



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION III  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 171, s. 2026

April 18, 2026

**Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term  
School Calendar in Basic Education (DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office disseminates DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled **“Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education.”** This policy aims to enable schools and Community Learning Centers (CLCs) to optimize instructional time, strategically implement school activities, and strengthen the implementation of the Academic Recovery for Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program.

2. The adoption of the Three-Term School Calendar addresses the limitations of the previous four-quarter system, particularly issues on recurring class disruptions, compressed instructional time, increased teacher workload, and reduced learner engagement. This reform promotes more continuous learning, flexible instructional periods, reduced ancillary tasks for teachers, and improved learning outcomes for all learners.

3. In line with this, all public elementary and secondary schools in the division are hereby directed at implementing the Three-Term School Calendar. Private schools, Philippine Schools Overseas (PSOs), and State/Local Universities and Colleges (SUCs/LUCs) may adopt the same, subject to compliance with Republic Act No. 7797, as amended by RA 11480, requiring a school year of not less than 200 but not more than 220 class days.

4. The School Year (SY) 2026–2027 shall formally open on June 8, 2026 (Monday) and end on April 8, 2027 (Thursday), comprising a total of 201 class days. Adjustments to the school calendar due to unforeseen circumstances shall be communicated through subsequent issuances.



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5. This Order repeals DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025 and amends relevant provisions of DepEd Order No. 017, s. 2025. All other inconsistent issuances are likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

6. For inquiries and further clarification, concerned personnel may coordinate with the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems through the Bureau of Learning Delivery via email at [bld.od@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bld.od@deped.gov.ph) or through telephone numbers (02) 8536-6540 / 8537-4347.

7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby directed.

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Encl.: As stated

References:

DepEd Order (Nos. 017 and 012, s. 2025)

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