

Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS**  
LJL Complex, Pasig City

February 12, 1997

DECS ORDER  
No. 45, s. 1997

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SY 1997-1998**

To: **Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Elementary and Secondary Schools**

1. For the school year 1997-1998, the following dates and periods shall be observed:

- a. The elementary and secondary school year will begin on Monday, June 2, 1997 and end on Friday, March 27, 1998. It shall consist of two hundred and four (204) class days.
- b. The Christmas break will begin on Saturday, December 20, 1997 and classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 1998.
- c. The secondary school summer classes will begin on Monday, April 6, 1998 and end on Saturday, May 30, 1998. The summer class will consist of a 3-hour session per unit for 45 days including Saturdays to conform with the increased number of contact hours and class days as announced in DECS Order No. 2, s. 1993 and FA 7797, respectively.

2. In addition to regular days and special holidays authorized in Executive Order No. 203 promulgated on June 30, 1997, the observance of other school holidays will be allowed provided the minimum number of class hours and class days are observed.

3. The dates given in this calendar will be compulsory for public elementary and secondary schools. Private schools may deviate from this calendar provided that they do not open earlier than the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of June nor later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of June of each year and that they meet the minimum

number of class hours and class days and the appropriate DECS Office is notified in advance.

4. The 1997-1998 DECS School Calendar and the distribution of class days by month and grading period are hereby inclosed.

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of the contents of this Order is directed.

  
RICARDO T. GLORIA  
Secretary

*Handwritten initials and date:*  
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R.T.G. 2/13/97

Inclos.: As stated

References:

DECS Orders: Nos. (2, s. 1993):  
10 and 18, s. 1996

Allotments: 1-2-3-4 (M.O. 1-87)

To be indicated in the Biannual Index  
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**1997-1998 School Calendar**

<b>June</b>	2	All classes begin
	30	Independence Day (legal holiday)
<b>August</b>	7 & 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Examinations
	31	National Heroes Day (legal holiday)
<b>October</b>	15 & 17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Examinations
<b>November</b>	1	All Saints Day (special holiday)
	30	Bonifacio Day (legal holiday)
<b>December</b>	18	Education Week begins
	25	Christmas Vacation begins
	25	Christmas Day (legal holiday)
	30	Rizal Day (legal holiday)
	31	Last day of year (special holiday)
<b>January</b>	1	New Year's Day (legal holiday)
	5	Classes resume
	14 & 18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Examinations
<b>March</b>	18 & 20	Grade VI & IV Year Examinations
	26 & 27	Final Examinations
	27	204 <sup>th</sup> Class Day
<b>April</b>	6	High School Summer Classes begin
	9	Araw ng Kagitingan (legal holiday)
		Holy Thursday (legal holiday)
	10	Good Friday (legal holiday)
<b>May</b>	1	Labor Day (legal holiday)
	30	High School Summer Classes end

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(Inclosure to DECS Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ s. 5-199)

SCHOOL YEAR 1997-1998  
Number of School Days

June	20
July	23
August	21
September	22
October	23
November	20
December	15
January	20
February	20
March	20

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**TOTAL**                    **204**

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High School Summer Classes

Start                    April 6, 1998  
End                      May 30, 1998

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