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

**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

July 07, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 542, s. 2026

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

To: Chief, CID and SGOD  
All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Supreme Learner Government Officers and Teacher-Advisers  
All Others Concerned

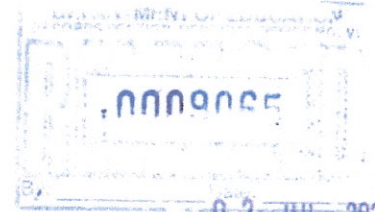
1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 0588, s. 2026 dated July 2, 2026, this Office reiterates the Department's firm commitment to safeguarding the welfare, safety, and protection of learners and personnel. This is in line with DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-160 and DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026 titled ***Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)***.
2. All schools and field offices are reminded that the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours is **strictly prohibited**, except for academic purposes or emergency situations. Likewise, the use of social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during class hours is **not allowed**.
3. For details kindly see the attached memorandums.
4. For information, compliance and strict dissemination.

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Office of the Regional Director

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM


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

To: Schools Division Superintendent  
All others concerned

1. In line with DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-160 dated June 30, 2026, and DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, titled **Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)**, this Office reiterates the Department's firm commitment to safeguarding the welfare, safety, and protection of learners and personnel.
2. All schools and field offices are reminded that the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours is strictly prohibited, except for academic purposes or emergency situations. Likewise, the use of social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during class hours is not allowed.
3. In the interest of promoting responsibility, empathy, and values among learners, all concerned are directed to ensure the widest dissemination of these policies to stakeholders and intensify the campaign on the safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.
4. A whole-of-society approach shall be adopted, engaging parents, local government units, law enforcement agencies, other government agencies, and non-government organizations to properly guide learners in the responsible use of technology.
5. Immediate and strict compliance with this Memorandum is enjoined.

  
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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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