



DEPED BAGUIO CITY

**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

NO. 25 s. 2016

**REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER No.16, s.2015 ON AGE OF KINDERGARTEN and GRADE 1 ENROLEES FOR SY 2016-2017**

To : Chief Education Program Supervisors  
District Supervisors  
Elementary School Heads, Private and Public Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. It has come to the attention of the Schools Division Office that school administrators, especially among private schools, are confused as to cut-off age of children who may enrol in kindergarten for SY 2016-2017.
2. Inasmuch as there are is no new issuance regarding early registration released by the Central Office, all elementary/kindergarten School Heads are enjoined to download DepED Order No.16, s.2015
3. Attention is called to *paragraph b* under 'Kindergarten' which is self-explanatory:
  - b. The enrolment of children who will be five years old by **June 1** of the coming school year **shall be strictly implemented by School Year 2016-2017** and onwards.
4. Corollary to the provisions indicated in *paragraph a* under 'Kindergarten' of the said order, the cut-off age for pupils entering *Grade 1* SY 2016-2017 is 6 years old by October 31, 2016.
5. Wide dissemination and strict compliance to this memo is desired.

  
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**Department of Education**

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DepEd ORDER  
No. **16**, s. 2015

**ADDENDUM TO DEPED ORDER NO. 1, S. 2015**

(Declaring January 24, 2015 as Commencement of Early Registration for SY 2015-2016)

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

1. In addition to DepEd Order No. 1, s. 2015 entitled *Declaring January 24, 2015 as Commencement of Early Registration for SY 2015-2016*, the Department of Education (DepEd) issues this Order to include the following provisions regarding the entrance age of Kindergarten and Grade 1 pupils:

**Kindergarten**

- a. Children who will turn five years old by June 2015 shall be accepted in Kindergarten for School Year (SY) 2015-2016. Those who will turn five years old on or before October 31, 2015 must show proof of completion of Early Childhood Education, such as an attendance in day care/learning centers. Children shall also be accepted after the teacher/principal has assessed their readiness to take Kindergarten education using appropriate development tools, such as the Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Checklist; and
- b. The enrolment of children who will be five years old by June 1 of the coming SY shall be strictly implemented by SY 2016-2017 and onwards.

**Grade 1**

- a. Kindergarten completers will be accepted in Grade 1. The pupils should be at least six years old by October 2015; and
- b. Children who have completed the Kindergarten Catch-up Program and deemed ready for Grade 1 based on the School Readiness Assessment Tool shall also be registered.

2. The issuance of this Order aims to strengthen the effort of the DepEd in providing learner-centered education.

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

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