



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

Negros island region

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY



July 1, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 264, s. 2026

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

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors/Specialists
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Administrative Officers
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to the attached Department of Education Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-06-1660 dated June 30, 2026, entitled **"Reiteration of Policies on the Safe and Responsible Use of the Internet and Related Devices,"** all public elementary and secondary schools in the Schools Division of Escalante City are hereby directed to strictly observe and implement existing policies and guidelines on the safe, responsible, and appropriate use of the internet and related electronic devices.
2. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 6, s. 2026, or the Guidelines on Ensuring a Safe and Motivating Learning Environment (ESMLE), the use of portable electronic devices during instructional hours by both learners and personnel is prohibited. Exemptions may only be allowed in meritorious cases such as:
 - Academic and instructional purposes, including access to educational platforms, digital learning resources, and participation in authorized online collaborative activities; and
 - Emergency situations requiring immediate communication during disasters, medical emergencies, or other safety-related concerns.
3. Accordingly, the use of social media applications, online games, content creation activities, vlogging, and other non-instructional digital engagements during class hours remains strictly prohibited. Consistent with the ESML Framework, schools are encouraged to strengthen partnerships with parents, local government units, law enforcement agencies, government institutions, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders in promoting responsible digital citizenship, online safety, and ethical internet use among learners.
4. For information, guidance, and strict compliance.

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Enclosure: As stated

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