

Sub: Implementation of NEP-2020 in AEC Schools w.e.f. 2023-24

Following are the guidelines for implementation of NEP 2020 w.e.f. 2023-2024.

1. Three years of pre-school classes to be named as Balvatika:

- a) Balvatika-1
- b) Balvatika-2
- c) Balvatika-3

2. Age Criteria for admission:

- a) Balvatika-1: Children in the age group of 3-4 years
- b) Balvatika-2: Children in the age group of 4-5 years
- c) Balvatika-3: Children in the age group of 5-6 years

(Note: The cut-off date will be 1st April of the admission year to decide age related eligibility and the student(s) born on 1st April will be considered.)

3. Age-appropriate admission to implement NEP 2020 w.e.f. 2023-24 as given below:

S. No	Class New Name	Age criteria	Source(s)
1	Balvatika-1	3-4 years	Children of Pre-Prep class in the academic year 2023-24 having age group of 3-4 years
2	Balvatika-2	4-5 years	Children of Pre-Prep class in the academic year 2023-24 having age group of 4-5 years & Children of Prep class in the academic year 2023-24 having age group of 4-5 years
3	Balvatika-3	5-6 years	Children of Prep class in the academic year 2023-24 having age group of 5-6 years & Children of Prep class in the academic year 2022-23 having age group of 5-6 years
4	Class 1	6-8 years	Children of Prep class in the academic year 2022-23 having age group of 6-8 years
5	RTE Admission	1. Admissions are to be given as per existing guidelines in class 1 with new age-appropriate criterion adopted by AEES. 2. Wherever SEEP program is operational at AEC schools, selection procedure will remain unchanged but the number of students to be selected under SEEP program for the year 2023-24 will be intimated separately after admission of students in class-1 under RTE Act, 2009.	
6	Non-DAE Admission	Admissions are to be as per existing guidelines in class 1 with new age-appropriate criterion adopted by AEES.	

4. Minimum Age criteria for admission to class-1:

The minimum age criteria for admission to class-1 to be revised to 6 years.

5. Minimum Age criteria for admission to class-2 to 12:

Minimum and Maximum age for admission in class 2 to 12 for next 12 years on 1 st April of the year of admission												
Yr. of admission	2023-24 (students of this age group are already in respective classes)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35
Class II	6-8	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9	7-9
Class III	7-9	7-9	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10
Class IV	8-10	8-10	8-10	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
Class V	9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12
Class VI	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	10-12	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13
Class VII	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14
Class VIII	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
Class IX	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16
Class X	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	14-16	15-17	15-17	15-17
Class XI	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	15-17	16-18	16-18
Class XII	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	16-18	17-19

6. No. of students/Class Strength in Balvatika-1, 2 & 3 – As per existing guidelines.

7. Prep-Ayats: As per requirement the ayats may be hired through ongoing/ new cosmetic contracts and suitable arrangement may be made by the LMC.

6. No. of sections for class-1 in 2023-24: The number of sections to be operated at the centre may be appropriately decided by LMC keeping in mind the actual class strength as per practice.

7. Duration-School hours for Balvatika-1, 2 and 3.

Class	Duration-School hours
Balvatika-1	2 hours
Balvatika-2	2.30 hours
Balvatika-3	3 hours

8. Infrastructure requirement for the year 2023-24 onwards: Necessary arrangements may be made to operate Balvatika-1, 2 & 3 at various centres in consultation with LMC.

9. Curriculum for Balvatika:

Curriculum prescribed by NCERT to be followed for Balvatika classes with a view to maintain continuity and connectivity in Balvatika-1,2 & 3 and to prepare students for class 1. Academic Unit will provide curriculum for Balvatika-1,2 & 3.

10. Regular Monitoring and Review – A committee constituted by the Head of the School with approval of the Chairman, LMC of the AEC School(s)/Centre will review once in a month with respect to the implementation of NEP 2020 at local level. The record of the meeting should be maintained and a copy to be forwarded to the Academic Unit.

10. Qualification of Balvatika Teachers:

The qualification for Balvatika Teachers as prescribed by NCTE is as follows,

- (i) Senior Secondary class (Class XII or its equivalent) from a recognized board with at least 50% marks
AND
- (ii) Diploma in Nursery Teacher Education/ Preschool Education / Early childhood Education Program (D.E.C.Ed.) of duration of not less than two years or B.Ed. (Nursery) from NCTE recognized Institution.

Prep teachers already working with AEC schools have required educational qualification. Vacancy, if any arises due to additional sections for Balvatika-3 will be met by use of services of primary teachers who may be underutilized due to fewer-admission in class-I for some schools in the year 2023-24 and in higher classes in the subsequent years. Prep teachers on contract basis may be appointed where primary teachers are fully utilized. For multiple school Centers, during this transition phase of introduction of Balvatika 1, 2, 3 and class 1 with new age criteria as per NEP-2020, if primary teachers available at the center may be readjusted by transfers of teachers locally as per actual requirements of the schools at the center by the Chairman, LMC.


11. The Governing Council of AEES has accorded approval for introduction of:

- (a) Balvatika 1, 2 and 3 for AEC Schools at Jadugoda Center i.e., Turamdih, Narwapahar and Jadugoda, with effect from the year 2023-24.
- (b) Balvatika-3 only for AECS No. 1 & 2 Kalpakkam and AECS- OSCOM with effect from the year 2023-24.

These schools are required to make necessary arrangements of infrastructure and Preparatory Teachers and Ayahs with the help of LMC of the Schools.

12. Non-DAE & RTE admissions will be granted from class-1 onwards as per the existing guidelines.

All efforts must be made at local level in consultation with the LMC and SAC for smooth & successful implementation of NEP-2020 in AEC Schools w.e.f. from 2023-24.


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Enclosures:

- (1)Annexure-1: Curriculum for Balvatika- 1, 2 & 3.
- (2)Annexure- 2: Admission Circular for classes Balvatika- 3 and Class-1 for DAE wards for the year 2023-24.
- (3)Annexure- 3: Admission Circular for class Class-1 for Non-DAE and RTE Category for the year 2023-24.
- (4)Annexure- 4: Admission Form for classes Balvatika-3 and Class-1 for DAE wards for the year 2023-24
- (5)Annexure- 5: Admission Form for Class-1 for Non-DAE and RTE Category for the year 2023-24.
