



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

DepEd ORDER
No. **003**, s. 2023

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AN ORDER ALLOWING THE CONDUCT OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
State/Local University and College Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the commitment of the Department of Education (DepEd) to deliver quality basic education in a safe learning environment to learners, this Order is issued for the guidance of learners, personnel, parents, guardians, and other stakeholders relative to the conduct of in-person school activities.

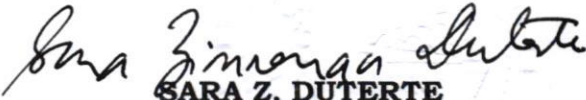
2. For the safe resumption and reintroduction of the conduct of in-person school activities, consistent with the public health standards of the government in light of COVID-19, the following guidelines shall be observed:

- a. **Curricular and co-curricular activities that involve the in-person gathering of a number of participants shall be allowed.** Curricular activities shall be conducted during the academic quarter to ensure that learners can seamlessly connect and integrate learning within and across learning areas. On the other hand, co-curricular activities shall be conducted after the quarterly examinations to avoid disruption of classes.
- b. Item 33 of DepEd Order No. 034, s. 2022 dated July 11, 2022, provides that: The conduct of extra-curricular activities shall be strictly prohibited. However, it must be clarified that only those extra-curricular activities held during class hours are prohibited. The conduct of in-person extra-curricular activities shall be allowed, provided that these activities are conducted after class hours.

3. Public Schools must ensure the strict observance of these guidelines during the conduct of in-person curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities.

4. Private schools, community learning centers, as well as state/local universities and colleges (SUCs/LUCs) may choose to adopt the provisions of this DO as basis in the conduct of in-person curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities.

5. This Order shall take effect upon posting on the DepEd website. It shall also be filed with the University of the Philippines Law Center (UP LC)-Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR), UP Diliman, Quezon City.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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Secretary of the Department of Education*

Reference:

DepEd Order No. (034, s. 2022)

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