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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2014-2015

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2014-2015 reflects the school events and activities for the said SY. The core events and activities for this SY shall represent the actual teaching-learning days and shall be strictly observed in all schools.

2. The SY 2014-2015 shall begin on **Monday, June 2, 2014** and shall end on **Friday, March 27, 2015**. The SY will consist of 201 school days, inclusive of the five-day In-Service Training (INSET) break and the parent-teacher conferences. The different school events and activities, including the number of school days per quarter, are contained in Enclosure No. 1.

3. Private schools may deviate from this School Calendar. However, they may not start classes earlier than the first Monday of June and not later than the last day of August, as provided in Republic Act (RA) No. 7797 entitled "*An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to not More than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days.*" They should notify the appropriate DepEd officials in advance regarding any deviation.

4. Specific guidelines are provided in Enclosure No. 2 to enable the schools to effectively and efficiently implement the school events and activities and to allow the regional offices (ROs) and schools division offices (SDOs) to provide support to the schools, especially in the areas of instruction and progress monitoring and evaluation.

5. Schools may observe national and local celebrations/activities and holidays other than those indicated in Enclosure No. 3, provided that the total number of school days shall be maintained and make-up classes shall be conducted to compensate for the school days spent for the said activities. In this regard, the RO may issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective concerns, provided that the total number of school days shall not be compromised.

6. Schools shall submit a Report on the Actual Number of School Days, including the recommendations on how the policy on meeting the required number of school days can be strengthened, not later than two weeks after the end of the School Year to the schools division office (SDO) for consolidation. The SDO shall forward a copy of the consolidated reports and their analysis to their respective regions. Then, each region shall consolidate all the reports and shall forward them together with their recommendations to the Office of the Planning Service (Strategic Management), DepEd Central Office.

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order Nos. 26, s. 2012; and 10, s. 2013

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Calendar for School Year 2014 – 2015

Month	No. of School Days	Date	No. of Days per Quarter	Activity
May	0	3 – 9 19 – 24 26 – 30	53 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Palarong Pambansa</i> • <i>Brigada Eskwela</i> • <i>Oplan Balik Eskwela</i>
June	20	2 12 21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of classes for SY 2014 - 2015 • Independence Day (regular holiday) • 1st Parent-Teacher Conference – (Saturday)
July	22	28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eid'1 Fitr</i> (regular holiday - Tentative)
August	11	7-8 16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Quarter Examinations • Distribution of Cards/Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday)
August	8	21 25 27 (as per consultation with NETRC)	53 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ninoy Aquino Day (special non-working holiday) • National Heroes Day (regular holiday) • National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for K to 12 – Grade 9
September	22			
October	23	5 5 16 – 17 20 – 24 25	55 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eid'1 Adha</i> (Sunday – regular holiday – Tentative) • World Teachers Day (Sunday) • 2nd Quarter Examinations • Mid-Year Assessment and INSET / Semestral Break (For Students Only) • Distribution of Cards/ Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday)
November	20	1 30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints Day (special non-working holiday) • Bonifacio Day (regular holiday)
December	15	20 30	40 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Christmas Break • Rizal Day (regular holiday)
January	20	5 8 – 9 24		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resumption of classes (Monday) • 3rd Quarter Examinations • Distribution of Cards/ Parent-Teacher Conference (Saturday) • Early Registration Day (Saturday)
February	20	25	40 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDSA People Power I Anniversary (Observance)
March	20	5 11 (as per consultation with NETRC) 12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Achievement Test (NAT) (Secondary - Fourth Year) • National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary – Grade III) • National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary – Grade VI)

		19 – 20 23 – 24 26 - 27 27	} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Quarter Examinations (Final Examinations for Grade VI and Year IV • 4th Quarter Examinations (Final Examinations) for Grades I – V and Grades 7 - 9 • Graduation • Last day of classes
April		2 3 4 6 – 10 9 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maundy Thursday (regular holiday) • Good Friday (regular holiday) • Black Saturday (special non-working holiday) • Distribution of Cards • <i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> (regular holiday) • Start of Summer classes (Monday)
May		1 4 – 10 18 – 23 23 25 – 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor Day (regular holiday) • <i>Palarong Pambansa</i> • <i>Brigada Eskwela</i> • End of Summer classes (Friday) and Final Examinations • <i>Oplan Balik Eskwela</i>
Total No. of School Days			201

Implementing Guidelines of the School Year 2014 – 2015
Calendar of the School Activities

1. The school year shall formally open on **Monday, June 2, 2014** and shall end on **Friday, March 27, 2015**. The school year shall consist of **Two Hundred One (201) class days**. This is inclusive of the 5-day semestral break and the parent-teacher conferences which shall be held on a Saturday of the month after the quarterly examinations. The conference is intended to apprise the parents on the progress or performance of their children and ensure parental involvement in school activities. The last week of every quarter shall be the culminating performance of students where there shall be an exhibit and exhibition of students' outputs and performances to demonstrate attainment of performance standards at all grades/year levels. *To ensure quality in the school operation and actual teaching-learning, a 180-day non-negotiable contact time for teachers, and the physical presence of school heads is expected every school day, even during attending official business, the 201 days shall be enforced.*

2. As part of their opening rites, all schools are expected to conduct a general assembly for the purpose of orienting stakeholders on the curriculum, co-curricular programs and ancillary services lined up for the year in support of learner development and continuous improvement of school outcomes. Orientation shall be done the week before the first day to ensure that conduct of classes is done from the first day of classes. For the secondary level, the general orientation shall include a career exposure program for the Grades 7 to 9 students to acquaint them with the various career pathways they can pursue. For Grades 9 and Year IV students, a career guidance program shall be conducted between July until November 2014 which will help prepare the students for possible careers or courses they wish to pursue after high school.

3. All elementary schools shall administer the *Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist for Kindergarten Children* before the opening of classes or following the schedule specified in the ECCD Manual and the *School Readiness Year-End Assessment (SreYA)* at the end of the school year. The *Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI)* assessment tools in Filipino shall be administered to Grade II, while English and Filipino to Grades II-VI as classroom based assessment within the school year. The result will be used as basis for planning and formulating appropriate interventions for children. Meanwhile, all secondary schools shall perform a *diagnostic assessment on the readiness for learning of Grade 7 students* in order to prepare developmentally-appropriate intervention programs.

4. At the end of the Second Quarter, a midterm break shall be observed to evaluate individual teachers and their collective performance, as well as to conduct the In-Service Training (INSET) activities in support of continuing professional development.

5. The Christmas break shall begin on **Saturday, December 20, 2014**. Classes shall resume on **Monday, January 5, 2015**.
6. To assure quality of the pupil's/student's learning, formative assessments shall be regularly conducted by the teachers. On the national level, the National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC) shall administer the *National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)* and the *National Achievement Test (NAT)*. The NCAE shall be conducted to assess the aptitude and interests of high school students planning to proceed to post secondary course and other career options and to provide them with relevant information on their skills, abilities, and readiness for academic and non-academic courses which help them make wise career decisions. On the other hand, the NAT shall be conducted to measure what pupils/students in Grade Three, Grade Six and Fourth Year know and can do in five core subject areas (Science, Mathematics, English, Filipino and HeKaSi/Araling Panlipunan) and to assess the attainment of the 21st century skills in varying levels of complexity.
7. The summer classes shall begin on **Monday, April 13, 2015** and end on **Saturday, May 23, 2015** which is the last day for the final examination. The summer classes shall consist of 3-hour daily sessions per subject area from Monday to Saturday for 36 days inclusive of **Friday, May 1, 2015** which is a legal holiday.
8. In preparation for the opening of classes for SY 2015-2016, the schools shall conduct the following activities: (a) *early registration* on **Saturday, January 24, 2015** of pupils/students in the schools where they wish to study; and (b) Brigada Eskwela from **May 18 – 23, 2015** to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities and in-service (INSET) activities for teachers a week before the opening of classes.
9. Conferences and training programs, which are conducted or sponsored by the Department, shall be conducted during the summer break as part of its capacity-building program.

-Nothing follows-

Activity/School Celebration Mandated by Law

Month	Activity
May 2014	<p>Palarong Pambansa Brigada Eskwela Stakeholders' Orientation on K-12/ Basic Enhanced Education Curriculum INSET/Planning Week</p>
June	<p>Opening of Classes Independence Day (Regular Holiday) World Environment Day Safe Kids Week PNOY 1 B Trees Project (Saturday) Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan (National Level Competition) Nationwide Search for the Outstanding W.A.T.C.H. SCHOOLS (National Level Competition)</p>
July	<p>Career Guidance Week National Nutrition Month National Disaster and Preparedness Month National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week Science and Technology Week Savings Credit Consciousness Week Eid'I Fitr (Legal Holiday) (Tentative) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</p>
August	<p>1st Quarter Examinations ASEAN Day Sight Saving Month Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa White Cane Day International Youth Day Ninoy Aquino Day (Special Non-Working Holiday) National Heroes Day (Regular Holiday) National Career Assessment Examination PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</p>
September	<p>Crime Prevention Month Clean and Green Month Literacy Month Science and Math Week Linggo ng Kasuotang Filipino History Week International Day of Peace PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday)</p>
October	<p>Eid'I Adha (Legal Holiday) (Tentative) Consumer Welfare Month World Teachers Day Children's Month Clean and Green Month Scouting Month</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">October</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Week of the Elderly Global Handwashing Day National Health Education Week National Leadership Training for Student Government Officers (Saturday and Sunday) 2nd Quarter Examinations National Level Science and Math Fair (Secondary Level) Mid-Year Assessment and INSET/Semestral Break (for Students Only) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> National Reading Month Filipino Values Month Malaria Awareness Month Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT) Deaf Awareness Week Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week National Youth Day PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) Bonifacio Day National Music Competition For Young Artists (National Level Competition) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> World AIDS Day Education Week Human Rights Week Historical, Cultural, and Arts Festival of Excellence (RNFE) (National Level Competition) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 2015</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> National Cancer Consiousness Week Autism Consiousness Week Breast Cancer Consiousness Week 3rd Quarter Examinations Early Registration Day (Saturday) PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Philippine Arts Month Premyo Rizal Writing Contests (National Level Competition) National Children with Intellectual Disabilities Week National Dental/Oral Health Week Bantay Puso Week Leprosy Prevention Week PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> National Achievement Test (Grades 3, 6 and 4th Year) Women's Month Fire Prevention Month Global Peace Festival Career Guidance Week Girl Child Week Graduation Ceremonies PNOY 1B Trees Project (Saturday) </p>

<p style="text-align: center;">April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Maundy Thursday Good Friday Araw ng Kagitingan (Regular Holiday) Festival of Talents Start of Classes (Summer Classes) </p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Palarong Pambansa Labor Day (Regular Holiday) End of Summer Classes Final Examinations (Summer Classes) </p>