khuda Jassu, Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,38W	Not required
81	GMHS-Dhanas(RC-1)	Dhanas,Milk col,Dhanas Colony	Khuda Jassu, Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,38W	Not required
82	GMHS-Dhanas(RC-2)	Dhanas,Milk Col,Dhanas Colony	Khuda Jassu, Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,38W	Not required
83	GPS-Dhanas-III	Dhanas,Milk Col,Dhanas Colony	Khuda Jassu, Khuda Lahora, Sarangpur,38W	Not required
84	GHS-Dadumajra	Dadumajra	Maloya, Maloya Colony	Not required
85	GMSSS-Maloya	Maloya, Maloya Colony	Dadumajra	Not required
86	GMSSS-Maloya RC-I	Maloya, Maloya Colony	Dadumajra	Not required
87	GMHS-Maloya RC-II	Maloya, Maloya Colony	Dadumajra	Not required
88	GHS-Maloya Colony	Maloya, Maloya Colony	Dadumajra	Not required

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89	GHS-Kajheri	Kajheri,52	Not required	Not required
90	GMSSS-Karsan	Karsan	Hallomajra,Col No IV	Not required
91	GHS-Karsan	Karsan	Hallomajra,Col No IV	Not required
92	GHS-Hallomajra	Hallomajra	Behlana	Not required
93	GSSS-Behlana	Behlana	Not required	Not required
94	GSSS-Raipur Khurd	Raipur Khurd	Behlana, Makhanmajra	Not required
95	GMHS-Makhanmajra	Makhanmajra	Raipur Kalan	Not required
96	GMSSS-Raipur Kalan	Raipur Kalan	Makhanmajra	Not required
97	GHS-Daria	Village Daria	Not required	Not required
98	GSSS-Maulijagran	Mauli Jagran	Vikas Nagar	Not required
99	GMHS-Mauli Jagran (New School)	Mauli Jagran, Mauli Complex	Vikas Nagar, Railway Colony	Not required
100	GMHS-Vikas Nagar (Maulijagran)	Vikas Nagar	Mauli Jagran, Mauli Col.	Not required
101	GHS-Mauli Colony	Mauli Colony, Railway Colony	Vikas Nagar,Mauli Jagran	Not required
102	GMS-P.No.6 Manimajra	Mauli Colony, Railway Colony	Not required	Not required
103	GMMS. P-No. 10	Dera Sahib, Shanti Nagar (Street 0-7), Thakurdwara	Modern Housing Complex	Govind Pura
104	GMSSS- MHC (Manimajra)	Modern Housing Complex, Rajeev Vihar, Uppal Flats, Govindpura	Thakurdwara, Dehra Sahib	Shanti Nagar
105	GMHS-Manimajra	Darshani Bagh, Main Bazar Manimajra, Samadhigate	Indira Colony	Not required
106	GSSS-Manimajra Town	Pipli Wala Town	Shanti Nagar Bank Colony Subhash Nagar	Indira Colony
107	GMHS-P.No.1 Manimajra	Old Manimajra Quila, Morigate, Churion Wala Mohalla, Nagla Basti	Main Bazar Manimajra, Samadhigate Manimajra	Darshni Bagh
108	GMHS-Pkt No. 8 Manimajra	Subhash Nagar Bank Colony, Indira Colony	Not required	Not required
109	GMMS-MHC Manimajra	MHC, Mariwala Town, Shanti Nagar (Street 8-11)	Not required	Not Required
110	GMS-Indira Colony	Indira Colony	Subhash Nagar	Not Required
111	GMS-Kishangarh	Kishangarh	Not required	Not required



Archana Sharma Awasthi
Joint Secretary (SS.I & AE)

Dated: 15.02.2024
D.O. No. 22-7/2021-EE.19/IS.13

Dear *Madam/Sir,*

I would like to invite your kind attention to this Department's D.O. letter No. 9-2/20-IS-3 dated 31.03.2021 followed by D.O. letter of even number dated 09.02.2023 (copies enclosed) wherein all States/UTs were requested to align the age of admission as per the provision contained in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 and ensure admission to Grade-I at the age of 6+ year.

The session 2024-25 is soon to begin when new admissions will take place. It is expected that the age in your State/UT has now been aligned to 6+ for admission to Grade-I, accordingly.

I request you to kindly look into the matter personally, to ensure compliance and share the implementation status of the same by 20.02.2024. For the purpose, you may share the notification/instruction passed by you in this regard.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Archana Sharma Awasthi)

1. The ACS/ Pr.Secretary/ Secretary Education of all States and UTs
2. Heads of CBSE, KVS

Copy to:

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Archana Sharma Awasthi
Joint Secretary (AE & Coord.)
Tel. No. 011-23386232

Dated: 09.02.2023

D.O. No. 22-7/2021-EE.19/IS.13

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends strengthening learning at the foundational stage as a national priority. The policy envisages a pedagogical structure of 5+3+3+4 which means 5 years of foundational classes (3-8 years), 3 years of preparatory classes (8-11 years), 3 years of middle classes (11-14 years) and 4 years (14-18 years) of secondary classes.

In view of the provisions of NEP 2020 and RTE Act 2009, all the States and UTs were requested to align their age of admission with the policy and provide admission to Grade I at the age of 6+ years. This will bring uniformity in the age of admission in Grade I across nation. In this regard, D.O. letter no. 9-2/20-18-3 dated 31.03.2021 (copy enclosed) was sent to all States/UTs with a request to ensure implementation of age criteria for admission to Grade I and also share the roadmap and action taken report with us.

Substantial time has elapsed since the issuance of the above D.O. letter. It is requested to share the status along with road map of the implementation of age criteria for admission to Grade I in your State/UT.

In addition to the above, as per para 1.4 of NEP 2020, all of the preschool models would recruit workers/teachers specially trained in the curriculum and pedagogy of Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE). NEP also envisages that all "Preparatory Class" or "Balavatika" should have an ECCE qualified teacher (para 1.6). Therefore, to fulfill the NEP vision, it is expected that each State and UT runs two years of Diploma in Preschool Education (DPSE) approved by the NCTE.

It is requested that the process of designing and running two years DPSE course in your State/UT may kindly be initiated, if not already done. SCERT, being the academic body, can be given the task of designing the course and setting further modalities. The course should be run/implemented through DIETs under supervision and hold of SCERT and approved by NCTE.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Archana Sharma Awasthi)

The Education Secretaries of all States and UTs

22-7/2021-EE.19

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Dated 31st March, 2021

Maneesh Garg
Joint Secretary (SS-II)

D.O. No. 9-2/20-IS-3

Respected Ma'am/Sir,

Several representations from parents and media have been received regarding anomaly in age criteria prescribed for admission in various classes in schools in different States and UTs, leading to difficulties being faced by students in seeking admissions in schools on inter-state movement or the eligibility age for appearing in various competitive exams.

2. In this regard, comments were sought from all the States and UTs regarding age of admission in various classes in schools. Based on the reports given by all the States and UTs, it has been observed that 13 States/UTs are taking admission in class 1 at age 5+, whereas 21 States are taking at 6+. This anomaly also results in incorrect reporting of enrolment of children in age-appropriate classes and hence incorrect reporting of under-age and overage children, thus affecting the Net Enrolment ratios in different states and at the national level.

3. The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 envisages a pedagogical structure of 5+3+3+4. The first 5 years comprise of 3 years of pre-school/anganwadi/balvatika corresponding to the age groups of 3-6 years and 2 years of Class 1 & 2 corresponding to the age group of 6-8 years. Also, The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 states that every child of the age of 6-14 years shall have a right to free and compulsory education in a neighbourhood school till completion of elementary education (defined as education from first class to eighth under the Act).

3. In view of the provisions of NEP, 2020 and RTE Act, 2009, all the States and UTs are requested to align their age of admission with the NEP, 2020 and provide for admission to class 1 in age 6+ years in order to bring uniformity in age of admission throughout the country. In this regard a roadmap may be prepared state wise to ensure smooth transition over next 2-3 years.

4. In view of the above, you are requested to take appropriate action and to ensure implementation of uniform age criteria for admission to class 1 in your jurisdiction. The road map and action taken report in this regard may be shared with this Department at the earliest.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Maneesh Garg) 31/3/21

To,

The Education Secretaries of All the States and UTs,

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