## The Sirsa School



### LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR TOMORROW



# We don't just think, WE BECOME



#### INTRODUCTION



Jan Nayak Chaudhary Devi lal

The Sirsa School was envisioned to enhance and promote the prosperity and progress of Haryana, with its roots in a sound education system. The dream was given concrete shape on the outskirts of Sirsa, Haryana to nurture the vision of the great leader of the masses, Jan Nayak Chaudhary Devi lal. Introduced in 2004, The Sirsa School is a step towards realising his aspiration for a better education encompassing varied aspects of growth and development, not just academics. The school is run & managed by Chaudhary Devi lal Memorial Trust.

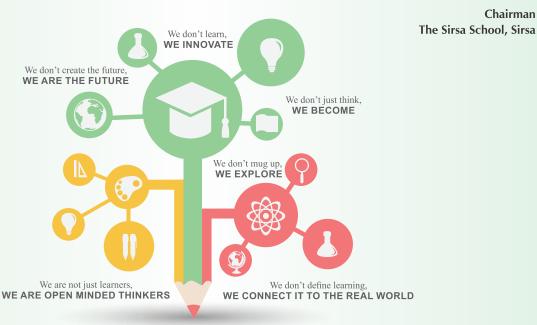
### Chairman's Message

I still remember the days when we had first thought of venturing into education. As this was a totally new field for us, the only way to learn was to become students once again. Thus started a learning process of finding what the education process in the country was, is and should be. And after studying and contemplating various education systems both in India and abroad, emerged an education model to which we gave a name - "The Sirsa School".

Why The Sirsa School? Because there are multiple paths to learning and a school should be a facilitator in the process. Education is not just about imparting knowledge, but also about training young minds with the skills of using this knowledge purposefully and effectively towards the betterment of self and society.

The Sirsa School understands these evolving needs of education and takes on the challenges of providing an evolved learning process to enable students to be competent, thinking, moral individuals. Education depends on how responsibly all three - school, student and home participate in the process of learning. A commitment to this tripartite process by all three is what makes The Sirsa School.

Chairman



### We don't create the future, WE ARE THE FUTURE



A world of opportunity. A world of challenge. A world so different from the one we've always known. What are we doing to prepare our children for it? How are we equipping them to make their mark? By creating a culture of excellence, by being world-class ourselves and by bringing together the best learning opportunities and techniques to enhance our childrens' calibre and global competitiveness. We want them to become the leaders of their generation. Shaping not only their own destiny but that of the world they inherit.

Welcome to The Sirsa School, where thoughts find expression in action, questions discover their answers and ability is transformed into achievement. After all, this is not just a school, its an experience that inspires young minds to think, explore and experiment.

### **VISION**

The Sirsa School strives to create global citizens with deep rooted Indian values so as to make a positive difference in the world they live.

### **MISSION**

To provide an outstanding holistic education for our students characterized by successful learning, cultural understanding and emotional well-being that provides firm foundations for the next stage of their learning and fully prepares them for in a rapidly changing 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## We don't define learning, WE CONNECT IT TO THE REAL WORLD



Today's needs of living and working in the contemporary world are affected by globalisation, rapid change and technological innovation. Though, factual knowledge is in abundance and freely available, the ability to process and apply this knowledge effectively and wisely is now critical.

Young minds need to become problem solvers and should be able to interact with any subject in critical and innovative ways; therefore they must acquire and employ strategies for accessing, processing, applying, synthesising and evaluating content.

At The Sirsa School, our teaching methods are designed to fulfil these future needs. Our teachers will employ a variety of teaching strategies in the classroom and would be trained to listen to the voice of the learner and bring out the best in each child. They will also actively engage them in interactions. This will be achieved through group work and whole-class instruction, which can be very active if it involves open discussion and learners responding and presenting rather than the teacher constantly lecturing.

This process helps to develop independent learners as they start to model themselves along the teacher's approach. Our educators will challenge the learners' thinking and support them to learn and finally accomplish tasks independently. Our teaching methods will facilitate students to become independent and collaborative critical thinkers.

The need to possess effective communication skills in today's world is paramount. Communication involves both verbal and written forms, and hence opportunities to develop both will be integral to our teaching and learning programme. Class presentations and group activities will be used to enhance communication skills. Through presentations and group research activities students would avail opportunities to give feedback to each other. Getting learners to provide feedback against set criteria will help to develop high level communication and reasoning skills, due to the need to justify their decisions, scores or evaluations. Periodic workshops will also be held for parents to better integrate into the child's learning process.





## We are not just learners, WE ARE OPEN MINDED THINKERS



Our curriculum is designed to provide the best possible all-round education to each of our students through a comprehensive programme. The aim is to produce inquiring, confident, open-minded children who are reflective in their thinking, balanced and well-disciplined in their behaviour; and grown up to be caring and responsible persons positively engaging with society and the world.

#### **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**

- The Sirsa School will follow the CBSE curriculum till Grade XII.
- The curriculum will cater to the individual child's pace of growth and development through the school's age-appropriate activities.
- Various teaching methods will be integrated into a traditional, broad-based curriculum with a transdisciplinary approach.
- We encourage children to discover and explore through experiential activities that are designed to make them think.
- Classes from Pre-Primary to Grade VIII will follow a structured curriculum designed to enhance every child's soft skills.
- The School's curriculum is designed to strengthen higher order thinking skills by exposing students to a variety of content areas, literacy, numeracy, and technology, while nurturing artistic, physical and interpersonal development.
- The teachers, too, will undergo periodic training through refresher courses and programmes to upgrade their skills and improve their performance.
- Parents will be involved through regular active orientations to help them understand the need for their participation in their child's progress.

#### A. Early Years (Nursery - KG)

As the most important formative phase in a child's life, our special emphasis will be to develop young minds that learn through play, thrive on a fertile imagination, absorb information and experiences from around them.

#### B. Primary School (Grades I to V)

The Sirsa School offers a flexible curriculum with integrated assessment for 5 - 11 year olds. The school sets clear learning objectives in English, Mathematics and Science skills for each year of primary education.

#### C. Secondary School (Grades VI to VIII)

The school offers a flexible curriculum with integrated assessment. It builds on the foundations of the primary school. Designed for 11 - 14 year olds, the secondary school develops learners' skills and understanding in Mathematics, English and Science for the first three years of secondary education.

#### D. Senior Secondary (Grades IX & XI)

The school offers the most popular curriculum for 14 - 16 year olds, leading to recognized and valued qualifications.

## We don't mug up, WE EXPLORE



The Sirsa School adopts the experiential learning philosophy and methodology in which educators purposefully engage with students indirect experience and focused reflection in order to increase knowledge, develop skills, and clarify values. With this, students learn through action, learning by doing, learning through experience, and learning through discovery and exploration.

**Debates :** At The Sirsa School, we teach students the basics of how to form an argument, develop communication skills, problem solving abilities, critical thinking and increase self-esteem.

**Field Trips:** Augmenting their on-campus learning, children will also be taken on study-excursions to factories, industries, art galleries, hospitals, hotels and other real-work environments to get a first-hand knowledge of how these function and perform their role in the economy and society.

**Workshops:** Sensitizing children to the various risks of modern times, special guidance workshops regarding personal safety and other relevant issues will be conducted by experienced and technically competent staff.

**Library:** A wide range of technical and non-technical books including leisure reading by world-renowned authors will grace the shelves of our well-stocked library.

**Learning Lab:** Practical work is an effective way of learning and reinforcing theoretical concepts in Science. Through practical work, teaching is enhanced and becomes more interesting - both, for the learner and teacher.

**Interactive Lab:** Students will be exposed to put in their talents to create something of their own and discover a new invention. They will be engaged in observing, asking questions about why things happen in the way they do, and evaluating.

**Science Lab:** Science labs will provide all the equipment that would be in use to conduct experiments for the Physics, Chemistry and Biology streams.

**Computer Lab:** The very best of modern equipment and computer products will be put to use for all student interaction and engagement during in-school assignments.

**Robotics Lab:** To foster Curiosity, Creativity, & Imagination.



# We don't learn, WE INNOVATE



#### **Other Facilities**

**Medical Services:** A full-time nurse as well as qualified team of doctors on call will attend to any medical emergencies of the students while on campus.

**Hostel:** Residences at The Sirsa School are homes away from home. Students spend as much time at the residences as they spend at study or co-curricular activity, and hence set up a link as well as a routine in the way they 'live' at school.

**Transportation:** The School has its own fleet of buses. Each bus has a driver, conductor who is provided with mobile phone for the easy access of the parents along with complete safety and security of the children.

Club Activities: These activities help the students to learn and practice skills that will help them express themselves with their individuality. To nurture the talent of each student, the school has made extensive arrangements that enable the students to learn different arts, crafts, music and dance. The school provides a rich variety of activities namely as a club like Arts club, Music club, Sculpture & Pottery club, Dance club, Karate and Yoga, Aerobics classes for meaningful engagement depending on their needs and interests.

#### Extra-curricular activities include

 Fine Arts: Sculpting, painting, pottery, clay-modelling, wood craft, murals and origami

Music: Vocal and Instrumental

• Drama: Theatre programmes

Dance: Indian Classical and Folk, Western Classical and Contemporary

National Level Badminton Academy



## We don't play to win, WE PLAY TO PURSUE A HEALTHY LIFE



The Sirsa School students never sit on the sidelines. They play to win knowing that a game cannot be lost until the last second while being aware that winning is not everything and losing can be an excellent learning opportunity. Learning a sport instills in them key life skills involving perseverance, leadership, team work, strategic planning and sportsmanship. Students are encouraged to participate and to excel in the game they play. Our professional sports instructors ensure that children get the basic possible guidance along the way, including proper gear and equipments.

#### **SPORTS INCLUDE**

- Karate
- Hockey
- Volleyball
- Field Athletics
- Judo
- Chess
- Memory Games
- Table Tennis
- Aerobics

- Badminton
- Archery
- Basketball
- Skating
- Cricket
- Carrom
- Gymnastics
- Yoga
- Swimming





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...Laying the foundations for tomorrow...

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