

CBSE Board Exam 2026: Essential Guidelines for Students & Parents

Dear Parents and Students,

As CBSE Class X 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!

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