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Department of Education



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**SYNCHRONIZING WITH THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD TIME**

To : Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers, and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. To synchronize all activities of the Department of Education (DepEd) from the Central Office to the school level, all DepEd Offices are hereby directed to set all clocks inside offices and school properties including time recording devices (also known as bundy clocks, clock card machines, or punch clock) to match the Philippine Standard Time (PST) established by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA). The time in hours, minutes and seconds is displayed in PAGASA's website: <http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph>. To ensure precision, the offices and schools may contact the telephone no.: (02) 929-1237.
2. It is therefore directed that all schedules (class schedule, meetings, activities, events, etc.) be based on the PST. These schedules must start on time and end on time.
3. The PAGASA is mandated by Section 6 of *Batas Pambansa Blg. 8* to be the country's official timekeeper. The PST is set using the DOST-PAGASA's timing system consisting of a rubidium atomic clock, Global Positioning System receiver, time interval counter, distribution amplifier, and a computer.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Reference: None

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