Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Remedial and Advancement Classes During Summer for the K to 12 Basic Education Program

To:

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Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) adopts the enclosed Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Remedial and Advancement Classes During Summer for the K to 12 Basic Education Program. This is in line with the implementation of Republic Act No. 10533 otherwise known as the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013.
2. This will be implemented effective School Year 2017-2018 in both public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide. However, private schools are allowed to make necessary adjustment in accordance with their context/situation, subject to the approval of their respective schools division superintendent.
3. The conduct of remedial and advancement classes during summer shall start every 2nd Monday of April and shall end after the completion of the six-week period that may include Saturdays.
4. All existing Orders and Memoranda, which are inconsistent with this Order are rescinded. This policy will remain in force and in effect unless sooner repealed, amended or rescinded.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

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IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF REMEDIAL OR ADVANCEMENT CLASSES DURING SUMMER FOR THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

I. RATIONALE

1. The implementation of the K to 12 Curriculum by the Department of Education ensures that every learner has to complete the basic quality education with the necessary competencies and skills for higher education and/or for the world of work or for entrepreneurship. As such, DepEd recognizes the need to offer classes during summer to ensure continuous/regular moving up of a learner from one grade level to the next grade level.

2. This policy aims to standardize the offering of summer classes and to provide appropriate directions to all elementary and secondary schools in both public and private sectors. The conduct of classes during summer shall provide opportunities for remediation through tutorial or coaching of learners with learning gaps or subject area deficiency. Classes during summer may also be conducted for advancement of subjects particularly for those Senior High School learners with work immersion in the succeeding semester.

II. SCOPE

3. The different provisions of this policy are applicable to Grades 4 to 12 in both public and private elementary and secondary schools offering classes during summer. This will provide appropriate directions to all personnel of DepEd at the different levels of governance including those in the private schools.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

4. For purposes of this policy, the operational definition of the following terms are as follows:

**a. Summer class** – any structured instructional or formal learning experiences offered by a public or private elementary or secondary school during summer-break with the approval of the Schools Division Superintendent.

**b. Remedial** – any form of organized instructional interventions given to a learner during summer class to address his or her learning gaps or subject area deficiency. The remedial can be made in a form of tutorial, mentoring, coaching, or other ways of delivering the organized learning experiences.

**c. Advancement** – any subject area offered during summer class to be taken by a senior high school learner with work immersion in the succeeding semester. The advance subjects are those that are left together with the work immersion. This is to give the learner time to focus on his/her work immersion during the semester.

IV. POLICY STATEMENT

5. The DepEd hereby issues these policy guidelines to ensure standard practices in offering classes during summer. This policy affirms the Department’s commitment in ensuring that all learners will complete basic quality education.

V. GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN OFFERING CLASSES DURING SUMMER

6. Classes are offered during summer to address the learners’ learning gaps or failure, deficiencies due to change of track/specialization and / or transfer from one school to another; or to allow for an advance subject for those Senior High School learners with work immersion in the succeeding semester or school year;

7. The learning standards of the K to 12 curriculum shall be followed in any class to be offered during summer;

8. The readiness of the school to offer classes during summer shall be considered especially the necessary resource requirements (e.g. subject area specialist/teacher to handle a specific learning area; classroom and laboratories; instructional materials; etc.);

9. The principle of cost-effectiveness shall always prevail in the evaluation of request for offering classes during summer; and

10. The learning profile of enrollees in any class during summer shall serve as basis for planning and designing learning experiences.

VI. GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS IN OFFERING CLASSES DURING SUMMER

11. The school shall submit a letter of request to offer remedial or advancement classes during summer to the Schools Division Office (SDO) not later than the 3nd week of March that precedes the summer term. The Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall approve the request based on the result of the evaluation. Approval of classes during summer shall be issued only for the term or year applied for.

The school’s request to offer classes during summer shall include the following documents:

11.1 List of students who will take up remedial or advancement classes during summer.

11.2 List of least mastered competencies of the learner on the subject area where he/she failed to be prepared by the subject area teacher as part of the endorsement for summer classes (See Enclosure No. 1 for the template).

11.3 There shall be a minimum of ten (10) learners in Grades 4 to 10 and in any of the core subject areas in the Senior High School (SHS). However, for any of the major subjects under the SHS, a minimum of eight (8) is allowed. Otherwise, learners will be referred to nearby schools offering classes during summer. In cases, where no school offers classes during summer in any learning area, the SDO must provide alternative measures to address learners’ need.

11.4 Tentative list of learning area/s to be offered and schedule of classes approved by the School Head.

11.5 Written consent of parents/guardians whose learners will attend summer classes (See Enclosure No. 2 for the template).

11.6 List of teachers and the subjects that they will teach during summer classes.

VII. ELIGIBLE LEARNERS FOR SUMMER CLASSES

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The learners who are allowed to enroll in classes during summer are the following:

12. Learners from public schools and those from the private schools who would like to transfer in public schools eventually after the summer classes are the primary recipients of summer classes offered in public schools.

13. A learner from public school may be allowed to enroll summer class in a government recognized private school and should be accepted to enroll upon return to his/her public school.

14. Grades 4 to 10 learners who failed in two (2) or more learning areas at the end of the school year despite the educational interventions given.

15. Senior High School (SHS) learners who failed in any learning area/s at the end of the first or second semester or those learners who have any deficiency due to change of specialization/track after a year. Also, those SHS learners who failed a prerequisite subject.

16. Incoming Grade 12 learners who will undertake work immersion in the succeeding semester shall be allowed to take two to three advance subjects during summer so that more attention or focus shall be given to their work immersions.

17. Learners from Grades 4 to 12 with special educational needs (LSENs) shall be allowed to attend classes during summer to catch-up with their learning deficiencies.

VIII. ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING

The assessment of learning for classes during summer shall be based on the following provisions:

18. The learner shall undergo formative and summative assessment. As per DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2015 entitled Policy Guidelines on Classroom Assessment for the K to 12 Basic Education Program; the Final Grade for summer classes is the Remedial Class Mark (RCM). The AVERAGE of the Final Grade at the end of the school year and the RCM is the Recomputed Final Grade (RFG). The learner shall obtain a RFG of at least 75 or higher to be promoted to the next grade level or semester.

19. However, if the RFG of the learner is below 75, he/she shall be reassessed immediately by the subject teacher to determine the least mastered competencies or learning gaps. The results of the reassessment shall serve as basis for planning and designing an immediate instructional intervention to ensure the transition of that learner to the next grade level or semester. If ever the learner still fails in the instructional intervention, he/she is allowed to enroll in the next grade level in the succeeding School Year with continuous provision of tutorial services.

20. A Certificate of Recomputed Final Grade to be given to the learner signed by the concerned teacher and approved by the School Head or Principal which shall be presented upon enrolment to the next grade level or in the next semester.

IX. DAILY TIME ALLOTMENT

21. For Grades 4-10, the computation of the daily time allotment per learning area for 6-week period is based on the 180-day or 36 weeks non-negotiable contact time for teachers:

The daily time allotment are as follows:

| **Learning Area** | **Grades 4 to 6** | **Grades 7 to 10** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mother Tongue |  |  |
| Filipino | 4 Hours | 4 Hours |
| English | 4 Hours | 4 Hours |
| Science | 4 Hours | 4 Hours |
| Mathematics | 4 Hours | 4 Hours |
| Araling Panlipunan | 3 Hours | 3 Hours |
| EPP/TLE | 4 Hours | 4 Hours |
| MAPEH | 3 Hours | 3 Hours |
| ESP | 2.5 Hours | 2 Hours |

22.For Grades 11-12, an 80-hour per subject for Core Curriculum Subjects, Applied Track Subjects and Specialized Subjects are allotted 2 hours per subject for 6-week period.

23. Classes for summer shall be done from Mondays to Saturdays. The delivery mode of instructions shall be a combination of face-to-face, modular, or on-line learning depending on the learner’s learning profile.

X. TEACHING ASSIGNMENT, BENEFITS AND RESTRICTIONS

The teaching assignment and benefits of teachers who will handle classes during summer shall:

24. The school head/principal shall be responsible in identifying the expert teacher who will handle /teach one specific subject area during summer classes. Master teachers or regular teachers are preferred to handle classes during summer.

Teaching load or assignment shall only be assigned to teachers from the school that offers classes during summer. No part-time teachers from other schools, public or private are allowed to handle summer classes.

26. The concerned teacher shall be responsible in issuing the Certificate of Recomputed Final Grade approved by the school head/principal and shall submit it to the Division Office as attachment to both Form 137 and the School Form No. 5 (SF5).

27. Teachers who will handle classes during summer shall earn service credits equivalent to the total number of hours of actual teaching divided by 8 hours but shall not exceed 15 days which is the maximum number of days of service credits earned in a year except in cases authorized by the Secretary upon the recommendation of the Regional Director. Refer to the provisions of D.O. No. 53, s. 2003 known as “Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers”.

28. The request for service credit shall be addressed to the Schools Division Superintendents for its approval.

28.1 The approval of the request for the grant of service credits shall be made with the following supporting documents:

a. Duly signed Daily Time Record; and

b. Accomplishment Report

29. No service credits shall be granted to teachers who handled summer classes in the event that honorarium/remuneration shall be given.

XI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

30. The School Head is primary responsible for ensuring that classes during summer shall be maximized to address the intention. Class observations are strongly encouraged to ensure that teaching and learning are maximized during summer classes.

31. The School Head shall submit to the Division Office a report on the conduct of classes, certificate of Recomputed Final Grade, Form 137 and School Form No. 5 (SF5) not later than ten (10) days from the last day of summer classes.

32. The Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) or representatives shall monitor and evaluate the conduct of summer classes. Monitoring and supervision reports shall be submitted to the Regional Director (RD) not later than twenty-five (25) days after the last day of summer classes.

The Bureau of Learning Delivery shall monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy for continuous improvement of its implementation.

XII. EFFECTIVITY

All existing policy guidelines that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order shall be rescinded, amended and repealed. This policy on summer classes shall take effect immediately unless otherwise rescinded, amended or repealed.

XIII. REFERENCES

1. [DepEd Order No. 25, s. 2017 – School Calendar for School 2017-2018](https://www.teacherph.com/deped-school-calendar-school-year-2017-2018/)
2. [DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2015 – Policy Guidelines on Classroom Assessment for the K to 12 Basic Education Program](https://www.teacherph.com/policy-guidelines-classroom-assessment-k-12-basic-education-program/)
3. DepEd Order No. 31, s. 2012 – Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of Grades 1 to 10 in the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Effective SY 2012-2013
4. DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2005 – 2005 BEC Based Summer Classes
5. [DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 – Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers](https://www.teacherph.com/deped-guidelines-on-grant-of-vacation-service-credits-to-teachers/)