

Short Title and Commencement:

1. The Code may be called “The Himachal Pradesh Secondary Education Code”.
2. This code will come into force w.e.f. 1st April 2012.
3. With the coming into force of this Code as approved by the Government vide letter No.Shiksha-II-Chha(5)-2/2012 dated 04-04-2012, the provisions contained in the old Education Code published in 2001, will stand repealed.
4. The directions, rules given in this code are in supersession of all previous orders.
5. The regulations in this code apply to all the Government/Government Aided High and Senior Secondary Schools in the State.

Definitions and Classifications:

- 1.1 The definitions and classifications in this chapter apply throughout the code except where it is otherwise stated.
- 1.2 In this code unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or content:--
 - (i) Words implying the masculine gender shall be taken to include females also,
 - (ii) Words in singular shall include the plural and vice –versa.
- 1.3 **Government:** Means the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 1.4 **Department:** Means the Department of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh.
- 1.5 **University:** Means the Himachal Pradesh University.
- 1.6 **School Board:** Means the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education.
- 1.7 **Local Body:** Means a Municipal Corporation or a Municipal Council, Nagar Parishad or Gram Panchyat.
- 1.8 **Head of the Department:** Means the Director of Higher Education.
- 1.9 **Head of the Institution:** Means Principal/Headmaster.
- 1.10 **Teachers:** Means all categories of teachers appointed/engaged by the Govt.
- 1.11 **Lecturer/ PGT:** Means the teacher who possesses the master degree in the concerned subject having professional degree of B. Ed.
- 1.12 **Student:** Means who is enrolled or attends classes in a school.
- 1.13 **Inspecting Officers:** Means any officer of the Department to whom the duty of inspection is entrusted.
- 1.14 **College:** Means an institution in which University or Professional education is given in Courses prescribed by the University or by a Department of Government.
- 1.15 **Professional College:** Means a college teaching a course of study recognised by the University or by a Department of Government and qualifying for the pursuit of a profession.
- 1.16 **College of Teacher Education:** Means a professional institute in which the students are prepared/ trained to be teachers by acquiring B.Ed. Degree and also where in-service teacher training programmes are conducted.
- 1.17 **School:** Means an institution designed for the Teaching of students under the directions of Teachers for the following standards:-
 - (i) High School (upto 10th Class)
 - (ii) Senior Secondary School (upto XII Class)
- 1.18 **State Council of Education Research and Training:** Means an institution imparting in-service training to all categories of teachers and offering subject based training modules and educational/academic/research guidance to teachers/educational institutions.
- 1.19 **Elementary Education:** Means Directorate of Elementary Education Himachal Pradesh.

- 1.20 District Institute of Education and Training:** Means an institution imparting training, instruction and guidance to Pre-service and In-service teachers.
- 1.21 Aided School:** Means a school under private management which receives aid from general revenue of the State.
- 1.22 Boys School:** Means a school classified for admission to boys only.
- 1.23 Girls School:** Means a school classified for admission to girls only.
- 1.24 Co-Educational School:** Means a school classified for admission to both boys and girls.
- 1.25 Government School:** Means a school which is under the administrative control of the Government in which the courses of study conform to standards approved by the department.
- 1.26 School Year:** Means the year starting from 1st April and ending on 31st March.
- 1.27 School Management Committees (SMC):** Means a body constituted for better co-operation and co-ordination between society and teachers for improvement in the academic standards of students and infrastructure in a school as per the terms and conditions contained in Govt. Notification No. Shiksha –II-Ga(17)-2/2009-L Dated 11/06/2010.
- 1.28 Scholarship:** Means a periodic payment to a student, granted for a fixed period on terms and conditions approved by the Department/State Government/Central Government.
- 1.29 Open Scholarship:** Means a scholarship which is not restricted to any particular section or class and is awarded under rules of general application.
- 1.30 Closed Scholarship:** Means a scholarship, the award or tenure of which is subject to special restrictions.
- 1.31 Stipend:** Means subsistence allowance paid to a student on certain conditions to enable or induce him to pursue specified courses of study.
- 1.32 Government Revenue:** Means the Revenue administered by the Himachal Pradesh Government.
- 1.33 The Code of Professional Ethics:** Means a set of rules and obligations for the conduct of teachers /non teaching staff framed by the Department/Government.
- 1.34 Hostel Warden:** Means a government employee entrusted with the duty of the management of the hostel.
- 1.35 RTE and Mid Day Meal:** Certain provisions where these pertain to Middle Schools/ Middle units of High and Senior Secondary Schools, in that event Code of Elementary Education Himachal Pradesh will prevail.

Note.- The provisions contained in “The Himachal Pradesh Secondary Education Code” will be applicable to all the Deputy Directors of Higher Education, Principals of the Senior Secondary Schools, Headmasters of the High Schools as well as all teaching and non teaching staff working in the Offices of Deputy Director of Higher Education or in the Government Institutions who will ensure that all the provisions contained in this code are adhered to in letter and spirit and no deviation is made from any provision at any stage; failing which the defaulters will be liable for any disciplinary action warranted under the rules.