



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. 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 safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.
2. 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 during instructional hours except for authorized academic purposes and emergency situations. The use of social media, online games, content creation, vlogging and other non-instructional activities during class hours is likewise prohibited.
3. All schools are strongly encouraged to adopt a whole-of-society approach in guiding learners toward the safe, responsible, and ethical use of the internet and other digital devices. To further promote these values, all field offices and schools are hereby directed to ensure the widest dissemination of these policies among all stakeholders and to intensify advocacy efforts on the safe and responsible use of internet and related devices. A copy of DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026 may be accessed through the link provided below.



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4. For information, guidance, and strict compliance.

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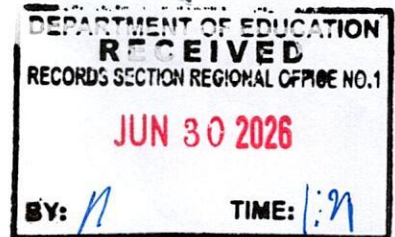
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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
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ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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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.**

