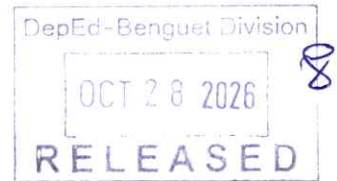




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
Schools Division of Benguet



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 463 s. 2026

**REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 6, S. 2026 AND
REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 870, S. 2026**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors of CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors/District In-Charge
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, titled "**Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment**," and Regional Memorandum No. 870, s. 2026, "**Reiteration of Protocols on Gadget Use and Safeguarding Standards for Content Creation**," this office reiterates strict compliance with the prescribed policies and standards to ensure a safe, respectful, and motivating learning environment.
2. All school heads, teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, and other concerned stakeholders are reminded that the use of gadgets and digital platforms must be guided by responsibility, respect for others, protection of privacy, and the commitment to uphold the safety, dignity, and welfare of every member of the school community.
3. In this regard, all concerned are directed to observe the following protocols and standards:
 - a. **Appropriate Use of Gadgets.** Use gadgets and electronic devices in accordance with **DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026**, and only for authorized educational and emergency purposes.
 - b. **Responsible Digital Conduct.** Ensure that all online posts, messages, and shared content are respectful, appropriate, and consistent with DepEd standards.
 - c. **Prohibited Activities.** Threats, cyberbullying, harmful pranks, harassment, unauthorized recordings, and other digital activities that endanger or harm others are strictly prohibited.
 - d. **Privacy Protection.** Respect the privacy and dignity of others by refraining from recording, publishing, or sharing personal information or content without proper authorization.
 - e. **Proper Use of School Identity.** The name, logo, activities, and other official representations of DepEd and schools shall be used responsibly and in accordance with existing policies.

f. **Reporting of Incidents.** Online threats, cyberbullying, harmful pranks, and other inappropriate digital content shall be immediately reported to school authorities for appropriate action.

4. All school heads are directed to:

- a. Disseminate the provisions of the cited issuances through appropriate school activities and communication channels;
- b. Strengthen advocacy efforts on digital citizenship, responsible gadget use, online safety, and privacy protection;
- c. Orient learners, personnel, and parents on the proper reporting and handling of incidents involving gadgets and digital platforms;
- d. Ensure the prompt, fair, and confidential handling of reports and complaints, with due regard for the rights and welfare of all concerned; and;
- e. Implement appropriate interventions and referrals in accordance with existing DepEd policies, relevant laws, and due process.

5. All teaching and non-teaching personnel are reminded to model responsible and ethical use of technology and social media. Learners shall likewise be guided on responsible digital behavior and the real-life consequences of online activities, including those that threaten safety, violate privacy, or cause harm to others.

6. All schools are encouraged to strengthen collaboration with parents, local government units, and appropriate partner agencies to promote a culture of respect, accountability, and safety in both physical and digital learning environments.

7. Any violation shall be addressed in accordance with applicable DepEd policies and relevant laws, with due process observed. This Memorandum does not establish automatic penalties or create new offenses beyond those provided under existing rules and laws.

8. Strict compliance and immediate dissemination.

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