

A Collective Effort Towards Ensuring Quality Education

Central Board of Secondary Education



What does CBSE envision?



To create a school system that provides the most joyful, creative, exploratory & vibrant school experience & environment for its learners & the most satisfactory experience for its teachers

To make its schools future-ready by ensuring quality education, adoption of innovative pedagogies, experiential & active learning with a focus on skills, art & sports, capacity building of teachers & holistic development of the child



What role schools can play to achieve these aims?





Several best and innovative practices already exist within the affiliated schools of CBSE

Schools can learn from each other and augment their self-improvement

Schools can excel by partner each other and helping each other

Initiatives by CBSE



Taken up several initiatives to impact positively on the quality of education

One such measure is the creation of **Hubs of Learning**

Session Objectives

At the end of the session, the participants are expected to:

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be cognizant of the overall rationale and aims of the hub of learning

endorse guidelines on school-to-school partnership under hub of learning as mandated by CBSE

recognize their role as a Lead collaborator school

identify areas of collaboration among school and various activities to be conducted under hub of learning

Session Objectives

At the end of the session, the participants are expected to:

prepare themselves to participate in this community of practices

brainstorm on priority improvement areas, planning engage ments, strategizing activities, prioritizing processes and monitoring progress for their hub

provide feedback on various issues related to Hubs of Learning



Rationale, Need, Aims & Purpose

Glaring inequalities in our schools

Need to reverse this trend to attain equitable and inclusive growth for all of our students

As a contributing member of society, we must strive to take everyone in our own sector in stride

Kothari Commission (1964-66)

Proposed the **formation of school complexes** as an innovation in school education to:

- facilitate sharing and exchanging of resources and experiences;
- alleviate the isolation of schools;
- promote handholding by pooling and sharing Instructional Works, material facilities like OHP, ICT, library, a good laboratory, Tinkering lab etc.;
- ensuing co-operative efforts for improvement;
- organizing in-service training jointly

National Policy on Education- 1986

School complexes will be promoted on a flexible pattern so as to serve as networks of institutions and synergic alliances to encourage professionalism among teachers, to ensure observance of norms of conduct and to enable the sharing of experiences and facilities. It is expected that a developed system of school complexes will take over much of the inspection functions in due course.

Acharya Ramamurti Committee 1990

On a pilot basis, at least one Educational Complex may be established in every district during the Eighth Five Year Plan so as to develop a functional model.

Janardhana Reddy Committee 1991

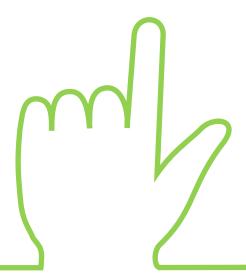
School complexes will be promoted as a network of institutions on a flexible pattern to provide synergic alliances to encourage professionalism among teachers, to ensure observance of norms and conduct and to enable the sharing of experiences and facilities. The school complex will serve as the lowest viable unit of area of planning and will form a cluster of 8-10 institutions in which different institutions can reinforce each other by exchanging resources, personnel, materials, teaching aids etc. and using them on a sharing basis.

Mandate of CBSE

Clause 9(xvi) of the Powers and Functions of CBSE stipulates that one of the functions of CBSE is 'to do all such or other things as may be necessary in order to further the objects of the Board as a body constituted for regulating and maintaining the standard of secondary education.'

Action Taken

CBSE issued Circular No. Aff. 12 dated March 9, 2019 where schools have been directed to enter into a local partnership with neighbouring schools to work together for the improvement of educational standards for all the schools.





Need of collaboration through hubs?



To create an ecosystem for the schools to take up effective all round self improvement

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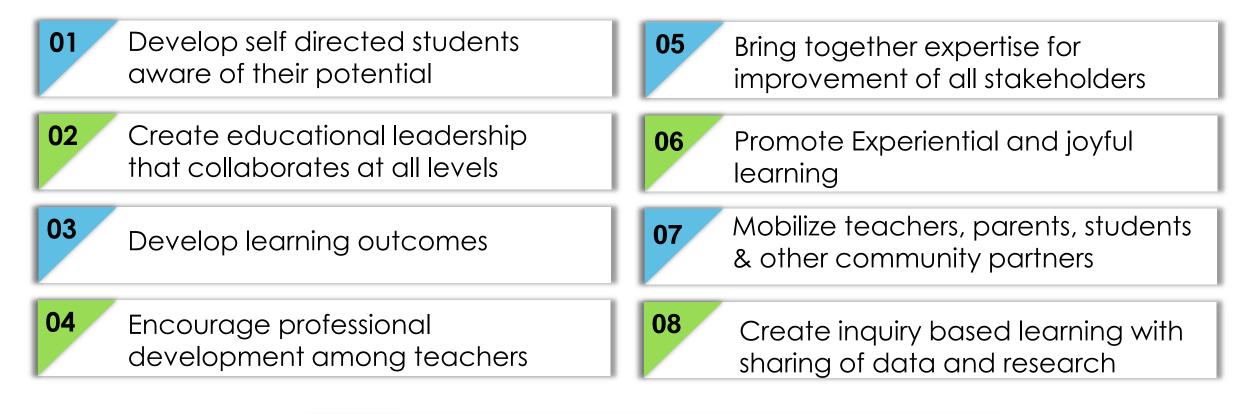
To allow not only sharing of best practices, but also the possibility of adaptation or even replication of these practices

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To enable all schools in a group to be givers as well as receivers of support, fresh ideas, resources, opportunities for student & teacher learning



Need for Hubs of Learning

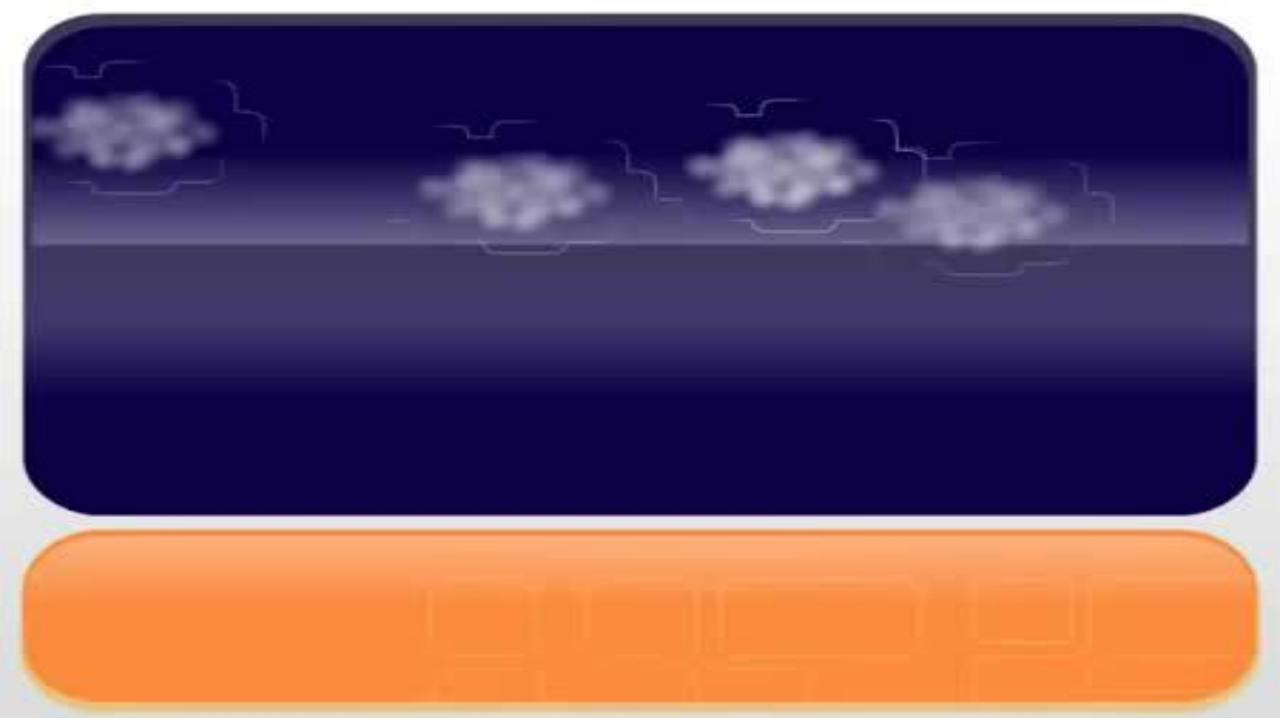


O9 Embed practices into school communities for accelerating improvement

To create a culture of support and healthy interdependence across different areas of teaching learning

To provide an opportunity to share a repertoire of ideas, instructional and assessment strategies To enable sharing of resources: manpower, infrastructure, teaching-learning material, etc.

To promote solidarity by facilitating joint conduct of various student/staff activities culminating in an enriched school life

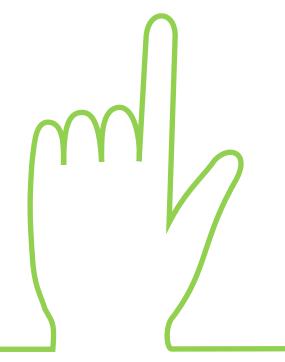


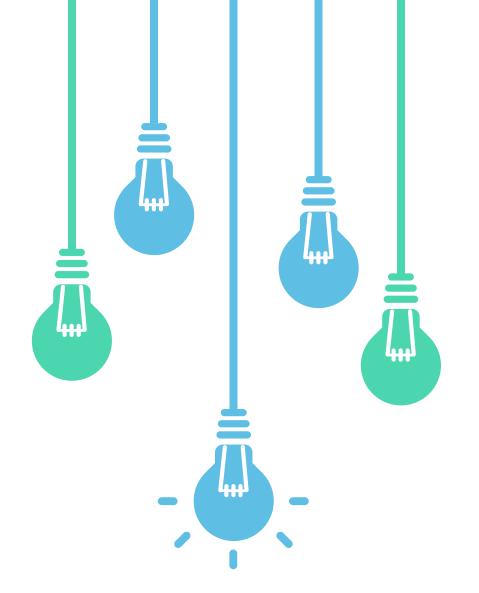


Sahodaya School Complex and a Hub of Learning?



Sahodaya is a voluntary effort but the Hub of Learning is mandated by Board





Formation of Hubs



Identification of members for each hub from amongst 4-6 neighbouring schools in a district, preferably in the same city

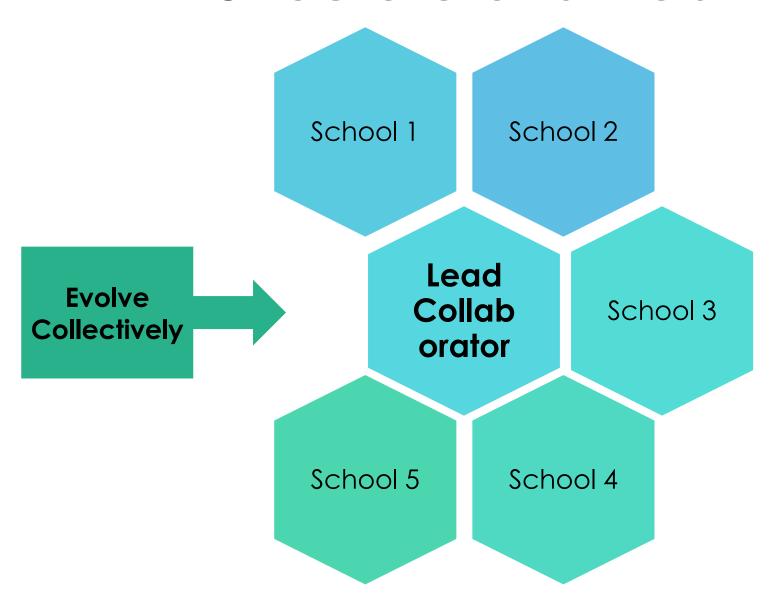


Grouping of CBSE schools located abroad with Hub of Learning (HoL) in Delhi



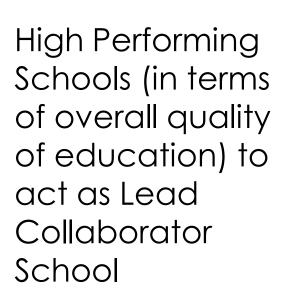
Assigning of a unique number based on state, district and city code to each hub

Structure of a Hub



Lead Collaborator School







Shall function for a maximum period of two years

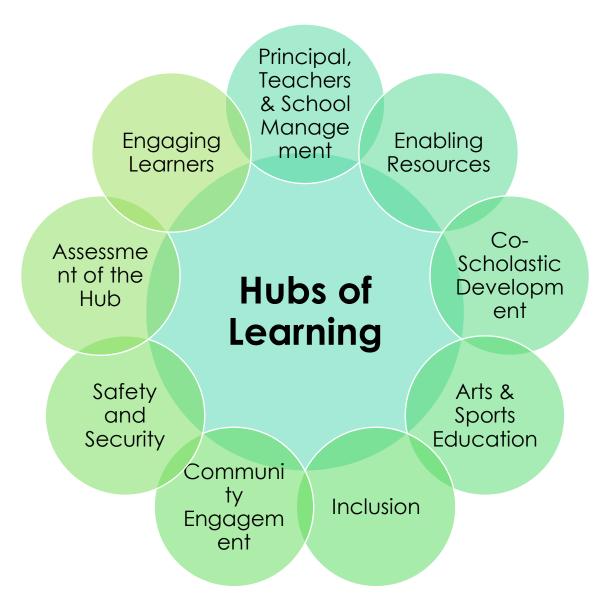


Get all schools in the hub on board & take up all the activities as mentioned above



Provide
handholding
support to all the
schools in
implementing
safety guidelines

Domains



Working Practices

Sharing information and expertise in curriculum transaction, creation of new knowledge and designing novel pedagogical strategies

Augmenting capacities through sharing resources, digital collaboration and cooperating in imparting skills

Promoting professional development via teacher exchange, joint seminars, workshops and instructional procedures

Forging partnerships
to give and receive
support and
engage in
professional
learning that
facilitates
systematic changes

The Role of Hubs is:

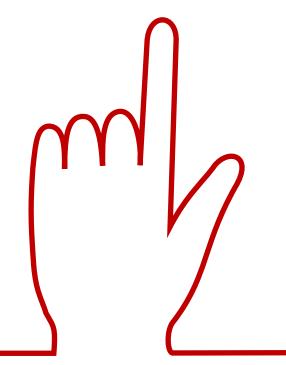
Be Cautious



Participatory



Collaborative



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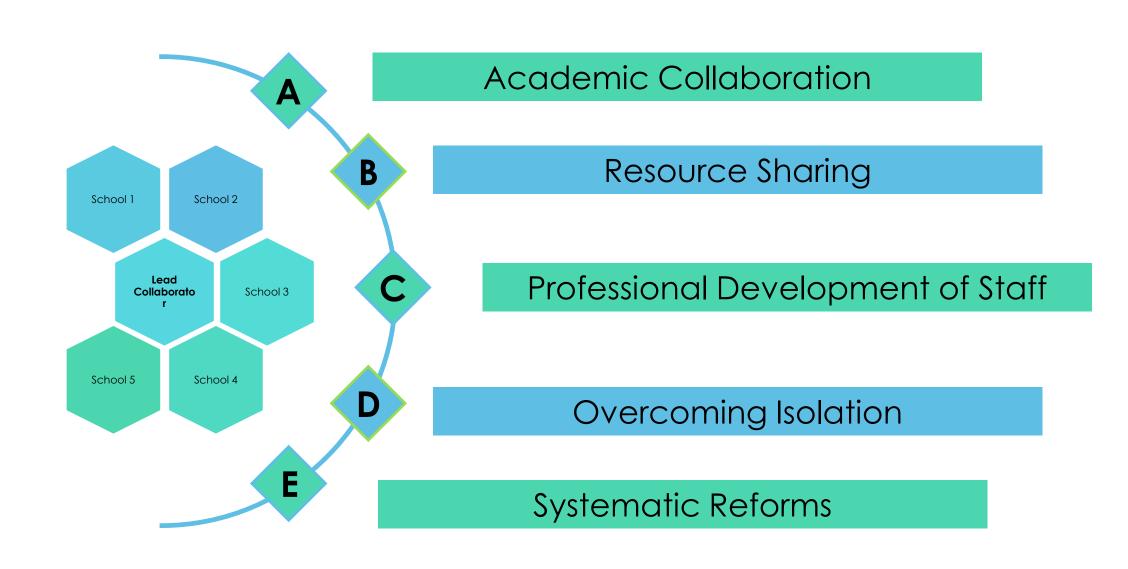
An administrative meeting of a group of people with similar titles and strategies who:



Instead a group of people who



Activities of Hubs of Learning



Academic Collaboration

- Sharing information and expertise in areas such as annual pedagogical plans, innovative pedagogy, etc.
- Making efforts for coplanning of curriculum transaction
- Organizing quizzes, project demonstrations, art exhibitions, and other curricular and cocurricular activities
- Cooperating with each other for meeting the needs of CWSN

Activities to be undertaken by Hubs





Resource Sharing

- Augmenting each other's organizational and administrative skills
- Sharing/exchanging resources: manpower, infrastructure, etc.
- Digital collaboration sharing e-content and other digital resources, for better teaching learning
- Collaborating in teaching and learning Skill Courses and tying up jointly with the industry, etc.

Professional Development of Staff

- Supporting each other in professional development by exchanging or participating in each other's training programmes
- Promoting academic enrichment through teacher exchange programmes, common science fairs, joint seminars, workshops, etc.

Activities to be undertaken by Hubs



Overcoming Isolation

- Making conscious efforts to forge partnerships with each other to give and receive support
- Disregard the notions of hierarchy and aspire to learn and work together
- Celebrate success and analyze failure collectively to gain insights

Activities to be undertaken by Hubs

Systematic Reforms

Hubs to engage in such activities which will bring systematic reforms that have the power to facilitate changes in school processes and culture.

Knowing My Hub

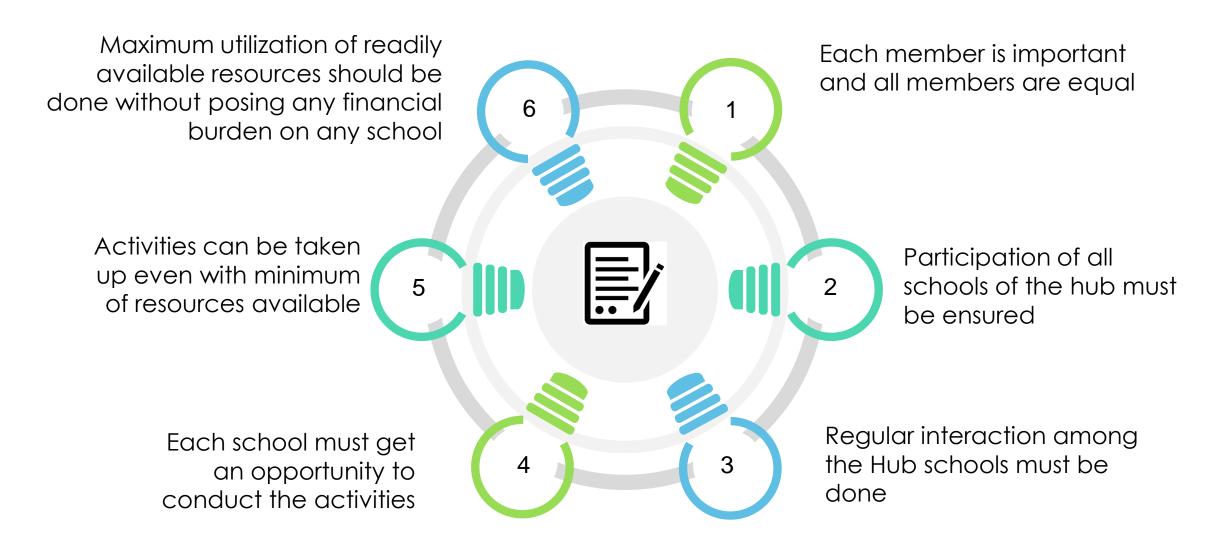
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Methology to be followed

Essential Requirements



Suggestive Methology

At School Level



Constituting a School Hub Committee

Comprising of Principal and other teachers



Deciding Self Improvement Priorities

 Deliberations at school level

Self Improvement Priorities

Selection of the most important priority

Decisions at Hubs meetings

 Plan and execute the activity

Consensus of All Hub Members

At the Hub Level

- Lead
 Collaborator
 School to call
 the meeting
- Each school to bring its own annual calendar and list of self improvement priorities
- Best practices of each school to be shared

Common time/dates to be identified when various activities related to the hub can be conducted

Outlining of Annual Calendar of possible activities in the hub after discussion Can be shared on a common social media platform or a Hub School Website or through emails

- Can be in any school as may be decided jointly
- All the schools in a hub may be visited through these meetings

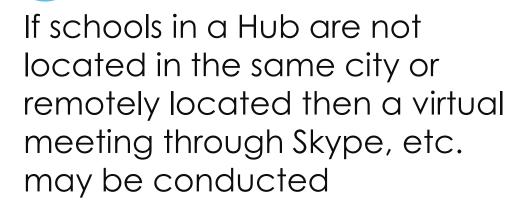
Preparation of Annual Hub Calendar Sharing of Hub Calendar Subsequent Meetings

First Meeting

Identification of common time/

Number of Meetings

A Hub must meet once every month

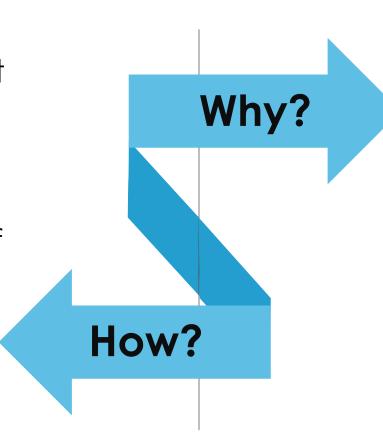


Wherever joint activities are possible like teacher training, art exhibitions, etc. there the number of meetings may accordingly be increased



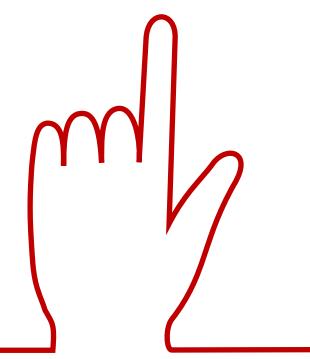
Documentation

- Brief minutes of all meetings & activities may be maintained as it will help in measuring the improvements in Hub schools
- Progress in each area of Hub activity by each school must be jointly monitored & analyzed
- Own set of rubrics for monitoring progress in each activity may be developed by the Hub



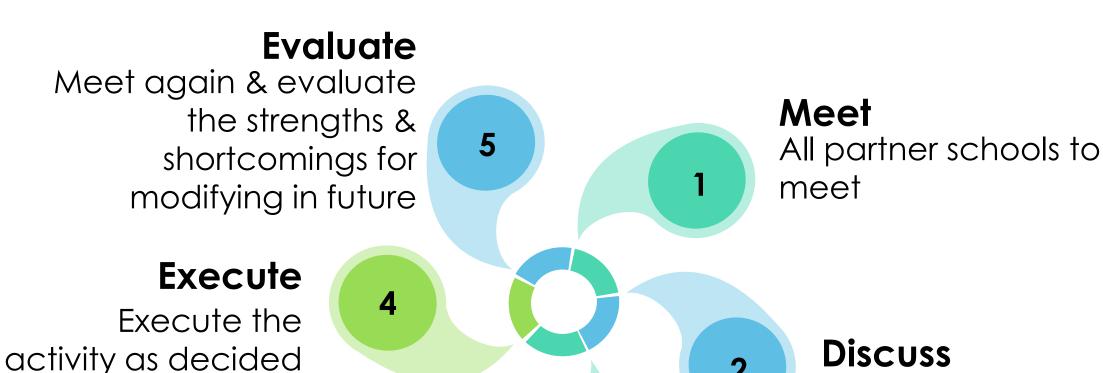
- List of activities undertaken and achievements by schools may be asked for by the Board at the time of registration of students for Board examinations
- The records of activities may be checked at the time of school inspection for Extension or upgradation

Please Note



The Board shall not be funding the HoL in any form.

How to Proceed with an Activity



Plan
Plan the activity accordingly.
Each school to be involved
and given responsibility

upon

DiscussDiscuss the time,

mode, venue, etc. of the activity

Exemplar Activity - Resource Sharing

Teachers' Exchange Program

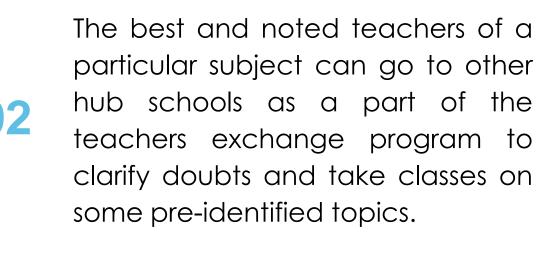
Why?

Enhancement of Communication Skills Bringing New pedagogical ideas and mutual B awareness about best practices Initiation of collaborative culture Promotion of research and academic activities Resource pool generation and ensuring availability of new resource for students

Plan

The Hub schools can hold meetings to understand the best practices followed in 01 each school to enrich the knowledge of the teachers.

Identifying the teachers, subjects and topics is to be done in the planning stage. Dates, Time, Teachers and School needs to be decided in advance.



Putting up a suggestion box or 04 creation of a WhatsApp group for teachers of the hub schools to give their suggestions over a topic which could be further discussed at the meeting.

Process of Execution

Sending Teacher/s on the identified area of requirement to school/s for sharing better pedagogical practices by actual demonstration in classrooms

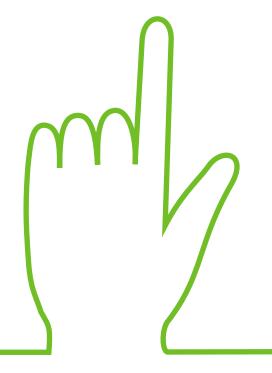
Preparation and circulation of an annual calendar with the dates of the various sessions to be conducted amongst the hub schools

Sharing of guidelines of dos and don'ts with each hub school

Sharing of minutes of final meeting among all schools of the hub

Identification and sharing of areas for Teachers' intervention through Exchange programme

Check



During the sharing of methodology by any teacher, one should try to do a pre and posttest of students' learning so that the effectiveness of the process is measured.

Assessment (Rubric)

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Clarity of Content

The teacher does not abide to the creating, evaluating, analysing and applying of the content

The teacher has tried some new ideas and is able to abides to the communicate the topic. The content has an enriched understanding of the concepts can make distinctions among them

The content is innovative and creating, evaluating, analysing and applying of the content or context, with an optimum emphasis on all sub topics.

Assessment (Rubrics)

3 The process is Teacher has The teaching haywire not learning process is followed the systematic, not Lesson plan as per structured and synchronised with the CBSE uses most forms of **Process** the flow and the guidelines shared communication goal or lesson plan. in various capacity skills for the building workshops complete learner engagement have been applied.

Assessment (Rubrics)

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The desired output does not come out from the lesson taught.

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Makes the learner know more about the discussed topic. Output is visible in post assessment analysis.

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Evidence of higher order of thinking/ critical thinking (Questions and responses), and teaching ensures the learner knows more about the discussed topic which is evident in analysis.

Output/effect

Group Work

Design activities

(Objectives, Plan, Process of execution, Assessment)

Common Cultural Programme

Art Exhibition Professional Development of Teachers

Collaborative e-magazine

Systematic Reforms: Safety, Security and Well being

Self-Evaluation for Hubs

Guided Thinking not a recipe for success

	EMERGE	EVOLVE	EMBED	EXCEL
WORKING TOGETHER	Regular meetings as a networkSystem driven	Documenting, & providing systems for working together	Hub guided by a plan that is regularly reviewed	 Leadership distributed across the hub.
	 Planning scheduled activities 	 Regular sharing of knowledge, data & resources 	 Systems in place for peer review through data sharing 	 Hub collaborates with other networks-to improve practices.
	 Assigned core team from each school to run the 	Over 75% attendance at meetingsOrientation &	Well defined roles and responsibilitiesAchievements	•Hub is aware of circulars, relevant changes within
	hub.	induction of hub members	celebrated within the hub	CBSE and the state.
		School visits with feedback	•Inter/Intra classroom visits and feedback within the Hub	•Hub encourages students' voice.

	EMERGE	EVOLVE	EMBED	EXCEL
LEARNING TOGETHER	Sharing experience and practices during	 Regular sharing and discussion of teaching practices 	 School data is shared regularly by all members 	 Hub continually challenges itself to improve.
	hub meetings •Referring to data for evidence •Scaffolding and supporting hub members	 and curriculum transaction Sharing information, best practices and strategies. Arranging professional development from subject Self-reflection based on learning Receiving and giving feedback to improve teaching practices. 	 Trust exists between members regarding information sharing Joint development approach for observation of class room teaching, review, creation of learning material and providing mentoring and monitoring facilities Learning goals are monitored and evaluated annually. 	 Hub holds each school accountable for maintaining its focus. Evidence based outcome is embedded in all development activities Transparency of results is an integral part of the hub.

	EMERGE	EVOLVE	EMBED	EXCEL
DEVELOPING TOGETHER	Working together for building excellent practices	shared by the hub •Emphasis on	 Clear & shared focus on student outcomes. 	 Hub is guided by a 2- year term vision for improving student outcomes.
	Discussing and sharing ideas and practices	improvement of teaching practices •Identifying and nurturing leadership talent in the hub.	 Hub members understand data literacy in order to deconstruct shared data. Leadership development embedded in all teaching learning practices. 	 Collective vision of hub shared with wider vision in community. Hub shares data from all member schools and creates tools to analyse and communicate it. Mentoring and coaching is closely connected to leadership development.

	EMERGE	EVOLVE	EMBED	EXCEL
COMMON VISION VALUES	Sharing experiences and ideas within the Hub	Hub has a shared vision and a purposeTeachers and	Purpose of hub is to improve student outcomes.	 Deep engagement with values & responsibility for learning outcomes
VALUE		Principals benefit by being part of the hub	 Hub focusses on sharing & overcoming competition between individual schools to encourage well-being and positive learning outcomes. 	 Sense of team work with high performing schools collaborating with challenged schools on specific outcomes Hub is an enabler of long term goals

	EMERGE	EVOLVE	EMBED	EXCEL
ENABLE AND EMPOWER	 Regional and area support from Co-hubs 	 Hub is supported by its schools Has sufficient resources to function well 	•Time management is apparent to manage hub matters.	 Hub is constantly involved with self- improvement through joint development and ongoing evaluation.
		 Results and achievements are recognised officially. 		•Hub supports teachers working together across schools through career development.

Role and Responsibility of LCS

- Assuming active leadership roles, initiating partnerships with other schools and taking on broader responsibilities to help elevate the performance of other schools
- Sharing their best practices and help other schools improve their school performance
 - 3 Providing the technical assistance and support needed by the Partner School
 - Assessing the needs of the Partner School based on their School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - Identifying its strengths and capacity to support its Partner School

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Role and Responsibility of LCS

6 Appointing a nodal person to liaise with the Partner School

Orienting its teaching and non-teaching personnel about their school's involvement and participation in the school-to-school partnership

Monitoring the outcomes of the activities

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Submitting accomplishment reports to the CBSE

Role and Responsibility of Partner Schools

- Engaging in collaborative professional capacity building activities
- Undertaking joint planning, problem-solving, and resource mobilization activities to address community-wide educational problems
 - 3 Improving social trust, awareness and understanding with other schools
- Orienting its teaching and non-teaching personnel about their involvement and participation in the school-to-school partnership
 - Appointing a nodal person to liaise with the Lead Collaborator School

Role and Responsibility of Partner Schools

- Preparing the list of Priority Improvement Areas in School Improvement Plan and participating in the need assessment done by the Lead Collaborator School
- Assigning a Project Team to work with the Lead Collaborator School to implement partnership activities
- Allotting time and resources to undertake the partnership activities and projects
 - 9 Monitoring the outcomes of the activities

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Documenting the implementation of the partnership activities and projects including the outcomes

Role and Responsibility of CBSE

- Orienting the Leader Schools about school-to-school partnerships and assigning them their Partner Schools
- Creating a communication campaign to advocate the value and importance of school- to-school partnerships in the hub
- Conducting training and providing technical assistance to the schools pertaining to partnership planning, joint problem solving and resource mobilization
 - Monitoring the impact of the partnership on Partner Schools in the hub and documenting reported accomplishments
 - Consolidating reports submitted and providing recognition to deserving LCS and Partner Schools

Do's and Don'ts

Do's

- Decide on the goal or vision first
- Take up need based programs
- Involve all key stakeholders
- Assess current capacities
- > Build in mechanisms
- Determine the best means
- > Build skills in phases
- > Be flexible

Don'ts

- Avoid fragmented approaches to developmental programme
- Do not blindly use "ready to use" packages
- Avoid top-down approaches to planning and implementation

Questions

- What would be the aims and objectives of your individual Hub of Learning?
- What administration and management structure do you propose for the effective operation of your Hub?
- What kind of tools would your group use for collaboration and sharing?
- What will be your communicative strategy for reaching each other?



Questions

- What would be some of the activities you would undertake for exchanging experiences and new ideas?
- How often would you like to convene a face to face meeting of the principals?
- How would you clarify mutual expectations among schools?
 - What kind of mechanism would you like to establish for monitoring and reporting the progress of individual schools under your hub?



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Questions

- What are your concerns and constraints in implementing this initiative?
- What are your suggestions to remove the constraints you mentioned in response to above question?
- 11 Any other suggestion/idea



SWOT Analysis

Hubs of Learning initiative

Strengths Weaknesses **Threats Opportunities**



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This initiative of the Board aims at facilitating enhancement in the education standards amongst all schools affiliated with the Board.





Thank You



