



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION I
 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 599, s. 2026

30 JUL 2026

**STRICT IMPLEMENTATION ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE
 OF THE INTERNET AND PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

TO: Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 All Public School Teachers
 All Others Concerned

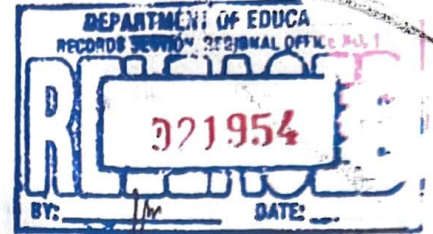
1. **The Department of Education issued DepEd Order No 06, s. 2026**, reiterated through **Regional Memorandum No. 934, s. 2026**, which established safe and responsible use of the internet and portable electronic devices.
2. In line with these, this Division **sternly reminds** the following guidelines:
 - a. The use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel is **expressly prohibited** during instructional hours, *except for authorized academic purpose or emergency situations.*
 - b. The use of social media, online games, content creation, vlogging and other non-instructional activities during class hours is likewise prohibited.
3. Further, all **School Heads** are reminded to fully implement the provisions of their localized Anti-Bullying Policy and continue implementing security measures.
4. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this issuance are hereby directed.

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 Schools Division Superintendent





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**REITERATION OF POLICIES ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE
INTERNET AND RELATED DEVICES**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to promote and uphold the welfare, safety, security, and protection of all learners and personnel, this Office reiterates the strict implementation of **safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices**.
2. DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, titled Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE), expressly **prohibits the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel during instructional hours except for authorized academic purposes and emergency situations**. The use of **social media, online games, content creation, vlogging and other non-instructional activities during class hours** is likewise prohibited.
3. All schools are strongly encouraged to adopt a whole-of-society approach in guiding learners toward the safe, responsible, and ethical use of the internet and other digital devices. To further promote these values, all field offices and schools are hereby directed to ensure the widest dissemination of these policies among all stakeholders and to intensify advocacy efforts on the safe and responsible use of internet and related devices. A copy of DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026 may be accessed through the link provided below.



<https://q.me-qr.com/9pqfyven>

4. For information, guidance, and strict compliance.

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References: DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660

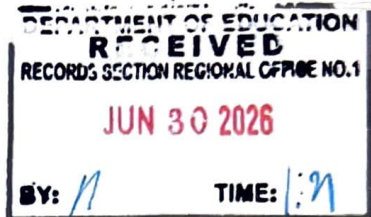
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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : REITERATION OF POLICIES ON THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE
USE OF THE INTERNET AND RELATED DEVICES

DATE : JUN 30 2026



Pursuant to the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to promote and uphold the welfare, safety, security, and protection of all learners and personnel, this Office reiterates the strict implementation of and compliance with existing policies and guidelines concerning the promotion of safe and responsible use of the internet and related devices.

DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, titled *Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE)*, expressly prohibits the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel. However, exemptions are granted in meritorious cases, specifically for academic purposes (e.g. accessing educational platforms, digital resources, or participating in authorized online collaborative activities) and emergency situations (e.g. facilitating communication during disasters, medical crises, or other immediate safety concerns). This includes the prohibition of the usage of, but not limited to, social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during class hours.

Guided by the ESMLF Framework, a whole-of-society approach is necessary in order to properly guide learners. Parents, Local Government Units, Police, and other Law Enforcement agencies, other government agencies and instrumentalities, Non-Government Organizations/Civil Society Organizations, and all other stakeholders

