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Sub: Age criteria for admission in class 1st academic session 2023-24.

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A large number of complaints have been received from parents regarding denial of admission to their wards by various schools in class $1^{\rm st}$ on the plea that the age of their wards is less than 06 years and as per National Education Policy 2020, the age for admission in class $1^{\rm st}$ should be 06 years. As per the past practice, the children have got admitted at the age of 2+ years in nursery class and such students have completed three years in the pre-primary level and are now in the age group of 5+ years. Withholding their admission by a year will attribute to loss of an academic year, as they are due for admission in class $1^{\rm st}$ in the session 2023-24.

In view of the above, the matter has been examined after considering the concerns of all the stakeholders, notifications issued by various State Govts. & series of deliberations. It has been decided to gradually implement the NEP and relax the age criteria for admission to class 1st for the academic session 2023-24, in view of the transition period. Accordingly, the students who have completed two / three years in the pre-primary classes, as the case may be, and have attained the age of more than 5 years as on 31ST March, 2023, shall be admitted in the Ist Class in the academic session 2023-24.

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- 1. Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department Civil Sectt. Jammu/Srinagar for kind information and confirmation of the action taken.
- 2. Joint Director (All) for information.
- 3. All Chief Education Officers/Principal's DIET's/Dy. CEOs of Jammu Division for information and necessary action.
- 4. All Zonal Education Officers of Jammu Division for information and necessary action.
- 5. I/c computer section to upload on the official website.
- 6. Office Record file.