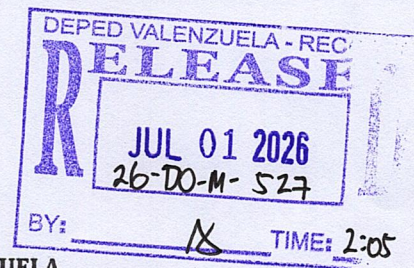


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**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 0533, s. 2026

**SCHEDULE AND OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
TERM 1 SUMMATIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027
PURSUANT TO DEPED ORDER NO. 015, S. 2026**

To: OIC – Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors - CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors and Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the nationwide implementation of **DepEd Order No. 015, s. 2026** titled "Revised Guidelines on Classroom Assessment, Grading System, and Awards and Recognition for the K to 12 Basic Education Program," this Office establishes the official assessment timeline and compliance guidelines for the First Term of School Year 2026-2027.

2. Pursuant to Section V (B) of the revised guidelines, formal examinations must be progressively distributed throughout the instructional block to continuously monitor learner development and prevent end-of-term academic overload. Accordingly, all public schools within the Schools Division of Valenzuela City shall strictly adhere to the following unified examination schedule for Term 1:

- o **First Summative Test (ST1):** Scheduled on July 6, 2026, corresponding to the policy-prescribed 16th instructional day of the term. This assessment shall strictly cover learning competencies taught from Day 1 to Day 15.
- o **Second Summative Test (ST2):** Scheduled on July 28, 2026, matching the 32nd instructional day of the term. This assessment shall cover the subsequent learning competencies taught from Day 17 to Day 31.
- o **Term Examination (TE):** Scheduled on August 28, 2026, and September 01, 2026, representing the final summative evaluation for Term 1.

3. To maintain high assessment standards, safeguard learner well-being, and ensure absolute validity, all school heads and classroom teachers are mandated to integrate the following operational parameters:

- o **Item Limit Caps:** As mandated under Paragraph 29 of DO No. 015, s. 2026, the maximum number of items per Summative Test (ST) must not exceed exactly half of the designated item standard for the final Term Examination (TE):



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- Kindergarten to Key Stage 1 (Grades 1 to 3): No formal written Term Examination (TE) or Summative Test (ST) shall be administered in kindergarten. For Grades 1 to 3, assessments must be short, low-pressure, and strictly limited to selected written-appropriate competencies.
 - Key Stage 2 (Grades 4 to 6): Maximum of 20 items per ST (based on a 40-item TE standard).
 - Key Stage 3 (Grades 7 to 10): Maximum of 25 items per ST (based on a 50-item TE standard).
 - Key Stage 4 (Grades 11 to 12): Maximum of 30 items per ST (based on a 60-item TE standard).
- o **Ethical Use of Technology:** In compliance with DO No. 3, s. 2026 (Foundational Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence in Basic Education), all supervised assessments and examinations are strictly AI-prohibited. Teachers must implement active measures to ensure the authenticity of student work.
4. School Heads and Education Program Supervisors (EPSs) are directed to closely monitor the systematic preparation of the Table of Specifications (TOS) and all assessment materials to avoid student overload, safeguard the developmental purpose of learner grades, and ensure that timely special or remedial test opportunities are made available to learners with excused absences.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

NOEL D. BAGANO
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: None
References: as Stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ASSESMENT

LEARNERS

TEACHERS

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