

A Brief Profile

The Punjab School Education Board came into existence through a legislative enactment in November 1969 for the development and promotion of school education in the state of Punjab. In 1987, the Vidhan Sabha amended the Board's Act to grant it autonomy. The scope of Board's functions is very wide and covers almost every aspect/stage of school education. However, a brief account of functions, structure and activities of the Board is enumerated as below:

1. Functions Of The Board

1. To make necessary arrangements for smooth conduct of public examination at school level .At present the Board conducts public examinations at Middle, Matriculation and Senior Secondary Level.
2. To prescribe the curriculum, courses of studies and text books for school education. The Board has a full-fledged academic wing, having subject experts in all the major subjects. The main responsibility of this wing is to prepare and revise the syllabuses regularly and then prepare text books accordingly.
3. To arrange for the preparations, compilation, improvement, publication, printing and sale of text books.
4. To make necessary arrangements for affiliations of schools to the Board
5. To make efforts to bring about qualitative improvement in school education.
6. To act as an advisory body to the state Govt. regarding School Education.

this Act.

2. Composition Of The Board

The Board comprises of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and twenty five other members including Educationists, Academicians and Political members.

3. Structure Of The Board

The Board comprises of four main branches i.e. **Academic Branch, Examination Branch, Publication Branch and Administration/Accounts Branch**. These branches control various activities and functions of the Board.

4. Production and sale of text books:

The board has a full-fledged wing with all the necessary expertise for the production and sale of text books upto senior secondary level. The Board has set up 21 text book sale depots-cum-offices. The Board has printed 143 titles of Text Books during the year 2009-10.

5. Examinations & Examination reforms:

At present, the Punjab School Education Board conducts the public Examinations at Middle, Matriculation and Senior Secondary level. The following Examination reforms are introduced by the Board from the academic year 2010-11.

1. The Middle Standard Examination will be conducted at the school level.
2. Semester System is introduced in class X & XII by the Board to bring about qualitative improvement in school education. This is in continuation with the Semester system introduced at school level in class IX & XI from academic year 2009-10. Continuous and comprehensive evaluation is introduced along with Semester system.

6. Affiliation of Schools:

The Board has been entrusted with responsibility of granting affiliation to the private schools in the state as per the prescribed rules and guidelines. The Board has affiliated approximately 2700 schools till date.

7. Quality Education And Development Programs

A special cell to promote quality education in the schools and to organize various educational development programmes has been set up in the Board. The Board has also established ten Adarsh Schools since 1979 in order to provide quality education in the rural areas, on the direction of the Punjab Government.

8. Open School System

The Board has introduced Open School system in the state to provide Non-formal Education to the students who have not been able to get formal education at Middle, Secondary and Senior Secondary level. Students adopting this method of education are imparted guidance through various study centers. Quality study material prepared by the experts of the Board is provided to these students.

9. Finance of The Board

The Board is an autonomous and self financing organization where the main revenue is generated through sale of text books, other publications and receipt of admission fees for various examinations, Interests on investments etc. However the Board is showing a deficit and there is no aid from the Government.

10. Campus

The Offices of the Board are housed in its own complex which is built on 8.10 acres plot located in Phase-VIII,

S.A.S.Nagar. The Board also has a residential complex for its employees.

11. Computerization

The Board has installed single window system from this year to provide better services to the students in specific and public in general.

12. Staff

Category wise position of the Board's staff is as under:

Category	No. of Employees
A	0030
B	0222
C	1441
D	0586

Adarsh School's Total Staff is: 222