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Department of Education

REGION IV- A CALABARZON

CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 450 s. 2026

REITERATION OF POLICIES ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET AND RELATED DEVICES

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to **DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660** titled **Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Related Devices** this Office informs the field of the strict implementation of the existing policies and guidelines concerning the promotion of safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices to promote and uphold the welfare, safety, security, and protection of all learners and personnel.
2. This includes **prohibition of the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel** unless otherwise for academic purposes and use to aid curriculum delivery in the classroom and **emergency situations** as in the case of disasters, medical crises, or other immediate safety concerns. This covers usage of, but not limited to, **social media, online games, content creation and vlogging during class and office hours.**
3. Guided by the **DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026** titled **Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)**, all unit heads, school heads, parents, alumni, and other school stakeholders have a collective role to play to ensure that the learners develop responsibility and empathy towards others, even outside the classroom.
4. Widest dissemination of and compliance to this Memorandum is desired.


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Encl.: As stated

References: DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660

DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026

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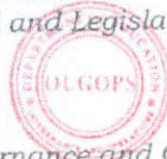
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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : **REITERATION OF POLICIES ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET AND RELATED DEVICES**

DATE : **JUN 30 2026**

Pursuant to the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to promote and uphold the welfare, safety, security, and protection of all learners and personnel, this Office reiterates the strict implementation of and compliance with existing policies and guidelines concerning the promotion of safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.

DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, titled *Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)*, expressly **prohibits the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel**. However, **exemptions are granted** in meritorious cases, specifically for **academic purposes** (e.g. accessing educational platforms, digital resources, or participating in authorized online collaborative activities) and **emergency situations** (e.g. facilitating communication during disasters, medical crises, or other immediate safety concerns). This includes the prohibition of the usage of, but not limited to, social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during class hours.

Guided by the ESMLE Framework, a **whole-of-society approach is necessary** in order to **properly guide learners**. Parents, Local Government Units, Police and other Law Enforcement agencies, other government agencies and instrumentalities, Non-Government Organizations/Civil Society Organizations, and all other stakeholders



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each have a collective role to play to ensure that the learners develop responsibility and empathy towards others, even outside the classroom.

In the interest of further promoting the aforementioned values, all field offices and schools are hereby directed to ensure the widest dissemination of these policies to all stakeholders and to **intensify the campaign on the safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.**



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