



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

July 14, 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 271, s. 2026

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

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
CID and SGOD Chiefs  
PSDSs/District Heads  
School Heads  
All others concerned

1. Pursuant to the Department of Education's commitment to promote and uphold the welfare, safety, security, and protection of all learners and personnel, this Office reiterates DepEd Memorandum (DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660) from Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, that the school heads, teaching and non-teaching personnel, and learners are to abide by the policies on the safe and responsible use of internet and related devices.
2. The above personnel are hereby reminded that DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, or the Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Environment (ESMLE) expressly **PROHIBITS THE USE OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS BY BOTH LEARNERS AND PERSONNEL**. However, exceptions are granted in meritorious cases, such as academic purposes and emergencies.
3. The prohibition of the use of, but not limited to, social media, online games, content creation, and vlogging during class hour.
4. Guided by the ESMLE Framework, a whole-society approach is necessary to properly guide learners. Parents, Local Government Units, Police, other Law Enforcement Agencies, and all other stakeholders have a collective role to play to ensure that the learners develop responsibility and empathy towards others, even outside the classroom.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

**RELEASED**

By: [Signature]  
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