



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 792 s. 2026

INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE OFFERING OF A CLUSTER OF ACADEMIC ELECTIVES UNDER THE STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 17, s. 2026 titled *Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum*, all public senior high schools are reminded that they may offer only subjects or electives for which they were previously granted authority or permit to operate.
2. Considering the urgency of the opening of classes for School Year 2026–2027 and the need to ensure that learners are properly enrolled and accredited in the Learner Information System (LIS), this Office hereby adopts interim guidelines governing applications for the offering of academic elective clusters that were not previously authorized for a school.
3. For School Year 2026–2027, public senior high schools intending to offer academic elective clusters for which they have not previously been granted authority may apply through the following procedure:
 - a. The School Head shall submit a Letter of Application to the Schools Division Superintendent indicating the academic elective cluster/s proposed to be offered and certifying the school's readiness and capacity to implement the same.
 - b. The School Head shall ensure and certify that the school possesses the necessary resources, qualified teaching personnel, learning materials, facilities, and other requirements necessary for the effective delivery of the proposed academic elective cluster/s.
 - c. Upon evaluation of the request, the Schools Division Superintendent shall immediately endorse the application to the Regional Office for appropriate action and approval.
 - d. Applications shall be submitted to the Regional Office through the concerned Schools Division Office not later than **June 30, 2026**.
4. School Heads are hereby entrusted with the accountability and responsibility of ensuring that applications are based on the actual capacity of the school to offer and sustain the proposed academic elective cluster/s in accordance with applicable standards and policies.
5. Approval granted under this Memorandum shall be considered an authority applicable for elective clusters under the Academic Track.

6. Schools whose applications are approved by the Regional Office shall be allowed to offer the corresponding academic elective cluster/s and shall be included in the necessary system configurations to facilitate learner enrollment and accreditation in the LIS.

7. Applications received beyond the prescribed deadline shall no longer be covered by these interim guidelines and shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 51, s. 2015, and other existing policies governing the establishment, recognition, and operation of senior high school offerings.

8. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as exempting schools from compliance with existing quality assurance standards, curriculum requirements, and other applicable DepEd policies.

9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.

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Encl.: None
Reference: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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