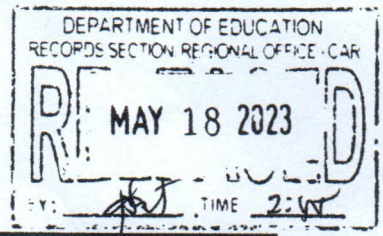
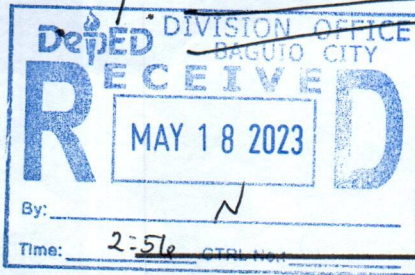


For School Heads



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Cordillera Administrative Region

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
No. 227-2023

**REITERATION ON THE CUT-OFF AGE OF INCOMING KINDERGARTEN**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
All Schools Division Offices  
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to DepEd Order No. 10. S. 2023 entitled *Amendment to DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2018 on the Basic Education Enrollment Policy*, this Office hereby **reiterates the cut-off age of incoming kindergarten learners** which shall be **strictly** enforced and implemented by all elementary schools as stipulated in DO No. 020, s. 2018 (Amendment to DO No. 47, s. 2016), to wit:

*Age qualification of Kindergarten learners in **both public and private schools** should be five (5) years old by June 1 of every calendar year. However, the school may consider learners entering Kindergarten who will turn five (5) years old by the end of August, on the condition that the **Philippine Education Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist** must be administered to the learner prior to the start of the opening of the school year, to ensure that the learner is capable of meeting the expectations of the grade level.*

*For schools commencing their school year beyond June, the requirement that Kindergarten learners should be five (5) years old by June 1 and the extension period ending on August 31 shall be adjusted. For schools commencing their school year in July, Kindergarten learners should be five (5) years old by July 1 and the extension period shall be until September 30. For schools commencing their school year in August, Kindergarten learners should be five (5) years old by August 1 and the extension period shall be until October 31.*

2. For more details and/or queries kindly contact Rosita C. Agnasi, OIC-CLMD, or Denia O. Tarnate, Regional Kindergarten Focal through e-mail: rosita.agnasi@deped.gov.ph/denia.tarnate@deped.gov.ph.

3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

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