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Provincial Secretaries of Education,

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Principals of Government and Government Assisted Private Schools,

Implementing New Curriculum for Secondary Grades (6-11)

From here onwards, this circular will be effected in addition to the circular released on 07.03.2006 with the No.2006/09 based on new curriculum for secondary Grades (6-11) and the amended circular dated on 07.03.2007 with the No.2007/06.

1. The subject of Literary Appreciation, under the category of Aesthetic subjects has been omitted in the curriculum of Grade 6-9 and this subject can be learnt by the students in Grade 10-11 as previously.
2. From non-allocated periods of the time table of Grade 10-11, one period should be allocated for the Physical Education and the other period, should be allocated for Agriculture, as it is considered as a national requirement. All the students in relevant classes should take part, in these extra periods. The third one can be used for co-curricular activities, such as educational activities, sports and literary association etc, as decided by the Management committee of the school.
3. A policy should be made by the school for the proper usage of the allocated periods for the library and necessary activities should be done accordingly.

4 Conducting Bi-medium Classes.

4.1 Bi-medium class is defined as teaching several subjects in Sinhala/Tamil, while teaching a few selected subjects in English in the same class, for the students in Grade 6-11.

4.2 The approval was given to the schools which are having required facilities to teach selected subjects in English Medium from Grade 6-11 from the year 2002. By considering the requirement and the importance of the English Language.

Here onwards, the following rules will be imposed for the subjects which are taught in the bi-medium classes, under the new curriculum which is implemented in Secondary Grades (6-11) from 2007.

4.3 There should not be a separate class for the students who learn in Bi-Medium and they also should be mixed with the Sinhala or Tamil medium students. They should be separated when they learn the relevant subjects in English. It is the responsibility of the principal, to arrange the time-table accordingly. (It is a must to work according to the above instructions from year 2009 on wards) Students should be selected from Grade 6, to learn selected subjects in English Medium. It is not allowed to use the Bi- medium class as a privilege for the admission of students to any school.

4.4 Subjects which can be taught in English Medium for Junior Secondary Grades (6-9)

- (i) Mathematics
- (ii) Science
- (iii) Health and Physical Education
- (iv) Music (Western) under the Aesthetic Subjects
- (v) Geography
- (vi) Life Competencies and Citizenship Education

Maximum number of the subjects that can be selected from the above, to study in English Medium is 05.

4.5 Subjects which can be taught in English Medium for Senior Secondary Grades (Grade 10-11)

Under the core Subjects

- (i) Mathematics
- (ii) Science

Under the Category Subjects,

- (i) Geography
- (ii) Citizenship Education and Governance
- (iii) Entrepreneurship Education
- (iv) Music (Western)
- (v) Information Communication Technology
- (vi) Health and Physical Education

Under the core subjects, above motioned two subjects and under the category subjects, only 3 subjects (Only one subject from each category) can be selected. So, altogether only five subjects can be selected to study in English Medium.

- 4.6 The restrictions which come under 4.4 and 4.5 may not be affected for the private candidates.
- 4.7 The number of subjects that can be taught in Grade 6-11, should be decided by the school itself, according to the prevailing physical and human resources. Minimum number of the subjects can be one and maximum number of the subjects can be five, except the English Language. The principal of the school should inform the Bilingual Education unit of the Ministry of Education about the subjects which are selected to teach in English Medium.
- 4.8 Though the student is studying, several subjects in English Medium, when applying for the G.C.E (O/L) Examination as school candidates, they can select only one subject or any number of subjects according to the student's preference. But, it is not allowed to change the medium after applying for the examination, due to any reason.
- 4.9 History cannot be taught in English Medium from the year 2009 onwards, starting from Grade 6. But the students, who have already started to learn History in English Medium, are allowed to Learn History in English Medium, up to Grade 11.

Except the amended facts in this circular all the other instructions are according to the circular No 2006/09 and 2007/06

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