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CBSE Class 10 students to get option of two exams

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Context

- In a bid to **reduce the stress of Board exams**, Class 10 students will be given the **option of taking their exams twice from the academic year 2026-27**, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) said on Wednesday.
- This **option to improve** performance in up to three academic subjects will **only** be provided to students **who pass the first examination**, officials said.
- The CBSE's decision is **in line with the 2020 National Education Policy (NEP) recommendation to remove the "high stakes" aspect of Board exams** by allowing all students to attempt the exams up to two times during any given school year if they wish to.
- **One will be the main exam, and the other for improvement.**
- "While it is **mandatory for students to appear in the first Board examination** which will be conducted in **mid-February**, all students who **pass the first Board examination and are eligible will be allowed to improve their performance** in any three subjects," CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh said.
- "The **second exam is purely optional** and additional in nature," he added. The **better of the two scores will be considered in the final mark sheets** of students who appear in both exams.
- Students can choose to sit for the improvement exam in one, two or a **maximum of three subjects**, after reviewing their scores in the first exam," said Sanyam Bhardwaj, the CBSE's Controller of Examinations

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