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All the Heads of Schools  
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**Subject: CBSE Policy on School Eco-Clubs and Conservation of Water**

1. Environmental issues have been the key focus of CBSE. The Board has taken various initiatives to sensitize schools and students to emergent environmental concerns like energy conservation, wastage of food at social gatherings, hazards of electronic waste, conservation of petroleum products, plastic pollution etc. CBSE Affiliation Bye-Laws 2018 clause 14.26 states that:

*“The school must strive to promote conservation of environment on their campus through rain water harvesting, segregation of waste at source, recycling of organic waste, proper disposal of waste including electronic waste, use of energy saving and energy efficient electrical equipment, greening of campus, use of solar energy, education and awareness amongst children on environmental conservation and cleanliness, etc.*

*The annual report of the school must contain a write up on all efforts made in this regard every year.”*

2. CBSE believes that its students are the change makers. Hence, the Board is also launching a massive tree plantation campaign called the **CBSE- ONE CHILD, ONE PLANT CAMPAIGN** to initiate following activities by the schools for students:
  - Every school must ask **each of its students (all classes) to plant a sapling** wherever convenient, whether in school premises or at home or in the boundaries of the playgrounds or any other place which is approachable to them.
  - Discussions may be held in class about the variety/species of the tree/sapling planted, its benefits, its occurrence, the kind of looking after it requires etc. This will help the students relate to the activity better.
  - Schools must also create awareness among students to take care of the plant which they plant.
  - Schools must plan other similar such activities which create awareness among students for Environment protection.

**The above activities can be graded for internal assessment for Work Experience.** The detailed guidelines are available at page no. 22 and 15 of the initial pages of Secondary and Senior Secondary School curriculum documents 2019-20 at [www.cbseacademic.nic.in](http://www.cbseacademic.nic.in)

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3. Further, in consonance with Government of India's initiative for *Water Conservation (Jal Shakti Abhiyaan)*, CBSE schools must act proactively and contribute to this national cause. CBSE has formulated its **Policy on Eco-Clubs** and recommends that schools must take an active role in generating awareness and mobilizing students, teachers, other school personnel and communities for adopting measures to conserve water and take up Eco-Club activities more enthusiastically. Therefore, in this backdrop it has been decided that all the schools must initiate the following actions:
  - a) **Mandatorily create Eco-Clubs and also strengthen them** wherever they already exist.
  - b) Make '**Conservation of Water**' as one of the theme of activities to be undertaken by Eco-Clubs in the school during the academic session 2019-20. Other activities related to conservation must also be taken up.
  - c) **Integrate** Environment Sustainability and Water Conservation in the co-curricular activities from Primary to Senior Secondary level.
  - d) Focus on developing water conservation habits amongst students and ensure that **every child in class 5 to 12 mandatorily takes up the activity of saving one litre of water every day at home and in school.**
  - e) **All activities under SEWA for classes 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> have to mandatorily have Water Conservation as the only theme for the session 2019-20.**
  - f) **Set a target to become Water Efficient Schools in the next three years.**
4. The Guideline of the Board on this titled ***Eco-Clubs and Water Conservation- A Handbook for Schools and Teachers*** will soon be released and made available at [www.cbseacademic.nic.in](http://www.cbseacademic.nic.in) and [www.cbse.nic.in](http://www.cbse.nic.in). It is advised that all affiliated schools must read these guidelines thoroughly. In addition to the mandated activities given above, schools are to take up other relevant activities at individual level for promotion of environment and water conservation.
5. A report on the activities undertaken by each school about the CBSE –One Child, One Plant Campaign as well as Environment and Water Conservation should be uploaded at the link <https://forms.gle/DT9S6HKg8rNt8SBs5> or App to be created by the Board shortly, for this purpose by 10<sup>th</sup> of each following month. The activities conducted by schools in the month of August 2019 shall be uploaded by 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2019.
6. All schools may also ensure compliance of *Clause 14.26 of Affiliation Byelaws, 2018.*

  
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