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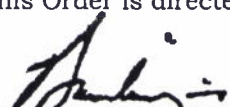
DepEd ORDER
No. **23**, s. 2016

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The **School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2016-2017** shows the school events and activities for the said SY. The core events and activities for this SY, which represent the actual teaching-learning days, shall be strictly observed in all schools.
2. The SY 2016-2017 shall begin on **Monday, June 13, 2016** and shall end on **Friday, April 7, 2017**. The SY will consist of 202 school days, inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training (INSET) break. The different school events and other activities for **learners**, including the regular and special non-working holidays, are contained in Enclosure No. 1.
3. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they may not start classes earlier than the first Monday of June and not later than the last day of August, as provided for in Republic Act No. 7797 entitled *An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days*. They should notify their respective regional offices (ROs) in advance regarding any deviation.
4. Specific guidelines are found in Enclosure 2 to enable the schools to effectively and efficiently conduct school events and activities, and to allow the ROs and schools division offices (SDOs) to provide support to the schools, especially in the areas of instruction, and progress monitoring and evaluation.
5. Activities and observances mandated by law can be found in Enclosure 3 while events and activities which pertain to DepEd personnel are listed in Enclosure 4. Schools may observe national and local celebrations/activities and holidays other than those indicated in Enclosure 3, provided that the total number of school days shall not be compromised.
6. Make-up classes can therefore be conducted to compensate for the school days spent for activities deemed beneficial to the teaching-learning process. Likewise, make-up classes are recommended in lieu of class cancellations due to occurrence of natural and man-made calamities. A mechanism for having make-up classes must be agreed upon by the school administrators and parents. In this regard, the RO may issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective concerns.
7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

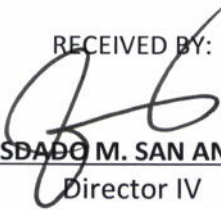
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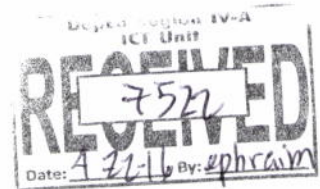
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School Calendar for School Year 2016-2017

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As stated

Reference:

DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2015

**To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:**

CALENDAR

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CLASSES

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**R-MCR-DO-School Calendar 2016-revised
0079/January 25, 2015/4-5-16/4-19-16**

School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2015-2016

Month/Year	Date	Activity	No. of School Days	No. of Days per Quarter
May 2016	1	Labor Day (regular holiday)	0	0
	9	National Election Day (special nonworking holiday)		
	May 30 – June 4	<i>Brigada Eskwela</i> (As per DM No. 35, s. 2016)		
	May 30 June 18	<i>Oplan Balik Eskwela</i>		

School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2016-2017

Month/Year	Date	Activity	No. of School Days	No. of Days per Quarter
June 2016	12	Independence Day (regular holiday)	14	First Quarter: 54 days
	13	Beginning of Classes		
	15	Language Assessment for Primary Grades (LAPG) for SY 2015-16 (As per DM No. 26, s. 2016, all Grade Four learners in all public schools)		
	17	National Achievement Test (NAT) Grade 6 for SY 2015-16 (As per DM No. 26, s. 2016, all Grade 7 learners in all public and private schools nationwide)		
	19	Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT)		
	23	NAT Grade 10 for SY 2015-16 (As per DM No. 26, s. 2016, select Grade 11 learners in select public and private secondary schools nationwide)		
July 2016	entire month	Deworming of School Children (Round 1- First Dosage)	20	Second Quarter: 48 days
	29 (tentative)	<i>Eid'l Fitr / End of Ramadan</i> (special nonworking holiday)		
August 2016	18-19	First Quarter Examinations	23	
	21	Ninoy Aquino Day (special non-working holiday)		
	27	Distribution of Report Cards Parent-Teacher Conference		
	29 (Last Monday of August)	National Heroes' Day (regular holiday)		
	30-31	National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for Grade 9		
September 2016	11 Tentative	<i>Eid'l Adha</i> (special nonworking holiday)	21	
October 2016	5	World Teacher's Day	15	
	16-29	Early Registration for Senior High School (SHS)		
	24	Start of Semestral Break (for students)		

Month/ Year	Date	Activity	No. of School Days	No. of Days per Quarter
November 2016	1	All Saints' Day (special nonworking holiday)	21	Third Quarter: 48 days
	2	Resumption of Classes		
	3-4	Second Quarter Examinations		
	12	Distribution of Report Cards Parent-Teacher Conference		
	20	PEPT for Luzon		
	27	PEPT for Visayas and Mindanao		
	30	Bonifacio Day (regular holiday)		
December 2016	22	Start of Christmas Break	15	
January 2017	entire month	Deworming of School Children (Round 2- Second Dosage)	22	Fourth Quarter: 52 days
	2	Resumption of Classes		
	19-20	Third Quarter Examinations		
	22	Alternative Learning System Accreditation and Equivalency (ALS A&E) Test for Luzon		
	28	Distribution of Report Cards Parent-Teacher Conference		
	Jan 28-Feb 24	Early Registration for Kindergarten to Grade 10		
	29	ALS A&E Test for Visayas and Mindanao		
February 2017	22-25	National Festival of Talents (NFOT) National Musabaqah National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)	20	
March 2017	2	NAT Grade 10 for SY 2016-2017	23	
	7	LAPG for SY 2016-2017		
	9	NAT Grade 6 for SY 2016-2017		
	23-24	Fourth Quarter Examinations		
	(Tentative)	Field Trial for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) to select schools		
April 2017	6-7	Graduation for SHS Early Implementing Schools Moving Up Ceremony	8	
	7	Last Day of Classes		
	9	<i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> (regular holiday)		
	10-12	Distribution of Report Cards		
	10-16	<i>Palarong Pambansa</i>		
	April 17- May 31	Summer Classes		
May 2017	15-20	<i>Brigada Eskwela</i> SY 2017-2018	0	
	22- 26	<i>Oplan Balik Eskwela</i> SY 2017-2018		
<i>Total Number of School Days</i>			202	

Implementing Guidelines of the School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2016-2017

1. The school year shall formally open on **June 13, 2016, Monday** and shall end on **April 7, 2016, Friday**. The school year shall consist of 202 class days. This is inclusive of the five-day semestral break. To ensure quality in the school operation and actual teaching-learning, a 180-day non-negotiable contact time for teachers, and the physical presence of school heads in school shall be enforced.
2. As part of the opening rites, all schools are expected to conduct a general assembly to orient stakeholders on the curriculum, programs, and ancillary services supporting learner development and the continuous improvement of school outcomes. The orientation and first Parent-Teacher Conference shall be done at least a week before the first day to ensure that conduct of classes is done from the first day of classes. For Grades 9-11, a career guidance program shall be conducted between July and November 2016 to help prepare the students for possible careers or courses they wish to pursue after high school.
3. Parent-teacher conferences shall be conducted every quarter and shall be held on a Saturday, except on the last conference in April 2017. The conference is intended to apprise the parents on the progress of performance of their children and ensure parental involvement in school activities.
4. All elementary schools shall administer the *Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist* for Kindergarten Children during the opening of classes, midyear, and end of school year. The result will be used as basis for planning and formulating appropriate interventions for children.
5. At the end of the Second Quarter, a semestral break shall be observed to evaluate individual teachers and their collective performance, as well as to conduct the In-Service Training (INSET) activities in support of their continuing professional development.
6. The Christmas break shall begin on **December 22, 2016, Thursday**. Classes shall resume on **January 2, 2017, Monday**.
7. To assure quality of the learner's education, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. On the national level, the Bureau of Education Assessment, formerly National Education Testing and Research Center, shall administer the *National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)*, the *Language Assessment for Primary Grades (LAPG)* and the *National Achievement Test (NAT)*. The NCAE shall be conducted to assess the aptitude and interests of high school students who plan to proceed to post-secondary courses and other career options and to provide them with relevant information on their skills, abilities, and readiness for academic and non-academic courses which will help them make informed career decisions. The LAPG shall be conducted to measure the literacy skills of the learners in their respective Mother Tongues, Filipino and English, and the NAT shall be conducted to measure what learners in Grade 7 and Grade 10 know and can do in five learning areas (Science, Mathematics, English, Filipino and Araling Panlipunan) and to assess the attainment of 21st-century skills.
8. The summer/remedial classes shall begin on **April 17, 2017, Monday** and end on **May 31, 2017, Saturday**, the last day for the final examination. A separate issuance regarding the conduct of summer classes shall be released.

9. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2017-2018, the schools shall conduct the following activities:
- a. **Early Registration** of learners on *January 28, 2017, Saturday*, in the schools where they wish to study;
 - b. **Brigada Eskwela** from *May 15 to 20, 2017* to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities; and
 - c. **In-Service Training (INSET)** activities for teachers a week before the opening of classes.
10. Capacity-building programs conducted by the Department shall be done during summer break.

-Nothing follows-

Activities and/or Observances Mandated by Law

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
MAY		
9	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Horacio Dela Costa	Administrative Order (AO) No. 23, 2011
10	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	
13	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	
22	Commemoration of the Philippine-Australia Friendship Day	
26	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Felipe Agoncillo	
May 28- June 12	National Flag Day Celebration	Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 374, s. 1965 Executive Order (EO) No. 179, s. 1994
JUNE		
1-30	Dengue Awareness Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
	National Kidney Month	
5	World Environment Day	DM No. 14, s. 2014
13-17 Third week of June	National Safe Kids Week	PP 1307, s. 2007
14	World Blood Donor Day	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
June 16-Dec 31	Nationwide Search for the Outstanding W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty) Schools	PP 1782, s. 2009
June 16-Dec 31	<i>Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan</i>	PP 110, s. 1963 PP 28, s. 1962 DM 146 s, 2014
19	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal	AO 23, s. 2011
24	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Marcela Agoncillo	
25	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Galicano Apacible	AO 23, s. 2011 DM 146, s. 2014
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
30	Commemoration of the Historic Siege of Baler and Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day	RA 9187 PP 1696, s. 2008
JULY		
1-31	National Disaster and Preparedness Month	DM 69, s. 2015 EO 137, s. 1999
	National Nutrition Month	PP 491, s. 1974 DM 62, s. 2015
4	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	AO 23, s. 2011
7-11	Science and Technology Week	DM 308, s. 2008
12	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Vicente Abad Santos	AO 23, s. 2011