

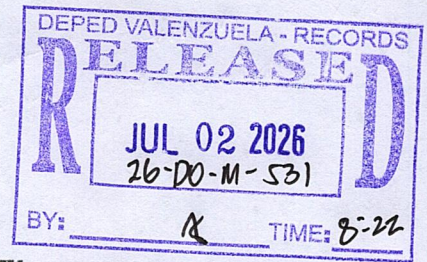
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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF VALENZUELA CITY



**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 0536 s. 2026

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

To **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chief Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School heads
All Other Concerned**

1. In reference to DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, title **Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)**, the use of portable electronic devices during class hours is prohibited for both learners and personnel, except when needed for academic purposes or emergency situations. The use of social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during instructional hours is also not allowed.
2. All offices and schools are instructed to inform all stakeholders about this policy and strengthen the campaign for the safe and responsible use of the internet and digital devices.
3. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

NOEL D. BAGANO
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated
References: DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660
DepEd Order No. 06, s.2026
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SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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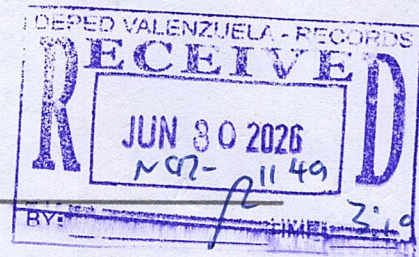


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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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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



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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