**9.1 EMPHASIS AT 9th AND 10th CLASS COACHING**

* Most of the students ignore the importance of 9th class.
* They hardly know that 9th and 10th standards are interconnected.
* Doing well in 10th board exams is important for seeking admission in the stream of choice.
* It is essential to start getting ready from 9th standard itself.
* We know that many of the books have two parts. One part is for class 9th and the second part is for class 10th.
* So, it should be kept in mind, if the basics are not clear in 9th class, one may face problems in 10th standard as well.
* The second thing is that, nowadays competition level has touched new pinnacles and if one wants to keep up, he has to be extraordinary in his studies.
* It is better, if the students start preparing for **IIT-JEE, combined medical test** from the early stage, and 9th standard is supposed to be the best time to start preparation from.
* The third and the most important is that, does the student feel about it?
* If he thinks that he can manage his syllabus without the help of tuition or coaching classes, then there is no need to join one. But most of the students ignore the importance of preparation at 9th class, coaching remains a must option for them to join.
* There are many students who use to live under the impression that tuition is must for standing in front row. That is nothing but a myth.
* Many students achieve good grades without attending tuition classes, but again, it is nothing but a personal call.
* If someone thinks he is lacking in some subject then he should join the tuition/coaching. It will be a step beneficial, indeed.
* Career planning during school days is very important, which stream is to be selected after 10th class? Humanities, Commerce or Science.
* Concern for choosing the stream is genuine as it plays a very important role in choosing the future path. However, many a times, students are not completely sure of which stream to select after class 10th.

**Stream selection after 10th is influenced by various factors**

* Every student needs to understand that choosing a stream after class 10th is completely their decision and they should be serious about it. Parents too, should also understand that their child needs their support for making a decision. So, they should avoid any social or peer pressure affecting their child’s decision.
* At class 10th students not only require coaching in the subjects they feel poor, but they may also be in want of counseling. Four factors play crucial role in choosing the stream for their future.

**1. Self Awareness**

* This is the most important thing to be considered before deciding a stream to choose after 10th.
* This involves identifying his interest, understanding the aptitude and skills.
* Adequate attention must be given to interest and aptitude. For example, if one is weak in any science subject like Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Mathematics, then he has tough time in understanding the subject in class 11th and 12th and during higher studies.
* This is why detailed strength-weakness analysis is necessary and important while choosing a stream after class 10th.

**2. Know the Streams**

* A student should find out every minute detail about the stream, like subjects’ difficulty level, higher education courses and career projects etc.
* Without having known all these aspects, a student won’t be able to find out which stream will suit his/her the best.
* Some streams give access to diverse job opportunities. But, the key is to find out what the future in that field will be like?
* Is the stream offering a promising career in future? The details will have to be listed down about professional courses that one may pursue after completing schooling in case of each stream.
* This will help in getting an idea about career prospects associated with a particular stream.

**3. To take help of a counselor**

* Approaching a counselor is essential when it is not sure about choosing a stable path after 10th class.
* It is then advisable to students to attend career guidance, seminars and educational fairs, where experts can assist in discovering the student’s potential and aptitude and accordingly suggest the right stream.
* For more clarification a student can personally visit a career counselor who will conduct to explore out student’s aptitude, intelligence, interest and personality to consequently find out the stream that will best suit him.

**4. Discussions with parents and teachers**

* Seeking guidance from reliable people in the community is another way to go.
* Parents and teachers are among those experienced people who can easily judge the inner strength and interests of the student.
* Both serve as a major influence in a child’s decision-making actions.
* So, guidance from experts and experienced people always matters. However, their decision should not be solely imposed on children while choosing stream, as after it is seen that, students are made to ignore their own passion and follow parent’s decision which ultimately take students’ future nowhere.
* So, a healthy discussion with parents and teachers and conveying about own real happiness should not be missed out during this phase of academic career

**Conclusion**

* Different parameters must be thought over while selecting the right stream for senior secondary education.
* The foremost criterion is to select a stream which is the strength of the student.
* Choosing the right stream makes a significant improvement in one’s career path.

***There is no good or bad stream and a lot of opportunities are there in every field. One just needs to put all his/her efforts to make a successful career.***