

## 70pc attendance

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from sitting for the public examinations in case of their failure to pass in all subjects to obtain cent percent success in such exams.

"The government hopes every student will complete school life successfully and take part in next step of education," the circular reads.

It also points out that some students will not be able to sit for the test exams due to illness, natural calamity, accidents and other causes. "It is not the government's desire to deprive these students of their opportunities to sit for the public exams," the circular adds.

Actions will be taken as per rules if the authorities concerned deviate from the order, it warns.

The government decision, however, has received mixed reaction from the teachers.

A number of teachers said the decision would put a negative impact on overall results in the public exams if weaker students, who fail in several subjects, were allowed to sit for the exams.

"It will make the test examination least important," said Shahan Ara Begum, principal of Ideal School and College in Motijheel.

There were no relations between examination and attendance, she said, adding, there was no alternative to ~~test~~ it worked like filter and allowed

competitiveness.

Another teacher of a renowned private school in the capital said new irregularities would creep in if students were allowed to sit for the exams on the basis of attendance.

"Influential people will force the teachers to alter the attendance records," said the teacher asking not to be identified.

However, a college teacher in Dhaka welcomed the decision, saying the new rule would put an end to ill practices exercised in several schools. "There are schools that exclude students even if they do bad in just one subject to show the government that they have cent percent pass rate," the teacher observed.

The circular said if examinees performed poorly in the pre-test examinations, the head teachers would analyse the matter and ask other teachers concerned to be more cautious. It also advised special care to be taken for weaker students.

The ministry instructed the institutions to evaluate teachers' performance within a month of publishing the results of the public exams and take steps to reward or rebuke them accordingly.

It also directed the education officers in upazilas and districts to report on teachers' performance to the education boards.

TAKING SSC, HSC EXAMS

## 70pc attendance must for students

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Students who attend 70 percent classes will be eligible to sit for public examinations like SSC and HSC even if they failed in the test exams.

The education ministry yesterday sent a circular in this regard to all schools, colleges, madrasas and technical institutions, directing the authorities concerned to comply with it.

Education institutions hold test examinations for students to get qualified for public examinations like Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC).

The ministry took the decision as it said some institutions barred students

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