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**Department of Education**  
 REGION I  
 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

29 JUN 2026

No. 488, s. 2026

**INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE OFFERING OF A CLUSTER OF ACADEMIC ELECTIVES UNDER THE STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
 Chief Education Supervisors (CID & SGOD)  
 Public and Private Secondary School Heads/Administrators  
 All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 17, s. 2026, titled "*Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum*" and Regional Memorandum No. 792, s. 2026, titled "*Interim Guidelines on the Application for the Offering of a Cluster of Academic Electives under the Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum for School Year 2026-2027*," this Office informs the schools on the guidelines for the application and processing of requests for the offering of academic elective clusters.

2. Public Senior High Schools are reminded that they may offer only those subjects or academic elective clusters for which they have previously been granted authority or permit to operate. Any proposed academic elective cluster not previously authorized shall require approval from the Regional Office through the Schools Division Office.

3. To ensure uninterrupted learner enrollment; proper curriculum implementation, and accurate learner accreditation in the Learner Information System (LIS), schools intending to offer new academic elective clusters for School Year 2026-2027 shall comply with the following procedures:

- a. The School Head shall submit a Letter of Application addressed to the Schools Division Superintendent indicating the proposed academic elective cluster/s and certifying the school's readiness and capability to implement the same.
- b. The application shall be accompanied by the following supporting documents:
  - Certification of availability of qualified teaching personnel;
  - List of available learning resources and instructional materials;
  - Inventory of laboratories, classrooms, equipment, and other facilities relevant to the proposed elective cluster/s;
  - Projected learner enrollment per proposed elective cluster; and
  - School Governing Council or School Planning Team endorsement, where applicable.
- c. The application documents shall be submitted to the Schools Division Office, through the Education Program Supervisors in-Charge of Senior High School, for initial review and validation.



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- d. The SDO shall evaluate the completeness of the documents and verify the readiness of the school based on existing standards and requirements.
- e. Applications found compliant shall be endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent to the Regional Office for appropriate action and approval.
- f. Schools shall submit complete application documents to the Schools Division Office on or before June 29, 2026, to provide sufficient time for division-level evaluation and endorsement to the Regional Office not later than June 30, 2026.

4. School Heads shall be accountable for ensuring that applications are based on the actual capacity of the school to effectively implement and sustain the proposed academic elective cluster/s, including the availability of qualified teachers, facilities, equipment, and instructional resources.

5. Approval granted by the Regional Office pursuant to this Memorandum shall serve as authority for the school to offer the approved academic elective cluster/s under the Academic Track for School Year 2026–2027.


6. Schools whose applications are approved shall be included in the necessary system configurations and coding requirements to facilitate learner enrollment and accreditation in the Learner Information System (LIS).

7. Applications submitted beyond the prescribed deadline shall no longer be covered by these interim guidelines and shall instead be processed in accordance with DepEd Order No. 51, s. 2015 and other existing policies governing the establishment, recognition, and operation of Senior High School programs and offerings.

8. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as exempting schools from compliance with quality assurance standards, curriculum requirements, teacher qualification standards, and other applicable DepEd policies and issuances.

9. The Schools Division Office shall provide technical assistance and guidance to schools regarding the application process and requirements.

10. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.

  
**VILMA D. EDA, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: None  
References:

DepEd Order No. 17, s. 2026  
RM No. 792. s. 2026

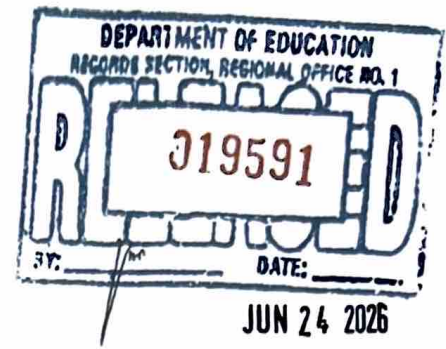
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No. 792 s. 2026

**INTERIM GUIDELINES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE OFFERING OF A CLUSTER OF ACADEMIC ELECTIVES UNDER THE STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026–2027**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 17, s. 2026 titled *Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum*, all public senior high schools are reminded that they may offer only subjects or electives for which they were previously granted authority or permit to operate.
2. Considering the urgency of the opening of classes for School Year 2026–2027 and the need to ensure that learners are properly enrolled and accredited in the Learner Information System (LIS), this Office hereby adopts interim guidelines governing applications for the offering of academic elective clusters that were not previously authorized for a school.
3. For School Year 2026–2027, public senior high schools intending to offer academic elective clusters for which they have not previously been granted authority may apply through the following procedure:
  - a. The School Head shall submit a Letter of Application to the Schools Division Superintendent indicating the academic elective cluster/s proposed to be offered and certifying the school's readiness and capacity to implement the same.
  - b. The School Head shall ensure and certify that the school possesses the necessary resources, qualified teaching personnel, learning materials, facilities, and other requirements necessary for the effective delivery of the proposed academic elective cluster/s.
  - c. Upon evaluation of the request, the Schools Division Superintendent shall immediately endorse the application to the Regional Office for appropriate action and approval.
  - d. Applications shall be submitted to the Regional Office through the concerned Schools Division Office not later than **June 30, 2026**.
4. School Heads are hereby entrusted with the accountability and responsibility of ensuring that applications are based on the actual capacity of the school to offer and sustain the proposed academic elective cluster/s in accordance with applicable standards and policies.
5. Approval granted under this Memorandum shall be considered an authority applicable for elective clusters under the Academic Track.

6. Schools whose applications are approved by the Regional Office shall be allowed to offer the corresponding academic elective cluster/s and shall be included in the necessary system configurations to facilitate learner enrollment and accreditation in the LIS.

7. Applications received beyond the prescribed deadline shall no longer be covered by these interim guidelines and shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 51, s. 2015, and other existing policies governing the establishment, recognition, and operation of senior high school offerings.

8. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as exempting schools from compliance with existing quality assurance standards, curriculum requirements, and other applicable DepEd policies.

9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.

  
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Director IV/Regional Director

Encl.: None  
Reference: As stated  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
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