

ADMISSION IN SCHOOLS OF EMINENCE OF PUNJAB

The Government of Punjab has launched the program of Schools of Eminence to transform Government schools into centers of excellent education. These schools with world-grade infrastructure aim to provide holistic education to students of Class 9th to 12th. Admission to 9th and 11th classes in Schools of Eminence for quality education will take place through a combined aptitude test and merit-based centralized admission process to be undertaken by the SCERT, Punjab.

1. Admission session:

- 1.1 The online registration for admissions in SOE will be done from 24th February, 2024 to 15th March, 2024 for the academic year 2024-25.
- 1.2 The aptitude test will be conducted on 30th March 2024 at the specified centers.

2. Admission Process :

75% of seats in each SoE will be reserved for students from government schools, including local body schools in Punjab. The remaining 25% of seats will be available for students studying in any other recognized schools in Punjab affiliated to State and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); however, if seats reserved for the students from private schools remain vacant or unfilled, those seats will be allotted to the students from government schools, including local body and government-aided schools in Punjab.

- a) Online application forms for registration will be made available on the website of the Department of School Education, Punjab & Punjab School Education Board (PSEB).
- b) All students currently studying in Class 8th and 10th in the schools of Punjab are eligible to apply for admission to these schools.
- c) Students studying in any recognized school in a cluster will be eligible to apply to the School of Eminence of that particular cluster only.

- d) Common aptitude tests will be conducted for admission in SOEs in classes 9th and 11th.
- e) Reservation criteria for admission in SoE will be as per the guidelines of the Department of Welfare of Scheduled castes, Backward Class, and Minorities Govt. of Punjab as per the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Castes (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 22 of 2006).
- f) The minimum qualifying marks for the admission test are 35% in subjects and 35% in reasoning and 40% in total.
- g) Students from the reserved categories will be eligible for a relaxation of 5% marks in the sectional and aggregate cutoff.
- h) Students who did not pass their respective exams of classes 8th and 10th or got reappear/compartament in any subject will not be eligible for admission in the SoEs.

3. **Selection criterion:**

- a. Once the aptitude tests are evaluated, class-wise and category-wise merit lists of students will be released on the website for each of the SoE.
- b. For class 11th, the students will be allotted their preferred streams based on their merit in the respective section in the aptitude test.
- c. The allotment of seats for students in class 11th for their preferred streams will be based on the marks scored in the specified section in the aptitude test.

4. **Eligibility for admission in SoE:**

Students currently enrolled in classes 8th and 10th are eligible to appear for the test for admission to classes 9th and 11th, respectively. However, their admission to the SoE will be considered if they have passed the previous class examination and qualified the aptitude test.

Students who did not pass their respective exams of classes 8th and 10th or got reappear/compartament in any subject will not be eligible for admission in the SoEs.

5. Number of Seat

1. 75% of seats are reserved for government school students & 25% seats are reserved for private school students.
2. In each SOE, there are 4 sections (i.e Science (Non-Medical), Science (Medical), Commerce & Humanities) with 32 seats in each section for class 11th & one section with 36 seats for class 9th
3. There are total 118 SOE Schools in all 23 districts. List attached

6. Reservation criteria for admission in SoE

Reservation criteria for admission in SoE will be as per the guidelines of the Department of Welfare of Scheduled castes, Backward Class, and Minorities Govt. of Punjab as per the Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Castes (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 22 of 2006). Reservation for Economically weaker Section (EWS) as per the Punjab Govt. guidelines.

Reservation criteria for Physically Challenged:

4% for Physically Challenged Group of Students, with benchmark disabilities of which, one percent (1%) each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent (1%) for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (d) and (e) namely:

(a) blindness and low vision; (BLV)

(b) deaf and hard of hearing; (DH)

(c) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy; (LD)

(d) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness; (AID)

(e) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf- blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities' (MD)