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No. 22 s. 2008

CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008 – 2009

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

1. For School Year (SY) 2008 – 2009, the following dates and periods shall be observed in all elementary and secondary schools:

- 1.1 The opening of SY 2008 – 2009 shall be preceded by the National Schools Maintenance Week, scheduled on May 19 – 23, 2008 to enable the community and the school to prepare their facilities for the start classes.
- 1.2 The school year shall begin on *Tuesday, June 10, 2008* and end on *Friday, April 3, 2009*. It shall consist of **two hundred three (203) class days**. This is inclusive of the 5-day semestral break and the parent-teacher conferences that shall be held one Saturday immediately following the week after the administration of the periodical examinations. The conference is intended to apprise the parents of the progress or performance of their children and ensure parental involvement in school activities.
- 1.3 The Christmas break shall begin on *Saturday, December 20, 2008*. Classes shall resume on *Monday, January 5, 2009*.
- 1.4 The summer classes shall begin on *Monday, April 13, 2009* and end on *Saturday May 23, 2009*. It shall consist of a 3-hour daily session per subject area from Monday to Saturday for thirty-six (36) days exclusive of *May 1, 2009* which is a legal holiday and *May 25, 2009* which is the day for the final examination.
- 1.5 The number of school days per month and the indicative events for the school year are listed in the Enclosure.

2. The dates given in this calendar shall be compulsory for public elementary and secondary schools. The private schools may opt to deviate from this school calendar provided they do not start classes earlier than the 1st Monday of June and later than the 1st Monday of August. However, compliance to the minimum number of class days and advanced notification to the DepED of any deviation are required.

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

compensate for localized suspensions due to typhoons and other calamities or local celebrations such as town or barangay fiestas, foundation day and holding of academic and non-academic competitions. The Regional Offices have the option to issue a regional school calendar to reflect their respective concerns provided that the total number of school days is maintained.

4. At the end of the school year, the Division Offices shall report the actual number of school days held in every school under their jurisdiction. Regional Offices shall submit not later than two weeks after the end of the school year a report on the actual number of school days in the different school divisions under their jurisdiction together with recommendations on how the policy on meeting the required number of school days can be strengthened.

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



JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
DepED Order: No. 11, s. 2008

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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(Enclosure to DepED Order No. 22, s. 2008)

Calendar for School Year 2008 - 2009

Month	No. of School Days	Date	No. of Days per Quarter	Activity
May	0	19 – 23	49 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Schools Maintenance Week
June	15	2 – 6 9 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment Independence Day (regular holiday) Beginning of classes for SY 2008 – 2009
July	23			
August	11	14 – 15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Quarter Examinations
	9	18 23 25 27	48 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ninoy Aquino Day (special holiday) Parent-Teacher Conference National Heroes Day (regular holiday) National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE)
September	21	30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eid' Fitr (legal holiday)
October	18	23 – 24		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Quarter Examinations
	5	27 – 31	49 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Year Assessment and INSET
November	20	1 3 8 16 - 30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Day (special holiday) Resumption of classes Parent-Teacher Conference Philippine Education Placement Test (PEPT)
December	14	1 20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonifacio Day (legal holiday) Start of Christmas Break
January	10	5 15 – 16 24		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resumption of classes 3rd Quarter Examination Parent-Teacher Conference
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February	19	25	55 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDSA People Power I Anniversary (legal holiday)
March	22	3 & 5 11 26 - 27		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Achievement Test (NAT) (Elementary) National Achievement Test (NAT) (Secondary) Final Examinations for Grade VI & Year IV
April	3	2 – 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Examinations for Grades I – V & Years I - III
April	7 9 10 13			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Araw ng Kagitingan (regular holiday) Maunday Thursday (regular holiday) Good Friday (regular holiday) Start of Summer classes
May	1 28 – 22 23 25			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor Day (regular holiday) National Schools Maintenance Week End of summer class Final Examinations