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DepED ORDER  
No. **25**, s. 2004

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SY 2004-2005**

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

1. For SY 2004-2005, the following schedule shall be observed in all elementary and secondary schools:

- 1.1 The opening of SY 2004-2005 shall be preceded by the **National Schools Maintenance Week**, scheduled on May 17-21, 2004 to enable the community and the school to prepare the school facilities for the start of classes;
- 1.2 The school year shall begin on **Monday, June 7, 2004** (for elementary schools) and **June 21, 2004** (for secondary schools) and shall end on **Friday, April 1, 2005** and **April 15, 2005**, respectively. It shall consist of two hundred five (205) school days. The number of school days per month are listed in Enclosure No. 1 and the indicative events for the school year are listed in Enclosure No. 2.
- 1.3 A **five (5) – day break** shall be scheduled after the second quarter examination for the purpose of **upgrading the competencies of school teachers** through participation in division/cluster and school-based training programs. The pupils/students shall be given assignments, projects and research work to complete during the break. The outputs shall be evaluated to form part of subject specific projects.
- 1.4 The last day of school for CY 2004 shall be on **Tuesday, December 21, 2004**. The Christmas break shall begin on **Wednesday, December 22, 2004** and classes shall resume on **Monday, January 3, 2005**.
- 1.5 The secondary school summer classes shall begin on April 25, 2005 and end on June 4, 2005. It shall consist of a 3-hour daily session per subject area, for 36 days. *BT*

2. The dates given in this calendar shall be compulsory for public elementary and secondary schools. The private schools may deviate from this school calendar provided they do not open earlier than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Monday of June (for elementary schools) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of June (for secondary schools) nor later than the last Monday of June 2004 and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of July 2004, respectively. However, they need to complete the minimum number of class hours and class days, and notify the appropriate DepED Office in advance.

3. The observance of school celebrations or activities and holidays other than those indicated in the calendar shall be allowed provided that the minimum number of class hours and class days is maintained.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.

  
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Secretary

Encls.: As stated

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

CALENDAR  
CLASSES  
SCHOOLS

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(Enclosure No. 1 to DepED Order No. 25, s. 2004)

Number of Class Days for SY 2004-2005

	<b>For Elementary Schools</b>	<b>For Secondary Schools</b>
June 2004	18 days	8 days
July	22 days	22 days
August	22 days	22 days
September	22 days	22 days
October	21 days	21 days
November	20 days	20 days
December	15 days	15 days
January 2005	21 days	21 days
February	20 days	20 days
March	23 days	23 days
April	1 day	11 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>205 days</b>	<b>205 days</b>

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepED Order No. 25, s. 2004)

**SY 2004-2005 School Calendar**

2004	May	17-21	National School Maintenance Week
		24-28	School Planning Meetings
	June	7	Elementary Classes begin
		12	Independence Day (Saturday)
		21	Secondary classes begin
August		12-13	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Examinations (Elementary)
		21	Ninoy Aquino Day
		25	National Heroes Day
		30-31	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Examinations (Secondary)
October		21-22	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Examinations (Elementary)
		25-29	Five-Day Break for Elementary
November		1	All Saints' Day (special holiday)
		4-5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Examinations (Secondary)
		21	PEPT administration for Luzon
		28	PEPT administration for Visayas/Mindanao
		30	Bonifacio Day (legal holiday)
December		6	Education Week begins
		22	Christmas Vacation begins
		25	Christmas Day
		30	Rizal Day (legal holiday)
		31	Last Day of the Year (special holiday)
2005	January	1	New Year's Day (legal holiday)
		3	Classes resume
	February	20-21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Examinations (Elementary)
		3-4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Examinations (Secondary)
		7-11	National Schools Press Conference
March		24-25	Final Examinations (Grade VI)
		10-11	Final Examinations (Grades IV)
		24	Maundy Thursday (legal holiday)
		25	Good Friday (legal holiday)
April		28-29	Final Examinations (Grades I-V)
		1	School Year ends (Elementary)
		4-8	Year-End Review and Assessment (Elementary)
		11-12	Final Examinations (Years I-III)
		15	School Year ends (Secondary)
		18-22	Year-End Review and Assessment (Secondary)
		19	Summer classes begin
		May	1
		26-27	Final Examinations for Summer classes
		28	Summer classes end