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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2015-2016

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The **School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2015-2016** 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 2015-2016 shall begin on **Monday, June 1, 2015** and shall end on **Friday, April 1, 2016**. The SY will consist of 201 school days, inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training (INSET) break. The different school events and activities, including the number of school days per quarter, 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 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*. They should notify the appropriate DepEd officials in advance regarding any deviation.

4. Specific guidelines are provided in Enclosure No. 2 to enable the schools to effectively and efficiently conduct/undertake/implement the school events and activities and to allow the regional offices (ROs) and schools division offices (SDOs) to provide support to the schools, especially in the areas of instruction and progress monitoring and evaluation.

5. Schools may observe national and local celebrations, holidays and advocacy activities other than those indicated in Enclosure No. 3, provided that the total number of school days shall not be compromised. Make-up classes can therefore be conducted to compensate for the school days spent for activities deemed beneficial to the learning-teaching process. Likewise, make-up classes are recommended in lieu of no-school days due to occurrence of a natural and man-made calamities. A mechanism for having make-up classes must be agreed upon by school administrators and parents. In this regard, the RO may issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective concerns.

6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encls.:
As stated

Reference:
DepEd Order: No. 18, s. 2014

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Calendar for School Year 2015-2016

Month	No. of School Days	Date	No. of Days per Quarter	Activity
May 2015	0	1 4-10 18-23 25-29	53	• Labor Day (regular holiday) • Palarong Pambansa • Brigada Eskwela • Oplan Balik Eskwela
June	21	1 12 20		• Beginning of Classes for SY 2015-2016 • Independence Day (regular holiday) • Special PEPT • 1st Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday)
July	22	17		• *Eid'l Fitr* (regular holiday) (tentative)
August	10	6-7 15		• 1st Quarter Examinations • Distribution of Cards/Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday)
	9	21 26 31	52	• Ninoy Aquino Day (special non-working holiday) • National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for Kto12 Grade 9 • National Heroes Day (regular holiday)
September	21			• *Eid'l Adha* (regular holiday) (tentative)
October	22	5 15-16 26-30 24		• World Teachers Day • 2nd Quarter Examinations • Mid-Year Assessment and INSET/Semestral Break (**For Students Only**) • Distribution of Cards/Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday)
November	20	1 15 22 30	54	• All Saints Day (special non-working holiday) • Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) – Luzon – Visayas and Mindanao • Bonifacio Day (regular holiday)
December	14	19 30		• Start of Christmas Break • Rizal Day (regular holiday)
January 2016	20	4 7-8 23 30		• Resumption of Classes (Monday) • 3rd Quarter Examinations • Distribution of Cards/Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday) • Early Registration Day (Saturday)

February	20	25	42	• EDSA People Power 1 Anniversary (Observance)
March	21	2 3-4 8 10 17-18 24 25 26		• National Achievement Test (NAT) (Secondary – Grade 10) • 4th Quarter Examinations (Final Examinations) for Grades 6 and 10 • Language Assessment for Primary Grades (LAPG) for Grade 3 • National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary – Grade 6) • 4th Quarter Examinations (Final Examinations) for Grades 1-5 and Grades 7-9 • Maundy Thursday (regular holiday) • Good Friday (regular holiday) • Black Saturday (special non-working holiday)
April	1	1 4-8 9 11		• Graduation • Last day of classes • Distribution of Cards • *Araw ng Kagitingan* (regular holiday) • Start of Summer Classes (Monday)
May		1 16-21 21 23-27		• Labor Day (regular holiday) • Palarong Pambansa • Brigada Eskwela • End of Summer Classes and Final Examinations • Oplan Balik Eskwela
Total Number of Days			201	

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2015)

Implementing Guidelines of the School Year 2015-2016
Calendar of the School Activities

1. The school year shall formally open on ***Monday, June 1, 2015*** and shall end on ***Friday, April 1, 2016***. The school year shall consist of Two Hundred One (201) class days. This is inclusive of the 5-day semestral break. The parent-teacher conferences shall be held on the second or third Saturday after every quarterly examination. The conference is intended to apprise the parents on the progress of performance of their children and ensure parental involvement in school activities. The last week of every quarter shall be the culmination of students' outputs and performances in order to demonstrate attainment of performance standards at all grades/year levels. *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 is expected every school day, even during attending official business, the 201 days shall be enforced.*

2. As part of the opening rites, all schools are expected to conduct a general assembly for the purpose of orienting stakeholders on the curriculum, co-curricular programs and ancillary services lined up for the year in support of learner development and continuous improvement of school outcomes. Orientation shall be done the week before the first day to ensure that conduct of classes is done from the first day of classes. For the secondary level, the general orientation shall include a career exposure program for the Grades 7-10 students to acquaint them with the various career pathways they can pursue. Meanwhile, a career guidance program for Grades 9-10 students, shall be conducted between July and November 2015 to help prepare the students for possible careers or courses they wish to pursue after high school.

3. 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 and the *School Readiness Year-End Assessment (SreYA)* at the end of the school year. The Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI assessment tools shall be administered to Grades 2-6 as classroom-based assessment within the school year. The result will be used as basis for planning and formulating appropriate interventions for children. Meanwhile, all secondary schools shall perform a *diagnostic assessment on the readiness for learning of Grade 7 students* in order to prepare developmentally-appropriate intervention programs.

4. At the end of the Second Quarter, a midterm 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 the continuing professional development.

5. The Christmas break shall begin on ***Saturday, December 19, 2015***. Classes shall resume on ***Monday, January 4, 2016***.

6. To assure quality of the pupil's/student's learning, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. On the national level, the National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC) 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 planning to proceed to post secondary course and other career options and to provide them with relevant information on their skills, abilities, and readiness for academic and non-academic courses which help them make wise career decisions. On the other hand, the LAPG shall be conducted to measure the literacy skills of the pupils in Mother Tongue, Filipino and English, and the NAT shall be conducted to measure what pupils/students in Grade VI and Grade 10 know and can do in five core subject areas (Science, Mathematics, English, Filipino and HeKaSi/Araling Panlipunan) and to assess the attainment of the 21st century skills in varying levels of complexity.

7. The summer classes shall begin on ***Monday, April 11, 2016*** and end on ***Saturday, May 21, 2016*** which is the last day for the final examination. The summer classes shall consist of 3-hour daily sessions per subject area from Monday to Saturday for 36 days.

8. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2016-2017, the schools shall conduct the following activities:

a. **Early registration** on ***Saturday, January 30, 2016*** of pupils/students in the schools where they wish to study;
b. **Brigada Eskwela** from ***May 16 to 21, 2016*** to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities; and
c. **In-Service (INSET)** activities for teachers a week before the opening of classes.

9. Conferences and training programs, which are conducted or sponsored by the Department, shall be conducted during the summer break as part of its capacity-building program.

-Nothing follows-

(Enclosure No. 3 to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2015)

Activity/School Celebration Mandated by Law

Month	Activity
May 2015	Palarong Pambansa National Schools Maintenance Week (Brigada Eskwela) Stakeholders' Orientation on Kto12/Basic Enhanced Education Curriculum INSET/Planning Week National Flag Day Celebration (May 28)
June	Opening of Classes Commemoration of the Philippine Independence Day Celebration World Environment Day (June 12) Safe Kids Week PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan (National Level Competition) Nationwide Search for the Outstanding W.A.T.C.H Schools (National Level Competition) Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Galicano Apacible (June 25) Commemoration of the Historic Siege of Baler and Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day (June 30)
July	Career Guidance Week National Nutrition Month National Disaster and Preparedness Month National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week Science and Technology Week Savings Credit Consciousness Week Eid'l Fitr (Legal Holiday) (Tentative) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Dela Cruz (Hermano Puli) (July 22) Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini (July 23)
August	International Indigenous Peoples Day History Month Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon (August 19) 1st Quarter Examinations ASEAN Day Sight Saving Month Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa White Cane Safety Day International Youth Day

	Ninoy Aquino Day (Special Non-Working Holiday) Commemoration of the National Heroes Day (August 25) National Heroes Day (Regular Holiday) National Career Assessment Examination PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
September	National Teachers' Month (September 5-October 5) National Crime Prevention Week (September 1-7) Commemoration of the Opening of Malolos Congress (September 15) Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law (September 23) Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Gen. Miguel Malvar (September 27) Clean and Green Month Literacy Month Science and Math Week Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino History Week International Day of Peace Eid'l Adha (Legal Holiday) (Tentative) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) Family Week
October	National Indigenous People Month Consumer Welfare Month Elderly Filipino Week (October 1-7) Commemoration of the Leyte Gulf Landing (October 20) Children's Month Clean and Green Month Scouting Month Week of the Elderly Global Handwashing Day National Health Education Week National Leadership Training for Student Government Officers (Saturday and Sunday) Juvenile Justice and Welfare Consciousness Week 2nd Quarter Examinations National Level Science and Math Fair (Secondary Level) Mid-Year Assessment and INSET/Semestral Break (For Students Only) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
November	National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week (November 10-16) National Reading Month Filipino Values Month Malaria Awareness Month Philippine Educational Placement Test (PEPT) Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week National Youth Day

	PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) **National Music Competition for Young Artists** **(National Level Competition)** **National Week for the Gifted and Talented** **National Clean Month/National Environmental Awareness Month** **Araw ng Pagbasa ((November 27)** **Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of** **Andres Bonifacio (November 30)**
December	**National Children's Day of Broadcasting** **Linggo ng Kabataan** **World AIDS Day** **Education Week** **Human Rights Week** **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** **Historical, Cultural, and Arts Festival of Excellence (RNFE)** **(National Level Competition)** **PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)** **Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of** **Dr. Jose Rizal (December 30)**
January 2016	**National Cancer Consciousness Week** **Autism Consciousness Week** **Breast Cancer Consciousness Week** **3rd Quarter Examinations** **Early Registration Day (Saturday)** **PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)** **Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Inauguration of the First** **Philippine Republic (January 23)**
February	**National Dental/Oral Health Month** **Adoption Consciousness Celebration (February 7)** **National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and** **Exploitation (February 10-14)** **Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of** **GOMBURZA (February 17)** **Commemoration of the EDSA People Power Revolution (February 22-25)** **Philippine Arts Month** **Premyo Rizal Writing Contests** **(National Level Competition)** **National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week** **Bantay Puso Week** **Leprosy Prevention Week** **PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)**

March	**Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal (March 9)** **National Achievement Test (Grades 6 and 10)** **Language Assessment for Primary Grades (Grade 3)** **Women's Month** **Fire Prevention Month** **Global Peace Festival** **Career Guidance Week** **Girl Child Week** **Maundy Thursday** **Good Friday** **Graduation Ceremonies** **PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)**
April	**Commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Francisco "Balagtas" Baltazar (April 2)** **National Disability Week** **National Children's Book Week** **National Festival of Talents** **National Schools Press Conference** **Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week (April 5-11)** **Start of Summer Classes**
May	**Palarong Pambansa** **Labor Day (Regular Holiday)** **End of Summer Classes** **Final Examinations (Summer Classes)** **National Flag Day Celebration (May 28)**