

Path Bhaban

Administration

Path Bhaban is the Education Wing of Bichitra, a Bengali Religious and Cultural Organization in Southeast Michigan, USA. The Education Committee of Bichitra coordinates with Path Bhaban to establish, formulates and endorses Policy, Procedure, Curriculum as well as Administration of the Campuses. At present Path Bhaban has two campuses – one in Troy and one in Novi. Each Campus is run by a Student-Parent-Teacher [SPT] Group. The Individual SPT Group elects a Campus Coordinator, who coordinates all activities within the Path Bhaban Campus as well as with the Education Committee. For smoother operation the SPT group may elect other key positions or Directors. The Campus SPT Group administers day to day activities of the Campus. They meet often as necessary for all activities within the Campus. The administrative activities are managed by the Education Committee and operated by the SPT groups of individual campuses.

Teachers and Staff

Path Bhaban teachers are all volunteers. Usually each teacher teaches a group of students, all belonging to the same class. Exceptions may also occur. The teachers are trained to teach the Bengali language and culture. The teachers are also responsible for the progress of the students and they recommend students to next higher level class. Other Volunteer Staff arrange for various activities including Awards, Banquets, Tours, etc.

Registration

The students can register at the beginning of the Bichitra fiscal year (which starts on May 1) or at the beginning each session. The registration fees are collected to cover the material, food, tour, and other expenses. The registration fees are determined jointly by the campus SPT groups and the Education Committee. Individual Campus SPT Group may establish a Session Fee for particular Session. In coordination with Education Committee, the campus SPT group may decide to allow discounts or waive fees to certain individuals, depending on the situation. The student or parent need to apply for such concessions and the SPT group as well as Education Committee will judge the situation and inform the applicant accordingly.

Session

Path Bhaban follows three session schedules. The fiscal year for Path Bhaban merges with the fiscal year of Bichitra - May through April. The Spring/Summer Session runs from May through August; the Fall Session runs from September through December; the Winter Session runs from January through April.

Examination

Usually, the examination days are the first class days of the months of August (for Spring/Summer), December (for Fall), and April (for Winter). The examination dates are rescheduled if necessary.

Awards

An annual award banquet is arranged jointly by the SPT Groups. Usually, this is a combined event in the Spring/Summer Session. The registration fee covers all the award related expenses for the students. Parents, teachers and other guests pay for their own expenses. Additional amounts may be requested as necessary.

Field Trips

Field trips are often organized jointly by the two campus SPT groups. Usually, two field trips are arranged annually for Fall and Winter Sessions. The registration fee covers all students. Parents, teachers and other guests pay for their own expenses.

Teacher's Assembly

A teacher's assembly is organized jointly by the campus SPT Coordinators. The purpose is to assemble Path Bhaban teachers from all campuses, listen to one another's success stories, and discuss the application of those successes. Individual campus SPT implements the teaching method/process depending on available resources and available teaching staff.
