

PUBLIC NOTICE

Admission under Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act, 2009
(Academic Session 2026-27)

The Department of School Education, Government of Punjab, invites online applications from parents/guardians for admission of their eligible children under Section 12(1)(c) of 'The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009' for the Academic Session 2026-27.

As per the Government Notification dated 7th January, 2026, private unaided recognized schools shall reserve 25% of the seats at entry level of their school as defined in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for children belonging to the following categories:

Categories & Reservation

● Economically Weaker Section (EWS)- 12.5%

The children, whose parents fall under the definition of Economically Weaker Section and the parents are having income and assets certificate, shall be identified as children belonging to Economically Weaker Section.

Disadvantaged Groups (DG)- 12.5%, including:

- Scheduled Caste
- Backward Class/OBC (non-creamy layer)
- Children of war widows
- Children of persons with minimum 40% disability
- Children with special needs (as per RPWD Act, 2016)
- Orphan children (as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2015)

Important Details

- **Mode of Application:** Apply Online only through the official RTE admission Portal <https://rte.epunjabschool.gov.in>
- **Classes Covered:** Entry-level classes (Nursery/LKG/UKG/Class 1), as applicable as per the SOP 2026-27.
- **Selection Process:** Selection and allocation will be done through online draw of lots.
- **Documents:** The relevant documents mentioned in the SOPs 2026-27 will be required to be submitted online and at the time of admission in the concerned school as well as wherever applicable/demanded by the department.

Parents/guardians are advised to carefully read the SOP 2026-27 available on the portal and website of the department, before applying and ensure that the accurate information of the child is submitted. Please note that only parents and guardians are authorized to submit applications on the portal.

Online portal will open on 16.04.2026 and the last date for submission of Online Applications will be 25.04.2026 till 5: 00 PM. No application shall be accepted after the date of closing of portal. No offline applications shall be accepted.

For assistance, please contact the concerned Block Education Office/District Education Officer (SE/EE) or call on the helpline number provided on the portal- 011-41186208.

The Recognized Unaided Private Schools, Block Primary Education Officers and District Education Officers (Elementary/Secondary) are encouraged to display this notice on their prominent notice boards, websites, social media to ensure wide outreach and awareness.

Issued in public interest.

Note:-

1. The candidates who will be successful for admission after draw system cannot claim this admission as a matter of right prior to verification of their particulars, eligibility as well as documents submitted by them at the time of submitting their application online. The admission of a candidate in the school allotted to his/her child may be confirmed only after complete physical verification of particulars and eligibility of successful candidates.
2. Another round of allocation of seats may be undertaken, if required.


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