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**Department of Education**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2012-2013**

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

1. In line with the mainstreaming of the reforms in basic education, the Department of Education (DepEd) issues the **School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2012-2013**. The opening of classes shall be on Monday, **June 4, 2012** and the last day shall be on Friday, **March 22, 2013** with a total of **200 school days** required.
2. This School Calendar aims to synchronize all core events and teaching-learning activities in order to maximize the use of the required 200 school days for the SY 2012-2013 which include the 180 days to be used for non-negotiable teacher-pupils/students contact time and the five (5) days In-Service Training (INSET) break and parent-teacher conference. The different school events and activities with the number of school days per quarter are detailed in Enclosure No. 1.
3. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they shall not start their classes earlier than June 4 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 shall notify the appropriate/respective DepEd Office in advance regarding any deviation.
4. Specific guidelines are provided in Enclosure No. 2 to enable the schools to implement the school events and activities effectively and efficiently.
5. The regional and division offices (ROs/DOs) shall provide support to the schools especially in the areas of instruction and progress monitoring and evaluation.
6. The schools may observe national and local celebrations/activities and holidays other than those indicated in Enclosure No. 3, provided that the total number of school days is maintained, and make-up classes shall be conducted to compensate for the school days spent for said activities. In this regard, the RO may issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective concerns, provided that the total number of school days is not compromised.

7. The ROs shall submit the *Consolidated Report on the Actual Number of School Days* with activities held in every school in its different school divisions under its jurisdiction *not later than two (2) weeks after the end of the school year*. The report shall include recommendations on how the policy on meeting the required number of school days can be strengthened and submit this report to the Office of the Undersecretary for Programs and Projects, Attention: Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE) and Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

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



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Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order Nos.: 28 and 34, s. 2011

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

CALENDAR, School  
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CLASSES  
POLICY  
SCHOOLS

(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Order No. 26, s. 2012)

**School Calendar for SY 2012 – 2013**

Month	No. of School Days	Date	No. of Days per Quarter	Activity
May 2012	0	21 – 26 28 28 – 31	52 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Schools Maintenance Week (<i>Brigada Eskwela</i>)</li> <li>• Registration of 5-6 year old children for Kindergarten and Grade 1 at Barangay Centers</li> <li>• <i>Oplan Balik Eskwela</i></li> </ul>
June 2012	21	1-8 4 9 12 30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Oplan Balik Eskwela</i></li> <li>• Beginning of classes for SY 2012– 2013</li> <li>• Orientation of Students on the enhanced Basic Education, K to 12 Program Implementation</li> <li>• Distribution of Textbooks and Other Learning Resources</li> <li>• <b>General Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Orientation of Parents and other Stakeholders on the K to 12 Program, Enhanced Basic Education Program (BEP) Implementation (Sat.)</li> <li>* Career Exposure/ Orientation for Grade 7and Career Guidance For Grade 10</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Independence Day (regular holiday)</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Parent-Teacher Conference – Tracking and Planning for Student Progress (Saturday)</li> </ul>
July 2012	22			
August 2012	9	2-3 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Examinations</li> <li>• Culminating Performance</li> <li>• Distribution of F-138</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent-Teacher Conference Tracking and Planning of Student Progress (Saturday)</li> </ul>
	12	20 21 27 29	52 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Eid-ul Fitr</i> (legal holiday, tentative)</li> <li>• Ninoy Aquino Day (special non-working holiday)</li> <li>• National Heroes Day (regular holiday)</li> <li>• National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)</li> </ul>
Sept. 2012	20			
October 2012	20	11 – 12 20 22 – 25 26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd Quarter Examinations</li> <li>• Culminating Performance at the School Level / Distribution of F-138 / 3rd Parent-Teacher Conference Tracking and Planning for Student Progress (Saturday)</li> <li>• Mid-Year Assessment and INSET / Semestral Break (<i>For Students Only</i>)</li> <li>• <i>Eid-ul Adha</i> (special holiday, tentative)</li> </ul>

Month	No. of School Days	Date	No. of Days per Quarter	Activity
October 2012	3		50 days	
November 2012	19	1 2 30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Saints Day (special holiday)</li> <li>All Souls Day (special non-working holiday)</li> <li>Bonifacio Day (legal holiday)</li> </ul>
December 2012	15	22		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Christmas Break (Saturday)</li> </ul>
January 2013	13	3 10-11 19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resumption of classes (Thursday)</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Examination</li> <li>Culminating Performance at the School / Division Levels and Distribution of F-138 / 4th Parent-Teacher Conference Tracking and Planning for Student Progress (Saturday)</li> </ul>
February 2013	19	26 25	46 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Registration Day (Saturday)</li> <li>EDSA People Power I Anniversary (Special Holiday for schools)</li> </ul>
March 2013	17	6 12 - 13 14 - 15 16 20 - 21 18 - 19 22 25 - 29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Achievement Test (NAT) (Secondary – Fourth Year)</li> <li>National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary – Grades III &amp; VI)</li> <li>Final Examinations for Grade VI &amp; Year IV</li> <li>Culminating Performance at the School and Regional Levels (Saturday)</li> <li>Final Examinations for Grades I – V &amp; Years I – III</li> <li>Graduation</li> <li>Last day of classes</li> <li>Holy week</li> </ul>
April 2013	14	9 15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> (regular holiday)</li> <li>Start of Summer classes (Monday)</li> </ul>
May 2013	22	1 20- 25 25 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labor Day (regular holiday)</li> <li>National Schools Maintenance Week (<i>Brigada Eskwela</i>)</li> <li>End of Summer classes (Saturday)</li> <li>Final Examinations (Monday)</li> </ul>	

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**(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Order No. 26, s. 2012)**

**Guidelines on the Implementation of the School Calendar  
for School Year (SY) 2012-2013**

1. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2012-2013, the schools shall conduct the following activities:
  - a. **Early Registration** on *Saturday, January 29, 2012* of pupils/students in the schools where they wish to study;
  - b. **National Schools Maintenance Week (*Brigada Eskwela*)** on *May 21–26, 2012* to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities; and
  - c. **In-Service Training (INSET)** activities for teachers to be held a week before the opening of classes.
  
2. The school year shall formally open on *Monday, June 4, 2012* and end on *Friday, March 22, 2013*. It shall consist of **Two Hundred (200) class days**. This is inclusive of the following:
  - a. Five (5)-day semestral break for INSET and the parent-teacher conference that shall be held on a ***Saturday of the month before the end of every quarter***. The conference is intended to apprise the parents of the progress or performance of their children and ensure parental involvement in school activities. For the secondary level, the first parent-teacher conference shall be on a Saturday at the end of the first month of the quarter so that early on, parents and teachers can collaborate to improve learning and track student progress.
  - b. The **last week of every quarter** shall be the **culminating performance** of students. There shall be an *exhibit and exhibition* of student products and performances to demonstrate attainment of performance standards from Grades 1 to 7.
  - c. To ensure *quality in the school operation and actual teaching-learning*, a 180-day non-negotiable contact time for teachers and 200 days for school heads to be in school shall be enforced.
  
3. As part of its opening rites, all schools are expected to *conduct a general assembly for the purpose of orienting stakeholders on the curriculum and co-curricular programs and ancillary services* lined up for the year in support of learner development and continuous improvement of school outcomes.
  - a. For the secondary level, the general orientation shall include a **career exposure program** for the First to Third year students to acquaint them with the various career pathways, which they opt to pursue.
  - b. A **career guidance program** for those in the Fourth year in preparation for the careers or courses they prefer to pursue after high school shall be conducted between July 2012 and March 2013.

4. All elementary schools shall conduct the following activities:
  - a. **School Readiness Assessment (SReA)** in Grade I;
  - b. **Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist** for Kindergarten; and
  - c. The **Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI)** from Grades I to VI within the school year.
  
5. On the other hand, all secondary schools shall perform a **diagnostic assessment on the readiness for learning of Grade VII students** in order to prepare developmentally-appropriate intervention programs.
  
6. At the end of the Second Quarter, a **mid-term break** shall be observed to appraise individual-teachers and their collective performance, and on this basis, conduct **INSET activities** in support of continuing professional development.
  
7. The **Christmas break** shall begin on ***Saturday, December 22, 2012***. Classes shall resume on ***Thursday, January 3, 2013***.
  
8. To quality assure the pupil/student's learning, **formative assessments** shall be regularly conducted by the schools. The National Educational Training and Research Center (NETRC) shall administer the **National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)** and the **National Assessment Test (NAT)** to assess the attainment of the 21st Century Literacies in varying levels of complexity.
  
9. The summer classes shall begin on ***Monday, April 15, 2013*** and end on ***Monday, May 27, 2013*** which is the **last day for the final examination**. It shall consist of a three (3)-hour daily sessions per subject area from Monday to Saturday for thirty-six (36) days exclusive of ***May 1, 2013*** which is a legal holiday.
  
10. 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.

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**(Enclosure No. 3 to DepEd Order No. 26, s. 2012)**

**School Activities and Core Events/Celebrations Mandated by Law**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activity</b>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Schools Maintenance Week (<i>Brigada Eskwela</i>)</li><li>• INSET/Planning Week</li></ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening of Classes</li><li>• Independence Day (Regular Holiday)</li><li>• World Environment Day</li><li>• Safe Kids Week (11-15)</li><li>• PNOY 1 B Trees Project (Saturday)</li></ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Nutrition Month</li><li>• National Disaster and Preparedness Month</li><li>• National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week (17-23)</li><li>• Science and Technology Week</li><li>• Savings Credit Consciousness Week</li><li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li></ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st Quarter Examinations</li><li>• Sight Saving Month</li><li>• <i>Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa</i></li><li>• White Cane Day (August 1)</li><li>• International Youth Day</li><li>• Ninoy Aquino Day (Special Non-Working Holiday)</li><li>• National Heroes Day (Regular Holiday)</li><li>• National Career Assessment Examination</li><li>• <i>Eid' Fitr</i> (Legal Holiday, Tentative)</li><li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li></ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime Prevention Month</li><li>• Clean and Green Month</li><li>• Literacy Month</li><li>• Science and Math Week</li><li>• <i>Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino</i></li><li>• History Week</li><li>• International Day of Peace (September 21)</li><li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li></ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Teachers Day (October 5)</li><li>• Children's Month</li><li>• Clean and Green Month</li><li>• Scouting Month</li><li>• Week of the Elderly (1-5)</li><li>• Global Handwashing Day</li><li>• National Health Education Week</li><li>• National Leadership Training for Student Government Officers (Sat. &amp; Sun.)</li><li>• 2nd Quarter Examinations</li><li>• <i>Eid-ul Adha</i> (Special Holiday, Tentative)</li><li>• National Level Science and Math Fair (Secondary Level)</li><li>• Mid-Year Assessment and INSET/Semestral Break (for Students Only)</li><li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li></ul>

Month	Activity
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Reading Month</li> <li>• Malaria Awareness Month</li> <li>• All Saints Day (Special Non-Working Day)</li> <li>• Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT)</li> <li>• Deaf Awareness Week (November 12-16)</li> <li>• Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week</li> <li>• National Youth Day</li> <li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li> <li>• Bonifacio Day</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Aids Day (December 1)</li> <li>• Education Week</li> <li>• Human Rights Week</li> <li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cancer Consiousness Week (14-18)</li> <li>• Autism Consiousness Week (7-13)</li> <li>• Breast Cancer Consiousness Week</li> <li>• 3rd Quarter Examinations</li> <li>• Early Registration Day (January 26- Saturday)</li> <li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine Arts Month</li> <li>• National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week (14-18)</li> <li>• National Dental/Oral Health Week</li> <li>• <i>Bantay Puso</i> Week</li> <li>• Leprosy Prevention Week</li> <li>• EDSA Revolution Anniversary (Special Holiday for all Schools)</li> <li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Achievement Test (Grades 3, 6 and 4th Year)</li> <li>• Women's Month</li> <li>• Fire Prevention Month</li> <li>• Global Peace Festival</li> <li>• Career Guidance Week</li> <li>• Girl Child Week</li> <li>• Graduation Ceremonies</li> <li>• PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maundy Thursday</li> <li>• Good Friday</li> <li>• <i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> (Regular Holiday)</li> <li>• Festival of Talents</li> <li>• Start of Classes (Summer Classes)</li> <li>• <i>Palarong Pambansa</i></li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor Day (Regular Holiday)</li> <li>• End of Summer Classes</li> <li>• Final Examinations (Summer Classes)</li> </ul>

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