



Republic of the Philippines
Early Childhood Care and Development Council

ECCD COUNCIL ADVISORY NO. 2 SERIES OF 2026

FOR: Provincial Governors
City/Municipal Mayors

ATTENTION: Local Social Welfare and Development Officers
ECCD Focal Officers

DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Guidelines for the Opening of Classes and
Calendar of Activities for School Year 2026-2027

The Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council recommends Local Government Units (LGUs) to adapt the following guidelines to ensure the implementation of quality Early Learning Programs:

1. Child Development Teachers/Workers and other ECCD service providers conduct the Community Mapping to support the LGU in planning the implementation of various ECCD programs and services prior to the enrolment.
2. Enrollment shall be as follows; children aged 0 to 2-years-old in the Infant-Toddler Early Development (ITED) Program, 3-year-old children enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten 1 Program, and 4-year-old children enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten 2 Program.
3. Child Development Centers are scheduled to start the School Year 2026-2027 on **June 15, 2026** and end on **March 19, 2027**. Specific center activities are outlined in the Suggested Calendar of Activities for SY 2026-2027 (See Attachment). Private Learning Centers (PLCs) may adopt the recommended calendar.
4. In order to smoothly implement Early Learning Programs, the Centers conduct a Parent Orientation. This shall include, but not limited to, the following: (a) Program Goals and Objectives; (b) Calendar of Activities; (c) Schedule of Classes; (d) Center Rules and Regulations; (e) Health and Safety Protocols; and (f) Alternative Modes of Implementations when Applicable.
5. In preparation for the opening of classes, it is highly encouraged to conduct the **Bayanihang Bulilit** activity. This aims to gather stakeholders in the community to participate in activities such as the refurbishment of the center ensuring that the facility is prepared to conduct early learning programs.
6. Health and safety protocols must be consistently observed in centers. Local Government Units must ensure the health and safety of all children, Child Development Workers/Teachers and personnel at all times. LGUs may choose alternative forms of learning delivery taking into account particular circumstances for center access, health and safety, and other emergencies.

For your information and guidance.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR SY 2026-2027

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS
MAY 2026	May 11-15	Parent Orientation	
	May 25-29	Bayanihang Bulilit	
JUNE 2026	June 15	Start of Classes	June 12: Independence Day
JULY 2026	July 20-24	First Assessment Week for ITED Program and Pre-K Programs	National Nutrition Month
	July 27-31	Parent-Teacher Conference (PTCs) for ITED and Pre-K Programs	
AUGUST 2026			Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa August 21: Ninoy Aquino Day August 31: National Heroes Day
SEPTEMBER 2026			September 21-27: National Family Week
OCTOBER 2026			National Children's Month October 5: World Teachers Day
NOVEMBER 2026	November 3-6	Second Assessment Week for ITED Program	November 1: All Saints' Day November 2: All Souls' Day November 30: Bonifacio Day
	November 9-13	PTCs for ITED	
DECEMBER 2026	December 16	Last Day of Classes before Year-End Break	December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary December 25: Christmas Day December 30: Rizal Day
	December 17-January 4	Year-End Break	
JANUARY 2027	January 5	Kamp Bulilit	January 1: New Year's Day
	January 6	Resumption of Classes	
FEBRUARY 2027			February 6: Chinese New Year February 25: EDSA Revolution Anniversary
MARCH 2027	March 1-5	Third Assessment Week for ITED Second Assessment Week for Pre-K Programs	March 21: Palm Sunday March 25: Maundy Thursday March 26: Good Friday March 27: Black Saturday March 28: Easter Sunday
	March 19	End of Classes	
APRIL 2027	April 5-8	Moving-Up Ceremonies	April 9: Araw ng Kagitingan
	April 12-16	End of Year PTCs	

* National and local holidays shall be observed.

** Follow-up assessments shall be conducted based on the results of the administration of the ECCD Checklist.

*** Regular classes are observed during Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs).

