

Appendix 1

A comparison of the different modes of operation

Mode	Time of Operation	Operation Characteristics	Remarks
Streaming	During school hours	Students with the poorest overall results are put in one class which is then divided into 2 groups for remedial lessons of the 3 subjects.	Segregation psychologically bad for the students; some students may not be weak in all the 3 subjects.
Split Class	During school hours	Some classes at the same level are split into halves; the weaker halves of these classes are to attend remedial lessons while the other halves will join together for regular lessons of the same subject.	Administratively easier to transfer students to and from remedial groups even during term time.
Withdrawal (Setting & Partial Withdrawal)	During school hours	Weaker students are withdrawn from each class of the same level to form remedial groups while the other students are having regular lessons of the same subject.	Difficulty in time-tabling as all classes of the same level need to have lessons of the same subject at the same time.
Additional Lessons	Outside school hours	Groups of weak students are given extra lessons outside normal school hours, e.g. after school or on Saturday mornings.	Parental consent has to be sought for lessons conducted outside normal school hours. Administrative problems may also arise e.g. deployment of teachers and other supporting staff.