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DepED ORDER  
No. 83, s. 2003

**REITERATION TO DECS ORDERS NOS. 70, S. 1999 AND 26, S. 2000**  
(Prohibiting Students of Elementary and Secondary Schools from Using Cellular Phones  
and Pagers During Class Hours)

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. It has been noted that cell phones have been proliferated with lewd and obscene picture messages particularly those capable of Multi-Media Services (MMS). In view of this, the following policies regarding the prohibition on the use of cell phones are hereby reiterated:

- a. The Department of Education (DepED) strictly imposes a ban on the use of cellphones by the students during class hours; and
- b. Teachers and parents should devise ways to educate students on the responsible use of cell phones to prevent them from engaging in misguided and immoral activities.

2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is hereby directed.

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References: DECS Orders: Nos. 26, s. 2000 and 70, s. 1999  
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