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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

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 Year 2017-2018** shall formally open on **Monday, June 5, 2017** and shall end on **Friday, April 6, 2018**. It shall consist of **204 school days** inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training and the four days for the Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) conducted every quarter. However, learners are expected to be in school for a total of **195 class days**, as shown in Enclosure No. 1.
2. 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 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*. Said schools should notify in advance their respective regional offices (ROs) regarding any deviation from the school calendar.
3. The Implementing Guidelines on the **SY 2017-2018 Calendar of Activities** are provided to enable the schools to effectively and efficiently implement the school events and activities. Likewise, the guidelines shall allow the ROs and the schools division offices to provide support to schools, particularly in the areas of instruction and progress monitoring and evaluation.
4. Schools may observe national and local celebrations/activities and holidays other than those indicated in Enclosure Nos. 1 and 2, provided that the activities are beneficial to the teaching-learning process, and that the total number of class days shall not be compromised.
5. Make-up classes are recommended in lieu of class cancellations due to celebrations and holidays, as well as natural and man-made calamities. Mechanism for the conduct of make-up classes must be agreed upon by school heads and the Parent-Teacher Associations. In this regard, the ROs may issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective concerns.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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As stated

References:

DepEd Order: Nos. 23 and 29 s. 2016

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**Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar
for School Year (SY) 2017-2018**

1. The school year shall formally open on Monday, **June 5, 2017** and shall end on Friday, **April 6, 2018**. It shall consist of **204 school days** inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training and four Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC).
2. Learners are expected to be in school for a total of **195 class days** for this SY. To ensure quality in the school operation and actual teaching-learning, the 180-day contact time for teachers and learners is non-negotiable. The physical presence of school heads in schools shall also be enforced.
3. Local activities and observances that involve student participation, such as competitions, festivities, press conferences, culminating activities, and field demonstrations **must be regulated** so as to not cause disruption of classes and to ensure that the required contact time or number of teaching-learning days is met. Regions, Divisions and Schools are encouraged to plan and implement these activities once in a school year or after each quarter. There shall be no co-curricular and extra-curricular activities two weeks before the quarterly examinations.
4. A general assembly shall be conducted by all schools to orient stakeholders on the curriculum, co-curricular programs and ancillary services to support learner development and the continuous improvement of school outcomes. The assembly shall be done at least a week before the school opening to ensure that the conduct of classes is done on the formal opening of classes on June 5.
5. Parent-teacher conferences shall be done to apprise the parents on the performance of their children and ensure their involvement in school activities. These conferences shall be conducted back-to-back with the General Assembly and every second Saturday after the Quarterly Examinations except on the last conference in April 2018.
6. 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.
7. Deworming of children in school shall be conducted within the months of July 2017 and January 2018.
8. A career guidance program shall be conducted between July and November 2017 to guide Grades 9, 10 and 11 students in making informed choices on their preferred Senior High School track.
9. At the end of the Second Quarter, a semestral break for learners shall be observed to evaluate individual teachers and their collective performance, as well as to conduct the In-Service Training (INSET) activities for their continuing professional development. An additional day for Instructional Materials (IM) preparation shall also be observed.

10. The Christmas break shall begin on Friday, **December 22, 2017**. Classes shall resume on Wednesday, **January 3, 2018**.

11. To assure quality of learning, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. On the national level, the Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) shall administer the National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) to assess the aptitude and interest of students and provide them with relevant information on their skills, abilities, and readiness for academic and non-academic courses, the Early Language Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) to measure the literacy skills of the learners in their respective Mother Tongues, Filipino and English and the National Achievement Test (NAT) to measure what learners in Grade 6 and Grade 10 know and can do in five learning areas.

The summer/remedial classes shall begin on Monday, **April 16, 2018** and end on Friday, **May 25, 2018**.

12. Learner deliberation may be conducted two weeks before the graduation or moving up ceremonies for the following:

- a. Learners who will receive recognition and awards;
- b. Learners who are candidates for graduation. They shall accomplish their clearance one week prior to date of graduation.

13. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2018-2019, the schools shall conduct the following activities:

- a. Early Registration of learners on Saturday, **January 27, 2018** in the schools where they wish to study
- b. Brigada Eskwela from **May 14 to 18, 2018** to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities before the start of another school year;
- c. Oplan Balik Eskwela from **May 21 to June 1, 2018** to facilitate the enrolment of learners; and
- d. In-Service Training (INSET) activities for teachers from **May 28 to June 1, 2018**, a week before the opening of classes.

14. In Enclosure 1, a calendar is presented with specific markings.

- a. Declared holidays and weekdays with no classes are crossed out (**X**).
- b. Days with school activities for teachers, personnel and other stakeholders (e.g. PTC, general assemblies, PEPT for out-of-school learners) are boxed ().
- c. Days with student activities or activities that involve student participation (e.g. NAT, NFOT, NSPC, deworming of school children) are encircled (**O**). These activities are conducted on class days and may or may not disrupt classes. If the date for a student activity in a specific month is still tentative, the last school day is temporarily marked to serve as a placeholder.
- d. School activities conducted for several weeks (i.e. Early Registration) are no longer reflected in the actual calendar.

Date	Activity	No. of Class Days
NOVEMBER 2017		
1	All Saints Day (special non-working holiday)	Third Quarter: 48 days
2	Resumption of Classes	
30	Bonifacio Day (regular holiday)	
Tentative (Weekends)	PEPT for Luzon	
	PEPT for Visayas and Mindanao	
TBA	National Achievement Test (NAT) Grade 12	
DECEMBER 2017		
22	Start of Christmas Break	
Tentative	National Musabaqah	
JANUARY 2018		
Entire Month	Deworming of School Children (Round 2-Second Dosage)	
3	Resumption of Classes	
11-12	Third Quarter Examinations	
20	Distribution of Report Cards Parent-Teacher Conference	
Jan 27- Feb 28	Early Registration for Kindergarten to Grade 12	Fourth Quarter: 52 days
FEBRUARY 2018		
16	Chinese Lunar New Year's Day (special nonworking holiday)	
19- 23	National Festival of Talents (NFOT) National Schools Press Conference (NSPC)	
MARCH 2018		
15-16	Fourth Quarter Examinations for Grades 6 and 12	
19-20	Fourth Quarter Examinations for Grades 1-5 and Grades 7-11	
29	Maundy Thursday (regular holiday)	
30	Good Friday (regular holiday)	
Tentative	Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) Field Trial to select schools	
APRIL 2018		
2-6	End of School Year Rites Graduation (Grades 6 and 12) Moving up Ceremony (Kinder and Grade 10)	
6	Last Day of Classes for SY 2017-2018	
9	Araw ng Kagitingan (regular holiday)	
10-11	Distribution of Report Cards / 4 th Parent-Teacher Conference	
16-20	Palarong Pambansa	
April 16- May 25	Summer Classes	
Total Number of Class Days		195
Total Number of Class Days with Student Activities		24*

NOVEMBER 2017

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
			X	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	(29)	X		

Class Days: 19
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

DECEMBER 2017

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	(21)	X	23
24	X	X	X	X	X	30
31						

Class Days: 16
Class Days with Student Activities: 1

JANUARY 2018

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	X	X	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	(11)	(12)	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	(31)			

Class Days: 21
Days with Student Activities: 3

FEBRUARY 2018

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	X	17
18	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	24
25	26	27	28			

Class Days: 19
Class Days with Student Activities: 5

MARCH 2018

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	(15)	(16)	17
18	(19)	(20)	21	22	23	24
25	(26)	(27)	(28)	X	X	31

Class Days: 20
Class Days with Student Activities: 5*

APRIL 2018

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	7
8	X	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Class Days: 5
Class Days with Student Activities: 1*

Legend:

- X - Declared Holidays / No classes
- - Student Activities / Activities that involve learners
- - School activities for teachers, personnel, other stakeholders
- * - Number of days/dates may vary

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
		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
17-23	National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week	PP 361, s. 2000 PP 1870, s. 1979 PP 361, s. 2000
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Dela Cruz (Hermano Puli)	AO 23, s. 2011
23	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	RA 9430 AO 33, s. 2012 DM 130, s. 2013 PP 361, s. 2000
23	Commemoration of the Philippine-Japan Friendship Day	AO 23, s. 2011
24-28	Career Guidance Week	DO 25, s. 2013
Last Week	Linggo ng Musikang Pilipino	PP 933, s. 2014
AUGUST		
1-31	Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa	<i>Proklamasyon Blg.</i> 1041, s. 1997 DM 24, s. 2016
	History Month	PP 339, s. 2012
	National Adolescent Immunization Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
	National Breastfeeding Awareness Month	
	National Tuberculosis Awareness Month	
Sight Saving Month	PP 40, s. 1954	
1	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	AO 23, s. 2011
7-13	ASEAN Week	PP 1008, s. 2007 DM 143, s. 2013
9	National Indigenous People's Day	RA 10689
19	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Manuel L. Quezon	RA 6741 DM 127, s. 2013
30	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	AO 23, s. 2011
30	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Battle of San Juan Del Monte	
31	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Ramon Magsaysay	
	White Cane Safety Day	RA 6759 DM 77, s. 2015
SEPTEMBER		
1-30	National Peace Consciousness Month	PP 675, s. 2004
1-7	National Crime Prevention Week	PP 461, s. 1994 DM 158, s. 2013
September 5- October 5	National Teacher's Month	PP 242, s. 2011 DM 99, s. 2015
Second week	National Suicide Prevention Day	Health Calendar 2016

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
		(DOH)
15	Commemoration of the Opening of Malolos Congress	PP 246, s. 2011
21	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	AO 30, s. 2012 PP 1081, s. 1972
25-30	<i>Linggo ng Kabataan</i>	PP 99, s. 1992
26-30	<i>Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino</i>	PP 675, s. 2005 DM 179, s. 2013
27	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Gen. Miguel Malvar	AO 23, s. 2011 DM 146, s. 2014
28	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Diosdado Macapagal	AO 23, s. 2011
Last week of September	Family Week	PP 60 s. 1992
OCTOBER		
1-31	Consumers Welfare Month	PP 1098, s. 1997 DM 111, s. 2015
	National Health Month	DM 174, s. 2012
	National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month	PP 1906, s. 2009
1-7	Elderly Filipino Week	PP 470, s. 1994
5	World Teachers' Day	RA 10743 DM 99, s. 2015 DM 32, s. 2016
6	Global Hand Washing Day	DM 119, s. 2015
17-20	Commemoration of the Leyte Gulf Landing	PP 653, s. 1995 AO 108, s. 1994
20	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Artemio Ricarte	AO 23, s. 2011
24	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Juan Luna	
25	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Leon Apacible	
29	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Antonio Luna	AO 23, s. 2011
(tentative)	Juvenile Justice and Welfare Consciousness Week	PP 489, s. 2012 DM 122, s. 2015
tentative) * 3rd week of June	National Health Education Week	DM 174, s. 2012
NOVEMBER		
1-30	Filipino Values Month	PP 479, s. 1994
	Malaria Awareness Month	PP 1168, s. 2006
	National Children's Month	RA 10661 DM 63, s. 2015 DM 124, s. 2015
	National Environment Awareness Month	RA 9512 DM 14, s. 2014
	National Reading Month	DM 145, s. 2012
7-10	National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week	PP 829, s. 1991 DM 176, s. 2012

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
16	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Elpidio Quirino	PP 967, s. 2015
25	National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC)	RA 10398
Nov 25-Dec 12	18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW)	
27	<i>Araw ng Pagbasa</i>	RA 10556
25-29 Fourth week	National Week for the Gifted and Talented	PP 199, s. 1999
Last week	National Music Week for Young Artists	PP 25, s. 1998 DM 20, s. 2014
DECEMBER		
1-31	Firecrackers Injury Prevention Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
	Rizal Month	PP 126, s. 2001
1	World AIDS day	DM 270, s. 2011
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	PD 1157, s. 2006
4-10	National Human Rights Consciousness Week	RA 9201 DM 152, s. 2015
11 Second Sunday	National Children's Day of Broadcasting	RA 8296
7-12	Education Week	PP 2399, s. 1985
(tentative)	Historical, Cultural and Arts Festival of Excellence	PP 126, s. 2001
JANUARY		
1-31	Food Conservation Month	PP1398, s. 1975
	Physical Fitness and Sports Development Month	EO 63, s. 1993
	Zero Waste Month	Health Calendar 2016 (DOH)
18-24	National Cancer Consciousness Week	PP 1348, s. 1975
20-27	National Autism Consciousness Week	PP 711, s. 1996 DM 5, s. 2016
23	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Inauguration of the First Philippine Republic	PP 533, s. 2013 PP 523, s. 2012
FEBRUARY		
1-28	National Arts Month	PP 683, s. 1991 DM 25, s. 2016
	National Dental Health Month	PP 559, s. 2004 DM 7, s. 2013
	National Heart Month	PP 1096, s. 1973
4	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	AO 23
6	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo	
7	Adoption Consciousness Celebration	PP 72, s. 1999
12-18	Leprosy Control Week	PP 467, s. 1965
13-17	National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation	PP 731, s. 1996 DM 5, s. 2015
14-20	National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week	PP 1385, s. 1975

Month/Date	Activities and/or Observances	Legal Bases
17	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	PP 204, s. 2002
22-25	EDSA People Power Anniversary	AO 47, s. 2002 PP 1224, s. 2007 PP 1105, s. 2015
26	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	AO 23, s. 2011
29	Reinterment of Remains of Elpidio Quirino	
MARCH		
1-31	Fire Prevention Month	PP 115-A, s. 1966
	National Women's Month	RA 6949 PP 224, s. 1988 PP 227, s. 1988 DM 28, s.2014
7	Girl Child Week	PP 759, s. 1996 DM 110, s. 1999
9	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal	PP 1737, s. 2009
17	Commemoration of the Death Anniversary of President Ramon Magsaysay	AO 23, s. 2011
22	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo	
(tentative)	Global Money Week	DM 91, s. 2015
APRIL		
2	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Francisco " <i>Balagtas</i> " Baltazar	PP 964, s. 1997 DM 13, s. 2014
10	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of General Isidoro Torres	AO 23, s. 2011
5-11	Commemoration of the <i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> and Philippine Veterans Week	