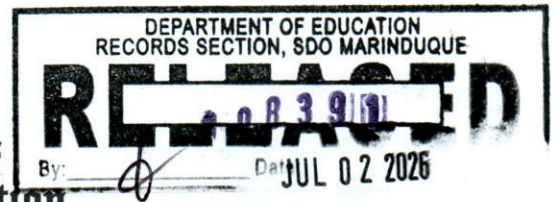




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads, Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools  
All Others Concerned

**FROM:** *For:* [Redacted]  
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**SUBJECT: REITERATION OF POLICIES ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET AND RELATED DEVICES**

**DATE:** July 2, 2026

1. In line with the **DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660** dated June 30, 2026, titled **“Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the internet and Related Devices”**, all schools are hereby directed to strictly implement and comply with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 006, s. 2026, particularly on the prohibition of the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours, except for authorized academic purposes and emergency situations.
2. School Heads are further directed to intensify advocacy and information dissemination activities promoting responsible digital citizenship, online safety, and the proper use of internet-enabled devices among learners, personnel and other stakeholders.
3. Attached is a copy of the said DepEd Memorandum for guidance, information and strict compliance.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.

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**MEMORANDUM**

DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660

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.**