

Republic of the Philippines  
**Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports**  
Manila

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Office of the Minister

March 13, 1985

MECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 36, s. 1985

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1985-1986

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chief of Service and Heads of Units/Centers  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. The school calendar for the school year 1985-86 is hereby established. The opening date for school year 1985-86 shall be on the first Monday after Independence Day, June 17, 1985.
2. The school year shall consist of not less than forty (40) weeks. The semestral term for collegiate courses shall consist of not less than eighteen (18) weeks with two (2) weeks of semestral vacation. The second semester shall begin twenty weeks after the beginning of the first semester and collegiate summer classes shall begin twenty four weeks after the beginning of the second semester.
3. For the school year 1985-86, the following inclusive dates for the periods indicated shall be observed:
  - a. The school year as well as the first semester starts on Monday, June 17, 1985 and ends on April 6, 1986.
  - b. The first semester ends on November 3, 1985. Second semester classes begin on Monday, November 4, 1985.
  - c. Christmas vacation starts no later than Sunday, December 22, 1985. Classes resume on January 6, 1986.
  - d. The long vacation begins on April 6, 1986, and ends on June 14, 1986.
  - e. Collegiate summer classes begin on Monday, April 21 and end on Saturday, May 31, 1986. Secondary summer classes begin on Monday, April 21, 1986 and end on Saturday, June 7, 1986.



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f. School Sports Competitions in the public school system shall be scheduled as follows:

- (1) Lower Level Sports Competitions,  
August - December 1985
- (2) Regional Meets, January - February 1986
- (3) Palarong Pampaaralan, formerly Palarong Pambansa, Third week of February 1986


g. Education Week falls on December 8-14, 1985 and Teachers Day shall be observed on December 13, 1985.

4. Suspension of classes due to inclement weather and for other causes shall be governed by the provisions of Department Order No. 17, s. 1970.

5. In addition to legal holidays and special holidays authorized by Presidential Proclamations, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports may authorize the observance by public and private schools of other special holidays, subject to the issuance of the appropriate memoranda by the respective regional offices concerned.

6. In justifiable cases, Superintendents may authorize the holding of classes on Saturday in lieu of a school day (except in schools that are in session throughout the year) provided that proper notation is made in the monthly report on services of teachers (BPS Form 7).

7. The dates in the calendar shall be binding on public schools but shall be considered as suggestive for private schools for as long as the number of class days for each semester or term is met. The latter may make modifications in the calendar with the prior approval of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports through the appropriate Regional Office.



JAIMIE C. LAYA  
Minister

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

Department Order (No. 17, s. 1970)

Allotment: 1-2-3-4-(D.O. i-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CALENDAR CLASSES	SCHOOL	CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS HOLIDAYS	RULES & REGULATION SCHOOLS
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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1985-86

1985						
JUNE						
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SEPTEMBER						
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DECEMBER						
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- 1985
- June 17 - Classes begin
  - July 4 - Philippine-American Friendship Day
  - Nov. 3 - First Semester ends
  - Nov. 4 - Second Semester begins
  - Nov. 30 - Bonifacio Day
  - December - Education Week (2nd Wk)
  - Dec. 13 - Teachers Day
  - Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
  - Dec. 30 - Rizal Day

- 1986
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
  - Jan. 6 - Classes resume
  - Mar. 27 - Holy Thursday
  - Mar. 28 - Good Friday
  - Apr. 5 - Second Semester ends
  - Apr. 6 - Long Vacation begins
  - May 1 - Labor Day
  - May 6 - Araw ng Kagitingan
  - June 12 - Independence Day
  - June 15 - Long Vacation ends

Legend:  
X - Legal Holiday

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