



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

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 205 s. 2026

**HEALTHY CANTEEN GUIDELINES FOR SY 2026 -2027**

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

1. As the Schools Division Office (SDO) – Bataan prepares to welcome learners for School Year 2026-2027, and in line with its mandate to safeguard the nutritional well - being of learners and personnel, this Office hereby reissues the Guidelines for School Canteen Operations as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017, also known as the "Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices."
2. The reiteration of this policy every school opening aims to:
  - a. ensure that food and beverages made available in the school canteens are safe and nutritious;
  - b. promote healthy food preferences among learners and personnel; and
  - c. limit access to products high in saturated fat, sugar and sodium.
3. Classification of Food and Beverages according to Food Category:  
All food items for sale shall be categorized and marked with visible color-coded labels using the following classifications:
  - a. Green - recommended for daily consumption
  - b. Yellow – to be consumed twice a week
  - c. Red - not allowed
4. The school canteen shall establish a designated selling area for GREEN category food items which shall operate daily, and a separate designated selling area or corner for YELLOW category food items, which shall operate only every Tuesday and Thursday. This arrangement shall be implemented within the existing canteen premises and shall not require additional space.



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5. Operational Directives for School Canteen:
  - a. The Canteen Manager shall ensure that GREEN, YELLOW, and RED labels are properly posted on all food displays.
  - b. The weekly menu must be displayed and properly documented and signed by the school principal, clearly indicating the specific days for GREEN and YELLOW food items.
  - c. The Canteen Manager shall submit a monthly financial report every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the following month through the link provided by the district nurse. A printed copy must also be maintained at the school for validation purposes.
  - d. Detailed generational guidelines are available at <https://tinyurl.com/CANTEEN-GUIDELINES>.
6. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

  
**CAROLINA S. VIOLETA, EdD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

End: as stated

Reference: as stated

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