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**Department of Education**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2013-2014**

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 the School Year (SY) 2013-2014**. The **opening of classes** shall be on Monday, **June 3, 2013** and the **last day** shall be on Monday, **March 31, 2014** with a total of **201 school days**.

2. This School Calendar aims to synchronize all core events and teaching-learning activities in order to maximize the use of the 201 school days for the SY 2013-2014 which include the 180 days for non-negotiable teacher-pupils/students contact time and the four (4) days In-Service Training (INSET) break and parent-teacher conferences. 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 3 and not later than the last day of August as provided in Republic Act (RA) No. 7779 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 offices (ROs) and the division offices (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 that 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. Each RO 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 through the Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Building and the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bonifacio Building, DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

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



**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order: Nos. 26 and 89, s. 2012

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

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

CALENDAR, School  
CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS  
CLASSES  
POLICY  
SCHOOLS

(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2013)

Calendar for School Year 2013 – 2014

Month	No. of School Days	Date	No. of Days per Quarter	Activity
May 2013	0	20 – 24 27  27 – 31		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Schools Maintenance Week</li> <li>Registration of 5-6 year old children for Kindergarten and Grade 1 in schools (for those who were not able to register on Jan. 26, 2013)</li> <li>Oplan Balik Eskwela</li> </ul>
June	19	3  8  12 19 17-21 29	54 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning of classes for SY 2013 – 2014 / Orientation of Students on K to 12 Basic Education Program (BEP) Implementation / Distribution of Textbooks and Other Learning Resources</li> <li><b>General Assembly</b> * Orientation of Parents and other Stakeholders on K to 12 BEP Implementation (Saturday)</li> <li>Independence Day (Regular Holiday)</li> <li>Rizal's 151st Birthday</li> <li>Phil-IRI (Grades 2-6)</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Parent-Teacher Conference – Tracking and Planning for Student Progress (Saturday)</li> </ul>
July	23			
August	12	1-2 9 10	52 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st Quarter Examination</li> <li>Eid' Fitr (Legal Holiday) (Tentative)</li> <li>Culminating Performance / Distribution of F-138 / 2nd Parent-Teacher Conference Tracking and Planning of Student Progress (Saturday)</li> </ul>
	8	21  26 27  28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ninoy Aquino Day (Special Non Working Holiday as per Presidential Proclamation No. 459)</li> <li>National Heroes Day</li> <li>National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for K to 12 – G8</li> <li>National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for BEC – Y3</li> </ul>
September	21			
October	23	10 – 11 15  28 – 31		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2nd Quarter Examination</li> <li>Eid-ul Adha (Special Holiday) (Tentative)</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 (For Students Only)</li> </ul>

<b>November</b>	20	1 11-15 30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Saints Day (Special Holiday)</li> <li>Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT)</li> <li>Bonifacio Day (Legal Holiday-Sat.)</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	15	21 30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Christmas Break</li> <li>Rizal Day</li> </ul>
<b>January 2014</b>	15	6 9-10 18	50 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resumption of Classes</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Examinations</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>
	5	25		
<b>February</b>	19	25	45 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Registration Day (Saturday)</li> <li>EDSA Revolution Anniversary (Special Holiday for All Schools as per Presidential Proclamation No. 459)</li> <li>National Achievement Test (NAT) (Secondary – Fourth Year)</li> <li>National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary – Grades III)</li> <li>National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary – Grades 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>Recognition/Graduation Ceremonies</li> <li>Last day of Classes</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	21	5  11  13  13 – 14  15  20 – 21  27-28 31		
<b>April</b>	7 7-12  8 17 18 19			
<b>May</b>	1 19 – 23 23  26  26-30			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labor Day</li> <li>National Schools Maintenance Week (Brigada Eskwela)</li> <li>End of Summer Classes (Friday) and Final Examinations</li> <li>Registration of 5-year old Children for Kindergarten in schools (for those who were not able to register on Jan. 25, 2014)</li> <li>OPLAN Balik Eskwela</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL No. of School Days</b>	<b>201</b>			

*\*Include Career Exposure or Orientation for Grade 7 and Career Guidance for Grade 10 as well as Orientation of Parents and other Stakeholders on K to 12 BEP Implementation*

**Guidelines on the Implementation of the School Calendar  
for School Year (SY) 2013-2014**

1. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2013-2014, the schools shall conduct the following activities:
  - a. Early Registration on Saturday, January 26, 2013 of pupils/students in the schools where they wish to study
  - b. National Schools Maintenance Week (Brigada Eskwela) on May 20-24, 2013 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 3, 2013 and end on Monday, March 31, 2014, it shall consist of Two Hundred One (201) class days. This is inclusive of the following:
  - a. Four (4)-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 pupils/students products and performances to demonstrate attainment of performance standards.
  - c. To ensure quality in the school operation and actual teaching-learning, a 180-day non-negotiable contact time for teachers and 201 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 2013 and March 2014.
  
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 21, 2013. Classes shall resume on Monday, January 6, 2014.
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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacies in varying levels of complexity.
9. The summer classes shall begin on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 and end on Monday, May 23, 2014 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.

-Nothing follows-

(Enclosure No. 3 to DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2013)

**Activities/School Celebrations Mandated by Law**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activity/School Celebration</b>
May 2013	National Schools Maintenance Week INSET/Planning Week
June	Opening of Classes World Environment Day Safe Kids Week (11-15) PNOY 1 B Trees Project (Saturday)
July	National Nutrition Month National Disaster and Preparedness Month National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week (17-23) Science and Technology Week Savings Credit Consciousness Week PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
August	Sight Saving Month Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa White Cane Safety Day (August 1) Brain Attack Awareness Week (3rd week of August) International Youth Day Eid'Fitr (Legal Holiday) (Tentative) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
September	Crime Prevention Month Clean and Green Month Literacy Month Science and Math Week National Epilepsy Awareness Week (1st week of September) Cerebral Palsy Awareness and Protection Week (Sept. 16-22) Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino History Week International Day of Peace (September 21) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
October	World Teachers Day (October 5) Children's Month Clean and Green Month Scouting Month Week of the Elderly (1-5) National Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) Awareness Week (3rd week of October) Global Handwashing Day National Health Education Week National Leadership Training for Student Gov't. Officers (Sat & Sun.) National Level Science and Math Fair (Secondary Level) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
November	National Reading Month Malaria Awareness Month Deaf Awareness Week (November 12-16) National Skin Disease Detection and Prevention Week (2nd week of November) National Week for the Gifted and Talented (3rd week of November) Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week National Youth Day Book Week Araw ng Pagbasa PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)

**Activities/School Celebrations Mandated by Law**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Activity/School Celebration</b>
December	World Aids Day (December 1) Education Week Celebration National Human Rights Consciousness Week International Day for Persons with Disabilities in the Philippines PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
January 2014	National Cancer Consiousness Week (14-18) Autism Consiousness Week (3rd week of January) Breast Cancer Consiousness Week PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
February	Philippine Arts Month National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week (14-18) National Down Syndrome Consciousness Month National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation Women with Disabilities Day (last Monday of March) National Dental/Oral Health Week Bantay Puso Week Leprosy Prevention Week PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
March	Women's Month Fire Prevention Month Global Peace Festival Career Guidance Week Girl Child Week PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)
April	Maundy Thursday Good Friday Araw ng Kagitingan (Regular Holiday) Festival of Talents Start of Classes (Summer Classes) Palarong Pambansa
May	Labor Day (Regular Holiday) End of Summer Classes Final Examinations (Summer Classes)