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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

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

1. The **School Year (SY) 2019-2020** shall formally open on **Monday, June 3, 2019** and shall end on **Friday, April 3, 2020**. It shall consist of **203 school days**, inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training (INSET), the three days for the Parent-Teacher Conferences to be conducted within the school year, and the World Teachers' Day; *provided*, that during the five-day INSET, students shall be given advance reading for the attainment of learning objectives.
2. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they may not start classes earlier than the first Monday of June nor later than the last day of August, as provided in Republic Act (R.A.) 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 2019-2020 Calendar of Activities** are provided in Enclosure No. 1 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 other than those indicated in Enclosure Nos. 2 and 3, provided that these are beneficial to the learners. In this regard, ROs may issue a supplemental calendar to reflect their local events.
5. To compensate for unplanned suspension of classes such as natural and man-made calamities, the Alternative Delivery Mode (ADM) or make-up classes are recommended to be undertaken. The conduct of such activities must be agreed upon by school heads, teachers and concerned parents.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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Secretary

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As stated

References:

DepEd Order: Nos. 25, 34, and 49, s. 2018

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IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020

I. Rationale

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) ensures the effective implementation of the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum for every learner to acquire quality, accessible, relevant, and liberating basic education. The implementation of the K to 12 Curriculum provides opportunity and sufficient time for the learner to acquire and master lifelong learning skills for the 21st century as well as time for other learning opportunities beyond the classroom for more holistic development, and/or to prepare the graduates for higher education, middle level skills development, and the world of work. Hence, schools are encouraged to adhere to the school calendar to comply with the required number of school days for the optimum attainment of the learning standards as well as to ensure the observance of national/local school events and activities/celebrations. The school calendar also reflects the events and monthly celebrations/observances for the year.
2. The policy aims to provide direction and guidance to schools in planning their respective activities relative to curricular operations and other celebrations/observances within the required number of school days.

II. Scope

3. The implementing guidelines for this school calendar shall be applicable to both public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide.
4. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they may not start classes earlier than the first Monday of June nor later than the last day of August, as provided in Republic Act (RA) 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.

III. Definition of Terms

5. For the purpose of this policy, the operational definition of the following terms are as follows:
 - a. **Awards Committee** - a committee organized by the school head to establish processes of, standards, and timelines in determining qualifiers for awards as well as to deliberate on the qualifications of candidates for awards and recognition.
 - b. **Co-curricular Activities** – activities and learning experiences that are undertaken side by side with the curricular activities. These learning experiences complement what learners are learning in school.
 - c. **Curricular Activities** – opportunities and experiences undertaken by the learners in the classrooms, laboratories, and workshops, as well as school-based and out-of-school activities conducted to ensure the learners' acquisition of the K to 12 learning standards and the 21st century skills.

- d. **Early Language Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA)** - an assessment administered at the end of Grade 3 as a key stage assessment to determine if learners are meeting the learning standards in early language, literacy, and numeracy.
- e. **Exit Assessment** – a standardized set of examinations taken by learners in Years 6, 10, and 12. The test, which covers the 21st century skills, is designed to determine if learners are meeting the learning standards set forth in the K to 12 Basic Education Program.
- f. **In-Service Training (INSET)** - a learning and development activity for teachers and staff that may include seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions and Learning Action Cells that are designed to update their knowledge, skills and competencies that will result to considerable evidence of improved teaching-learning and instructional leadership practices which enhance learners' performance and competency levels.
- g. **National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)** – an aptitude test geared towards providing information through test results for self-assessment, career awareness, and career guidance of Grade 9 students of the K to 12 Program.
- h. **Parent-Teacher Conference** – an opportunity to bring parents and teachers together in partnership to support learners' academic success and happiness. Teachers shall discuss with the parents the academic progress and social behavior of their children and showcase the outputs of the learners.

IV. Policy Statement

- 6. The DepEd hereby issues these guidelines to ensure that the number of school days required for curriculum operations and school-related activities are complied with and standard school events and celebrations/observances are being conducted during the school year to ensure quality teaching and holistic learning.

V. Guidelines

- 7. The School Year (SY) 2019-2020 shall formally open on Monday, June 3, 2019 and shall end on Friday, April 3, 2020. It shall consist of 203 school days, inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training (INSET), the three days for the Parent-Teacher Conferences to be conducted within the school year, and the World Teachers' Day; *provided*, that during the five-day INSET, students shall be given advance reading for the attainment of learning objectives.
- 8. Corollary to the K to 12 goal for the holistic development of the learner, schools are encouraged to organize curricular non-classroom-based activities that involve learners such as science fairs, showcase of portfolios, trade fairs, school sports, campus journalism, festival of talents, job fairs, career orientation, and other similar activities.
- 9. Parent-Teacher Conferences shall be done every Second Saturday after the Quarterly Examinations, except on the last conference in April 2020. It will be used as a venue to apprise the parents on the performance of their children and ensure their involvement in school activities. These conferences shall be conducted alongside with the Distribution of

Report Cards and conduct of curricular non-classroom based activities where feasible and appropriate.

10. A general assembly shall be conducted by all schools at the beginning of the school year to orient stakeholders on the vision, mission, and core values of DepED, as well as curriculum, co-curricular programs, and ancillary services that support learners' development and other continuous improvement initiatives, and to generate proposals. A year-end General Assembly is also encouraged to present the School Report Card (SRC) and consult the assembly on how to better achieve the vision, goals, and objectives.
11. Deworming of children in school shall be conducted in the months of July 2019 and January 2020.
12. Career guidance activities shall be conducted between July and November 2019 to guide Grades 9 and 10 students in making informed choices on their preferred Senior High School track. College and middle level skills fair, job fair, business and entrepreneurship expo, and similar activities shall be conducted during the last quarter of the school year to ensure placement of Grade 12 students in their preferred curriculum exits.
13. 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 School-based In-Service Training (INSET) activities for their continuing professional development and for the preparation of their Instructional Materials (IMs).
14. The Christmas break shall begin on Sunday, **December 15, 2019**. Classes shall resume on Monday, **January 6, 2020**.
15. To ensure quality of learning, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. At 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 (MT), Filipino and English, and Exit Assessments such as National Achievement Tests (NAT) for Grades 6 and 10, and the Basic Education Exit Assessment (BEEA) for Grade 12, to determine if learners are meeting the learning standards set forth in the K to 12 Basic Education Program. The Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are encouraged to administer the ELLNA for the MT.
16. The summer/remedial classes shall begin on Monday, **April 13, 2020** and end on Friday, **May 22, 2020**.
17. Deliberation of awards and recognition may be conducted two weeks before the graduation or moving-up ceremonies by the School Awards Committee (AC) for the following:
 - a. Learners who will receive recognition and awards; and
 - b. Learners who are candidates for graduation.
18. Accomplishment of year-end financial clearance of learners is strictly prohibited in accordance with the Department's No Collection Policy.

19. In preparation for the opening of classes for the coming SY 2020-2021, the schools shall conduct the following activities:

- a. Early Registration of learners beginning on the last Saturday of January in the schools where they wish to study, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2018;
- b. Brigada Eskwela (date to be announced) to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities before the start of another school year.

20. In **Enclosure No. 2**, a calendar is presented with the following markings on relevant dates:

- a. Declared holidays and weekdays with no classes (X).
- b. Days with school activities for teachers, personnel, and other stakeholders (.
- c. Days that are subject to Presidential Proclamation (✦)

21. Attached is **Enclosure 3** listing the celebrations/observances provided by law. Schools are encouraged to integrate such celebrations/observances in curricular activities as reasonable and appropriate.

VI. Monitoring and Evaluation

22. The Curriculum Learning Management Division of the ROs and the Curriculum Implementation Division of the SDOs shall monitor the compliance of schools with the provisions of these guidelines. Queries on these guidelines shall be addressed to the **Office of the Director IV, Bureau of Learning Delivery**, via email address **bld.od@deped.gov.ph** or at telephone numbers 637-4346 and 637-4347.

VII. Effectivity

23. This Policy shall take effect immediately upon publication in the DepEd website.

VIII. References

D.O. No. 25, s. 2018, School Calendar for School Year 2017-2018

D.O. No. 13, s. 2018, Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Remedial and Advancement Classes During Summer for the K to 12 Basic Education Program.

D.O. No. 3, s. 2018, Basic Education Enrolment Policy

D.O. No. 55, s. 2016, Policy Guidelines on the National Assessment of Student Learning for the K to 12 Basic Education Program



**Monthly School Calendar of Activities
For School Year 2019-2020**

Month	Activity	
May		
20-25 May 27 – June 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brigada Eskwela Oplan Balik Eskwela 	
June		
1 3 6 9 12 23 Tentative Tentative Tentative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Parent-Teacher Conference Beginning of classes for SY 2019-2020 Eidul Fitar (upon proclamation of the President of the Republic of the Phil.) Special Administration of Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) Independence Day (regular holiday) Department of Education Founding Anniversary Early Language Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA) National Achievement Test (NAT) Grade 6 NAT Grade 10 	1st Quarter 48 days
July		
1-31 2 nd week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deworming of School Children OK sa DepEd 	
August		
8-9 12 17 21 26 Tentative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Quarter Examinations <i>Eid'd Adha</i> (upon proclamation of the President of the Republic of the Phil.) Distribution of Cards (2nd Parent-Teacher Conference) Ninoy Aquino Day (special non-working holiday) National Heroes Day (regular holiday) National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for Grade 9 	2nd Quarter 48 days
September		
October		
5 17-18 21 21-25 26 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Teachers' Day 2nd Quarter Examinations Start of the Semestral Break In-Service Training for Teachers Distribution of Cards (3rd Parent-Teacher Conference) Resumption of Classes 	3rd Quarter 45 days
November		
1 Tentative 3 rd Sunday 4 th Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Day (special non-working holiday) Basic Education Exit Assessment for Grade 12 (BEEA) Administration of Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luzon Visayas and Mindanao 	

JUNE 2019

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School days: 18						

JULY 2019

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School days: 23						

AUGUST 2019

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School days: 20						

SEPTEMBER 2019

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School days: 21						

OCTOBER 2019

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School days: 25						

NOVEMBER 2019

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
School days: 20						

Legend:
 ✕ - Declared Holidays/ No Classes
 □ - School activities for learners, teachers, personnel, other stakeholders
 ✦ - Observance/Celebration subject to a Presidential Proclamation

Month	Activity	
Nov 30	• Bonifacio Day (regular holiday)	
December		
15	• Start of Christmas Break	
24	• Additional Special (non-working) day	
25	• Christmas Day (regular holiday)	
30	• Rizal Day (regular holiday)	
31	• Last Day of the Year (Special non-working holiday)	
January		
1	• New Year's Day (regular holiday)	4th Quarter 60 days
6	• Resumption of classes	
9-10	• 3rd Quarter Examinations	
18	• Distribution of Cards (4th Parent-Teacher Conference)	
25	• Chinese Lunar New Year's Day (Special non-working holiday)	
1-31	• Deworming of School Children	
February		
25	• EDSA People Power Anniversary (Observance upon proclamation from Malacañang)	
3-14	• SPG/SSG Election (1st to 2nd Week)	
17-21	• NSPC/NFOT	
March		
12-13	• 4th Quarter Examinations (Final Examinations for Grades 6 and 12)	
19-20	• 4th Quarter Examinations (Final Examinations for Grades 1-5 & 7-11)	
April		
Mar. 30– Apr. 3	• End of School Year Rites	
3	• Last day of Classes	
6	• Distribution of Cards (Parent-Teacher Conference)	
9	• <i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> (Regular Holiday)	
9	• Maundy Thursday (Regular Holiday)	
10	• Good Friday (Regular Holiday)	
13	• Start of Summer Classes	
Tentative	• <i>Palarong Pambansa</i>	
May		
1	• Labor Day (regular holiday)	
Tentative	• Brigada Eskwela	
Tentative	• Oplan Balik Eskwela	
22	• End of Summer Classes	

*The schedule of the administration of the Accreditation and Equivalency (A & E) Test for Alternative Learning System (ALS) shall be announced in a separate issuance.

DECEMBER 2019

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School days: 11						

JANUARY 2020

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School days: 21						

FEBRUARY 2020

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School days: 19						

MARCH 2020

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School days: 22						

APRIL 2020

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School days: 3						

MAY 2020

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
School days:						

Legend:

✗ - Declared Holidays/ No Classes

□ - School activities for learners, teachers, personnel, other stakeholders

✦ - Observance/Celebration subject to a Presidential Proclamation

Celebrations/Observances Provided by Law

Month/Date	Celebrations/Observances	Legal Bases
May		
7	Health Workers Day	Republic Act No. (RA) 10069
22	Commemoration of the Philippine-Australia Friendship Day	Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 1282, s. 2016
May 28- June 12	National Flag Day Celebration	RA 8491 PP No. 374, s. 1965 Executive Order No. (EO) 179, s. 1994
31	World No Tobacco Day	Res WHA42.19, 1988
June		
1-30	National Dengue Awareness Month	PP No. 1204, s. 1998
	National Kidney Month	PP No. 184, s. 1993
	W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty) Month	PP No. 1782, s. 2009
5	World Environmental Day	PP No. 1149, s. 1973
12	Philippine Independence Day	PP No. 28, s. 1962
3 rd Week	National Safe Kids Week	PP No. 1307, s. 2007
23	Department of Education Founding Anniversary	Administrative Order (AO) No. 322, s. 1997
26	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	PP No. 264, s. 1988
30	Commemoration of the Historic Siege of Baler and Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day	RA 9187
July		
1-31	National Disaster Resilience Month	E.O. No. 29, s. 2017
	Nutrition Month	PP No. 491, s. 1974
3 rd Week	National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week	PP No. 361, s. 2000 PP No. 1870, s. 1979
23	Commemoration of the Philippine-Japan Friendship Day	PP No. 854, s. 2005
24-28	Career Guidance Week for High School Students	DO 25, s. 2013
Last Week	Linggo ng Musikang Pilipino	PP No. 933, s. 2014
August		
1-31	Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa	Proklamasyon Blg. 1041, s. 1997
	ASEAN Month	PP No. 282, s. 2017
	National Adolescent Immunization Month	DOH Calendar 2019
	Breastfeeding Awareness Month	RA 10028
	National Lung Month	PP No. 1761 s. 1978 DOH Calendar 2019
1 st Week	Sight Saving Month	DOH Calendar 2019
1 st Week	Sight Conservation Week	PP No. 40, s. 1954
1	White Cane Safety Day	RA 6759
9	National Indigenous Peoples Day	RA 10689
12	Philippine International Youth Day	PP No. 229, s. 2002

Month/Date	Celebrations/Observances	Legal Bases
August 19	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	RA 6741
September		
1-30	National Peace Consciousness Month	PP No. 675, s. 2004
1-7	National Crime Prevention Week	PP No. 461, s. 1994 DM 158, s. 2013
2-8	Literacy Week	PP No. 239, s. 1993
Sept. 5 – Oct. 5	National Teachers' Month	PP No. 242, s. 2011 DM 99, s. 2015
10	World Suicide Prevention Day	DOH Calendar 2019
21	Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	PP No. 1081, s. 1972
3 rd Week	Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino	PP No. 241, s. 1993
Last Week	Family Week	PP No. 60, s. 1992
October		
1-31	Consumer Welfare Month	PP No. 1098, s. 1997
	National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month	PP No. 1906, s. 2009
	Scouting Month	PP No. 1326, s. 1974
1 st Week	Elderly Filipino Week	PP 470, s. 1994
5	World Teachers' Day	RA 10743 DM 46, s. 2016
2 nd Week	National Mental Health Week	PP No. 452, s. 1994
17-20	Commemoration of the Leyte Gulf Landing	PP No. 653, s. 1993
18-24	United Nations Week	PP No. 483, s. 2003
4 th Week	Juvenile Justice and Welfare Consciousness Week	PP No. 489, s. 2012
November		
1-30	Filipino Values Month	PP No. 479, s. 1994
	Malaria Awareness Month	PP No. 1168, s. 2006
	National Children's Month	RA 10661
	Philippine Environment Month	PP No. 237, 2. 1998
10-16	Deafness Awareness Week	PP No. 829, s. 1991
2 nd Week	Economic and Financial Literacy Week	RA 10922
19-25	Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week	PP No. 1667 s. 2008
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)	PP No. 1172, s. 2006
25	National Day for Youth in Climate Action	PP No. 1160, s. 2015
27	Araw ng Pagbasa	RA 10556
4 th Week	National Week for the Gifted and Talented	PP No.199, s. 1999
Last Week	National Music Week for Young Artists	PP No. 25, s. 1998
December		
1-31	Firecrackers Injury Prevention Month	DOH Calendar 2019
	Rizal Month	PP No. 126, s. 2001
1	World AIDS Day	WHO DM 270, s. 2011
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Philippines	PP No. 1157, s. 2006
4-10	National Human Rights Consciousness Week	RA 9201

Month/Date	Celebrations/Observances	Legal Bases
2 nd Week	Linggo ng Kabataan	PP No. 99, s. 1992
2 nd Sunday	National Children's Broadcasting Day	RA 8296
2 nd week	Education Week	PP No. 2399, s. 1985
January		
1-31	Food Conservation Month	PP No. 1398, s. 1975
	Zero Waste Month	PP No. 760, s. 2014
3 rd Week	National Cancer Consciousness Week	PP No. 1348, s. 1974
3 rd Week	Autism Consciousness Week	PP No. 711, s. 1996
23	Commemoration of the First Philippine Republic Day	RA 11014
February		
1-28	National Arts Month	PP No. 683, s. 1991
	National Dental Health Month	PP No. 559, s. 2004
	Philippine Heart Month	PP No. 1096, s. 1973
1 st Saturday	Adoption Consciousness Day	PP No. 72, s. 1999
11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	UN Gen Assembly A/RES/70/212
2 nd Week	National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation	PP No. 731, s. 1996 DM 5, s. 2015
14-20	National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week	PP No. 1385, s. 1975
22-25	EDSA People Power Commemoration Week	PP No. 1224, s. 2007
Last Week	Leprosy Control Week	PP No. 467, s. 1965
March		
1-31	Fire Prevention Month	PP No. 115-A, s. 1966
1 st Week	Women's Week	PP No. 224, s. 1988
8	Women's Rights and International Peace Day	
1-31	Women's Role in History Month	PP No. 227, s. 1988
4 th Week	Protection and Gender-Fair Treatment of the Girl Child Week	PP No.759, s. 1996
April		
1-30	National Intellectual Property Month	PP No.190 s. 2017
2	Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Francisco 'Balagtas' Baltazar	PP No. 964, s. 1997
9	Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan Bataan Day	EO No. 203, s. 1987 RA 3022