



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION
DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

NO. 261, s. 2026

DISSEMINATION OF THE DEPED ORDER NO. 017, S. 2026, TITLED “STRENGTHENED SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SHS) CURRICULUM”

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Secondary Public and Private School Heads
Senior High School Coordinators
All others concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 017, s. 2026, titled "*Strengthened Senior High School Curriculum*," this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), hereby disseminates the policy guidelines to ensure awareness, understanding, and appropriate implementation of the strengthened curriculum in all public and private Senior High Schools in the Schools Division of Escalante City.

2. The Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Curriculum shall be implemented beginning School Year 2026–2027. The revised curriculum responds to research findings, stakeholder feedback, and implementation experiences to provide a more coherent, relevant, flexible, and learner-centered curriculum that better prepares learners for higher education, employment, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning.

3. The SSHS Curriculum is designed to equip learners with both academic and technical skills, with the following key enhancements:

- Streamlined tracks and subjects to improve clarity and efficiency,
- Expanded learner choice to support individual aspirations,
- Reinforced foundational competencies for success in life,
- Enhanced employability through stronger alignment with industry needs, and
- Established stackable and seamless learning pathways.

4. The nationwide adoption of the SSHS Curriculum shall be implemented in phases:

- Grade 11 in SY 2026-2027, and
- Grade 12 in SY 2027-2028.

5. For SY 2026-2027, Grade 12 learners who are not enrolled in pilot schools shall continue to follow the 2016 K to 12 SHS curriculum. The full implementation of the SSHS Curriculum (Grades 11 and 12) will be in SY 2027-2028.

6. School Heads are directed to thoroughly review, disseminate, and ensure compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 017, s. 2026 on the Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Curriculum, particularly the policies and implementation guidelines on curriculum structure, instructional delivery, assessment and grading, teacher assignment and subject loading, elective offerings, class organization, graduation requirements, career guidance, professional development, and other related provisions stipulated in the Order.

7. School Heads may access, download, and thoroughly review DepEd Order No. 017, s. 2026, which can be accessed through the official Department of Education website at



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www.deped.gov.ph, to ensure proper understanding and faithful implementation of the Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Curriculum.

8. All public schools implementing either the 2016 K to 12 SHS Curriculum or the SSHS Curriculum shall adopt the three-term school calendar beginning SY 2026-2027, in accordance with D.O. 009, s. 2026 titled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three Term School Calendar in Basic Education". Pursuant to the same issuance, private schools are highly encouraged to adopt the three-term school calendar. However, they may opt to retain a two-semester institutional calendar, provided that the prescribed total instructional hours for both Core Subjects and Electives under the SSHS Curriculum are strictly met.

9. This Order shall amend DepEd Order (DO) No. 021, s. 2019 (Policy Guidelines on the K to 12 Basic Education Program), specifically Annex 2 on Secondary Education, as well as DO 030, s. 2017 (Guidelines for Work Immersion). All other existing Orders, Memoranda, and related issuances, or any part thereof, that are inconsistent with these guidelines are repealed or rescinded.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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Enclosure: As stated.

Reference: As stated.

Allotment: 1-2-3-6-7-8

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