

3 Language Formula of NEP, 2020

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The NEP 2020 brings with it a novel concept of early implementation of the three-language formula, with the view to **promote multilingualism and national unity**. As per the new education policy, it is up to the state to decide which is the language of their choice.

More About 3 Language Formula

- The NEP, 2020 has **emphasized** on the use of mother tongue or local language as the medium of instruction till Class 5 while, recommending its continuance till Class 8 and beyond.
- It recommends that all students will learn three languages in their school under the formula. The **three languages learned by children will be the choices of States, regions, and of course the students themselves**. However, **at least two of the three languages should be native to India**, one of which is most likely to be the local/ regional language.
- The **rule will apply to both private and public schools**.
- High-quality textbooks, including in science, will be made available in home languages
- In cases where home-language textbook material is not available, the language of the transaction between teachers and students will still remain the home language wherever possible.
- **Teachers will be encouraged to use a bilingual approach**, including bilingual teaching-learning materials, with those students whose home language may be different from the medium of instruction.

- The original draft of the NEP made teaching Hindi to all school students compulsory but that clause was removed in the final document.