

# Assam HS Syllabus & Exam Pattern 2026-27

A complete, easy-to-read guide for Class 12 (HS 2nd Year) students — Arts, Science, Commerce & Vocational streams

**Official Notice:** The complete subject-wise syllabus and exam pattern for the 2026-27 academic session have been released by the board and are available on the official AHSEC/ASSEB website — [ahsec.assam.gov.in](https://ahsec.assam.gov.in). Always cross-check chapter lists and mark-weightage against the official PDF for your subject before finalising your study plan.

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## 1 About AHSEC & the 2026-27 Session

The **Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC)**, now functioning under the **Assam State School Education Board (ASSEB)** structure, is the state authority responsible for prescribing the syllabus, conducting the Higher Secondary (HS) final examination, and declaring results for Class 12 students across Assam.

For the **2026-27 academic session**, the board has released the updated subject-wise syllabus and confirmed the exam pattern for all streams — Arts, Science, Commerce, and Vocational — on its official website. This document consolidates that information into one clear, exam-ready reference.

### Key facts at a glance

**Founded:** 1984

**Headquarters:** Guwahati

**Conducts:** HS (Class 12) Exams

**Streams:** Arts · Science · Commerce · Vocational

**Mode:** Offline (Pen & Paper)

**Note:** Exact exam dates, admit card release, and result timelines for the 2026-27 session will be announced by AHSEC closer to the exam. Always confirm live dates from the official routine/notification section of [ahsec.assam.gov.in](https://ahsec.assam.gov.in).

## 2 Streams & Subjects Offered

Every HS 2nd Year student studies **two core/compulsory subjects** (English + a Modern Indian Language, or English + an alternate core paper) and **three elective subjects** chosen according to their stream.

### 🔬 Science Stream

Physics · Chemistry · Biology · Mathematics · Computer Science & Applications · Statistics · Biotechnology · Environmental Science

### 🎨 Arts Stream

Education · Economics · Political Science · History · Economic Geography · Philosophy · Sociology · Psychology · Fine Arts & more

### 🏢 Commerce Stream

Accountancy · Business Studies · Economics · Statistics · Computer Science & Applications · Economic Geography

### 🗣️ Language / Vocational

English (compulsory) · Modern Indian Languages (Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Hindi, Nepali, Urdu, and others) · Vocational trade subjects

*Subject lists are indicative of the broad AHSEC curriculum; the exact combination allowed depends on your school's affiliation and stream. Confirm your final elective list with your school/the official syllabus PDF.*

### 3How to Download the Official Syllabus

The subject-wise 2026–27 syllabus PDFs are hosted on the official AHSEC/ASSEB portal. Follow these steps:

1. Visit the official website: **ahsec.assam.gov.in**
2. Go to the **Academics** or **Syllabus** section on the homepage
3. Select **HS 2nd Year (Class 12)** syllabus
4. Choose your **stream** (Arts / Science / Commerce / Vocational) and then your **subject**
5. Download the subject PDF and save/print it for reference

**Tip:** Always read the front page of each subject's official PDF carefully — it states the unit-wise weightage, any topics added/removed for 2026–27, and whether a practical or project component applies.

### 4Syllabus Structure & Subject Highlights

Across subjects, the AHSEC syllabus is organised into **numbered units/chapters**, each carrying a defined mark-weightage that theory questions are drawn from. Some subjects also carry practical, project, or internal-assessment components.

#### Core Science Subjects

| Subject                         | Broad Focus Areas                                      | Practical? |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Physics                         | Mechanics, electrodynamics, optics, modern physics     | Yes        |
| Chemistry                       | Physical, organic & inorganic chemistry                | Yes        |
| Biology                         | Botany & Zoology – genetics, ecology, human physiology | Yes        |
| Mathematics                     | Algebra, calculus, vectors, probability                | No         |
| Computer Science & Applications | Programming concepts, databases, networking            | Yes        |

#### Commerce Subjects

| Subject          | Broad Focus Areas                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Accountancy      | Partnership accounts, company accounts, financial statements |
| Business Studies | Principles of management, business finance & marketing       |
| Economics        | Macroeconomics, national income, money & banking             |

#### Arts Subjects

| Subject            | Broad Focus Areas                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| History            | Ancient to modern Indian & world history themes         |
| Political Science  | Indian government & politics, international relations   |
| Education          | Educational psychology, philosophy & pedagogy           |
| Economic Geography | Resources, agriculture, industry & population geography |

**Important:** Unit names, chapter order, and mark-weightage can change slightly year to year. Solve previous years' papers only after checking that a topic is still part of the current 2026–27 unit list — skip any unit the official PDF marks as removed.

## 5 Exam Pattern - Marks Distribution

Each HS subject paper carries a maximum of **100 marks**. How those marks split between theory, practical, and internal assessment depends on the subject type:

| Subject Type                    | Theory Marks | Practical / Internal | Examples                                                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Language & theory-only papers   | 100          | –                    | English, MIL, Mathematics, History, Political Science     |
| Papers with a practical exam    | 70–80        | 20–30                | Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science, Statistics |
| Papers with internal assessment | ~80          | ~20                  | Select Commerce & Arts electives                          |

The precise theory/practical split (e.g. 70+30 vs. 80+20) varies by subject and is confirmed on the first page of each subject's official 2026–27 syllabus PDF — always check it there before planning your revision.

### Typical Question Paper Sections

AHSEC theory papers are generally divided into four question types, spread across roughly 16 questions per paper:

- Objective / MCQ - 1 mark each
- Very Short Answer - 2 marks
- Short Answer - 3–4 marks
- Long Answer - 5–6 marks

Most sections include **internal choice** (an "either/or" option) in the short and long-answer questions, and there is **no negative marking** for incorrect MCQ responses.

## 6 Question Paper Design & Duration

| Aspect                  | Detail                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total marks per subject | 100 (theory + practical/internal, where applicable)                                                            |
| Duration                | Approx. 1.5 to 3 hours, depending on the subject and whether it is theory-only or split with practicals        |
| Exam shifts             | Morning: 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon   Afternoon: 1:30 PM–4:30 PM (question papers distributed 10 minutes before start) |
| Answer format           | Pen-and-paper (offline); no OMR sheets currently in use                                                        |
| Negative marking        | None                                                                                                           |

**Reminder:** Reach your exam centre well before the reporting time, and carry your admit card — no student is permitted to sit the exam without it.

## 7 Passing Criteria & Grading

| Subject Type                       | Minimum Passing Marks                                                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Theory-only subject (no practical) | 30% of total marks in theory                                                |
| Subject with a practical component | 30% in theory <b>and</b> 40% in practical — both must be cleared separately |

A student must qualify in **every individual component** of a subject (theory and practical, where applicable) — scoring high in one cannot compensate for failing the other.

## 8 Exam Day & Practical Schedule (Typical Cycle)

While the exact 2026–27 dates will be notified separately, AHSEC's HS exam cycle typically follows this sequence each year:

| Stage                           | Typical Timing                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Final exam routine released     | Around mid-to-late November    |
| Admit cards issued              | Around January, via schools    |
| Practical examinations          | Late January to early February |
| Theory examinations             | Mid-February to mid-March      |
| Results declared                | Late April                     |
| Compartment / improvement exams | Around July                    |

These are recurring patterns from recent AHSEC cycles, shown here only as a planning reference — treat the official 2026–27 routine notification (once released) as final.

## 9 Preparation Strategy & Tips

- **Build a unit-wise tracker:** List every unit with its mark-weightage, your target completion date, and revision status — then prioritise the highest-weightage units first.
- **Practice previous years' & model papers:** Solve official AHSEC sample papers and past question papers, skipping any unit that has been removed for 2026–27.
- **Master the objective section early:** Since MCQs and very-short questions are spread across the whole syllabus, quick daily revision keeps recall sharp.
- **Don't neglect practicals:** For Science subjects, practical marks (usually 20–30% of the total) require hands-on lab practice — start well before the practical exam window.
- **Use internal choices wisely:** In long-answer sections with "either/or" options, prepare both alternatives for your strongest chapters to maximise flexibility on exam day.
- **Time yourself:** Attempt full model papers under exam-duration conditions at least twice before the final exam.

## 10 Quick FAQs

### Where can I get the official 2026–27 syllabus?

Directly from [ahsec.assam.gov.in](https://ahsec.assam.gov.in) → Academics/Syllabus section → select HS 2nd Year, your stream, and subject.

### Has anything changed from last year's syllabus?

Subject-wise revisions may exist each cycle. Always read the front page of the current PDF and the unit list before assuming continuity with last year.

### Are practicals/projects compulsory for every subject?

No — only for subjects where the official syllabus PDF specifies a practical or project component (mainly Science and select Commerce/vocational papers).

### Is there negative marking?

No. AHSEC does not deduct marks for incorrect answers in objective-type questions.

### Will OMR sheets be used in 2026–27?

As of the latest board clarification, there was no immediate plan to introduce OMR-based answer sheets in the HS final examination — answers continue to be written on paper. Confirm with the official notification closer to the exam.

For the most accurate, exam-ready syllabus PDFs and the final 2026–27 routine, always refer to the official AHSEC / ASSEB website: