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Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

July 02, 2026

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

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, CID and SGOD
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), hereby disseminates the communication from the Public Affairs Service, Department of Education Central Office, dated July 1, 2026, entitled "*Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Related Devices.*"
2. Please see the attached communication for complete details.
3. Immediate dissemination of this information and strict compliance is desired.

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[MEMORANDUM] Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Related Devices

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Dear All,

For the information of all concerned, this Office respectfully transmits the attached Memorandum titled **Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Related Devices**, dated June 30, 2026.

As an alternative, the Memorandum and its corresponding FAQs may also be accessed on the DepEd website through this [link](#).

For your guidance and appropriate action.

Thank you.

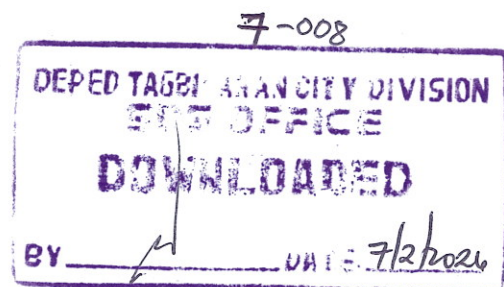
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MEMORANDUM

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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



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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.**



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