

## **CBSE Board Exam 2026: Essential Guidelines for Students & Parents**

Dear Parents and Students,

As CBSE Class X & XII Board Exams commence from 17th February 2026, here are essential guidelines to ensure success and a smooth examination experience.

### **1. Exam Conduct**

- Arrive at the centre between 9:30 and 10:00 AM (leave home early).
- Carry your admit card & updated ID cards.
- Wear proper school uniform & haircut.
- No mobiles/smartwatches.
- Write question numbers in margins.
- Cross rough work neatly.
- Fill the OMR sheet carefully with a blue/black ballpoint pen.
- Use full time—no early exit.

### **2. Question Handling**

- Read questions fully before answering.
- Underline directive words (e.g., explain, analyse).
- Identify marks & keywords first.

### **3. Answer Structure**

- Start with a brief intro.
- Use bullets for main points.
- End with a short conclusion.
- Add headings/subheadings.
- Leave two blank lines between answers.

### **4. Presentation Rules**

- Write neatly with legible handwriting.
- Use margins properly.
- Underline key terms.
- Box formulas/diagrams.
- Strikethrough errors once—no overwriting.
- Stick to word limits strictly.

### **5. Diagrams/Visuals**

- Label clearly & neatly (for Science, Geography, Biology).
- Use a pencil for diagrams.

### **6. Time Strategy**

- Scan paper: first 5-10 minutes.
- Allocate by marks per question.
- Prioritise high-mark questions.
- Reserve 10 minutes for review.
- Attempt all for partial marks.

### **7. Stay Motivated**

Stay calm, focused and give your best.

Success follows effort!

All the best!

*The Indian School Staff*