

GUIDELINES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Internal assessment is a pivotal component of the educational process, particularly at the primary level. Unlike traditional methods that often rely heavily on high-stakes exams, internal assessments provide a more nuanced and continuous evaluation of a student's learning journey. This approach aligns with the principles of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), emphasizing ongoing feedback and holistic development.

Primary Level (I – V)

I. Continuous Feedback and Improvement:

Timely Insights:

Regular Feedback: Internal assessments provide frequent feedback to students, helping them understand their strengths and areas for improvement in real-time.

This regular feedback allows teachers to adjust instructional strategies and address learning gaps promptly, fostering a more responsive learning environment.

- **Skill Development:**

Instead of a single end-of-year exam, internal assessments evaluate students regularly, encouraging continuous learning and gradual improvement.

Continuous assessment supports the development of various skills over time, from basic academic abilities to more complex problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

II. Holistic Development:

- **Comprehensive Evaluation and Personal Growth:** Internal assessments cover a wide range of attributes, including academic knowledge, social skills, and personal development.

Teachers can also assess students' progress in areas such as teamwork, leadership, and emotional intelligence, contributing to overall personal growth.

Assessment Components

- **Oral Assessments:** Scheduled at the end of each chapter.
- **Graded Worksheets/Block Tests:** Administered as per the academic calendar.
- **Class Performance Evaluation:** Ongoing, with periodic reviews at the end of each term.
- **Class Performance:** Summarize performance at the end of each term provide detailed feedback during parent-teacher meetings.

Middle & Senior School (VI – XII)

The assessment structure includes four major exams, with specific criteria for unit tests, half-yearly and annual exams. Please note that Classes X & XII have Unit Test 1, Half Yearly, Pre Selection and Pre Board.

Assessment Components

- **Unit Test:** Two unit tests are held per year. Assessment comprises of unit test, class performance (class work copy, project work, practical, activity) and feedback test.
- **Half-Yearly Exam and Annual Exam:** Half-yearly Examination and Annual Examination are held at the midpoint and at the end of the academic year respectively as per the academic calendar.

** Examination for Classes IX - XII is held as per CISCE norms.