

PRESS RELEASE

One day early registration to be conducted simultaneously nationwide

The Department of Education reminds the public that the one-day early registration for incoming kindergarten, Grade 1 and first year high school in public schools is set on January 29, 2011. The last Saturday of January has been designated as the day for parents to pre-register their children for school year 2011-2012 through a pre-enrolment activity that will be conducted simultaneously in all regions nationwide.

Based on Department Order No.2, the early registration targets all 5 year olds to be enrolled in kindergarten and all 6 year-olds in Grade 1. Early registration is also mandated in public secondary schools to guarantee the enrolment of incoming first year students in their preferred high school.

According to Education Secretary Armin Luistro, children who were born on October 31, 2006 or earlier shall be eligible for early enrolment in kindergarten. Those who were born on October 31, 2005 or earlier, with or without kindergarten experience, shall be eligible for early enrolment in Grade 1. The birth certificate of the child which will serve as proof of age can be submitted in June or within the school year.

Meanwhile, students who are not presently enrolled in Grade 6 but have completed the grade level and who want to be enrolled in first year high school must present their Grade 6 card to the teacher- in- charge of registration in high schools. If the report card is not available, a signed certification by the parent or guardian that indeed the enrollee has completed Grade 6 could be presented.

Prospective first year students who have finished Grade 6 in previous years and those who dropped out are also encouraged to enroll.

The pre-registration will give the department enough information to determine the interventions needed to ensure that all school- aged children are in school.

Luistro added that DepEd will work closely with local government units, barangay officials, parents, civic organizations, the business sector and other education stakeholders to make the necessary preparations and address potential needs when classes open in June.

With this early registration, the department will be given enough time to come up with education interventions and prevent students from dropping out of school.

“We enjoin all parents and guardians to take advantage of this one-day early registration to avoid the enrolment rush in June and help provide DepEd with enough information to promptly address resource gaps that may arise,” Luistro added.

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For any inquiries about the early registration, contact the Early Registration Help Desk at telephone numbers: 02-631-5057 or 02-638-3703, or e-mail at earlyreg2011@gmail.com.