

General Curricula and Textbook Guidelines-

This document outlines guidelines for Marlboro Hindi School (MHS) Curricula and the recommended textbooks. The curricula guidelines are consistent with the MHS goals that students first acquire ‘functional conversational skills’ in commonly used Hindi Language (बोल-चाल की भाषा). Students acquire literacy, grammar and nuances of the language as they make progress in conversational skills. This is consistent with the modern language learning paradigms.

The curricula are organized into 7 classes - three classes at the beginners level, two classes at the intermediate level and two classes at the Advance level (क्रमशः प्रथमा, मध्यमा और उच्चतर). It is expected that a student masters basic goals outlined for each class before moving to the next class. Students entering MHS will be tested for appropriate placement. For a solid foundation, the curricula is designed to have substantial overlap between classes at the same level to provide ample opportunity to retain, reuse and recycle language. The textbooks and additional class material are designed according to this pedagogical requirement.

The curriculum at each Proficiency Level focuses on developing communication skills (in all three communication modes namely, Interpretive, Interpersonal and Presentational) in a context that students can readily relate to in their everyday life. However, it is important to include literacy training (reading and writing) for improving accuracy, articulation and confidence building towards using the language **spontaneously**. Focus on literacy increases gradually as training progresses through Beginner to Advance Levels.

Note for the Teachers: The curricula outlined here are guidelines for the material to be covered in a school year. These are not Lesson Plans. It is not mandatory to finish the curriculum in a year. There is sufficient overlap between the classes. Communication and Literacy goals are defined separately. It is up to the teacher to determine the content/volume in each topic depending upon the pace of the class and teacher’s assessment about how much language students can absorb, retain, and use spontaneously. Teachers have to plan for spiraling up or down in Lesson Plans. The emphasis should be to create a ‘student centered’ learning environment where students are provided opportunity to interact with each other in the **target language** more often to practice the language **by themselves** (than listening to the teacher) through well designed activities and technology tools.

Beginner 1 (प्रथमा 1)-

Communication goals-

Vocabulary – Using “Show & Tell” methods student should be able to name people they see and objects they use in their everyday life. Following contexts are suggested for basic vocabulary (not necessarily in that order).

- About Me (मेरा परिचय)-limit to facts about self (name, age)
- Colors (मेरे रंग)-limit to basic colors
मेरे खाने में
मेरे कपड़ों में
मेरे खिलौनों में
- Body Parts (मेरे अंग)-limit to external parts,
- Family (मेरे प्रिय लोग)-limit to immediate family and friends,
- Pet and Wild Animals (मेरे जानवर दोस्त या मित्र) -limit to a few that are commonly adopted or seen in a farm or a zoo,
- Clothes (मेरे कपड़े)-limit to what they wear every day, and on a special occasion,
- Favorite foods (मेरी प्रिय खाने की चीज़ें)
- Games (मेरे प्रिय खेल)-limit to their sports and games that they like,
- Numbers- 1-10 (spiraling up to 20)

Basic sentences – student should be spontaneously able to respond to three basic questions using single words or memorized simple phrases.

तुम्हारा नाम क्या है?

यह/वह कौन है?

यह क्या है?

Literacy Goals- Recognizing basic vowels and tracing them, use iPad/iPod Apps to learn script and writing dynamics.

Stretch goal-recognizing consonants associated with their own names.

Book - Prathama 1 Textbook and Exercise Book (ESHI Beginner 1books)

Teacher’s Reference Material –

- 1) Practical Conversation Sentences,
- 2) ITRANS Devnagari Transliteration Guide,
- 3) अक्षरमाला,
- 4) गिनती तालिका,
- 5) पूरक पुस्तिका (प्रथमा)

Days of the week, Months of the year, Seasons Names, Emotions (Moods), Daily Routine, Dot- and Craft-based activities.

- 6) iPad Apps & Matching/Memory Games (Teachers may have a suggested list for students).