



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region X

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

15 OCT 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 920 s. 2025

ATTENDANCE TO THE LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES 2025

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Division Youth Formation Coordinators
Division Federated Supreme Secondary Learners Government Officers
This Division

1. In line with DepEd Memorandum No. 096, s. 2025, the field is hereby informed on the conduct of Learners' Convergence Philippines 2025 (**LearnCon PH 2025**) on **October 27-30, 2025, in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.**

2. The following are hereby directed to participate in the said activity on **October 26 to November 1, 2025** (inclusive of travel time):

No.	Name	Station	Representation
1	Loredelle L. Tacandong	Schools Division Office – SGOD	Division Youth Formation Coordinator / Chaperone
2	Jairus John M. Gochuco	Schools Division Office – SGOD	Division Youth Formation Coordinator / Chaperone
3	Gayle G. Escobido	Gusa Regional Science High School – X	DFSSLG President / Leadership Governance and Civic Engagement
4	Ethan Josh J. Nabong	Indahag National High School	DFSSLG Vice-President / Gender and Social Inclusion
5	Angel F. Rabago	Lumbia National High School	DFSSLG Secretary / Climate Action
6	Nefthalie Khyrelle D. Nacalaban	Dansolihon National High School	DFSSLG Treasurer / Health and Well-being
7	Kyle Darrel D. Olivo	Kauswagan National High School	DFSSLG Auditor / Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Future Readiness
8	Jasmine T. Cobar	Pagatpat National High School	DFSSLG Public Information Officer / Indigenous People
9	Hamza M. Ampuan	Macabalan National High School	DFSSLG Protocol Officer / Culture, Arts and Peace

3. All travel expenses and other incidental expenses of the chaperones and learners shall be charged to Program Support Fund (LSP), subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. Chaperones who will render services during weekends and holidays shall be entitled to avail Compensatory Time-off Credits (CTO), subject to existing rules and regulations of DepEd.

5. In adherence to Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP), inclusive and fair treatment is accorded to all personnel regardless of disability, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity.

6. This Office directs immediate compliance to this Memorandum.

ROY ANGELO E. GAZO
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

Reference: As stated

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under the following subjects:

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LEARNERS' CONVERGENCE PHILIPPINES 2025

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUOPS), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD), will conduct the **Learners' Convergence Philippines (LearnCon PH) 2025**, in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental on October 27 to 30, 2025, with the theme **"#GalingKabataan: Boses Mo, Bukas Natin!"**.

2. The LearnCon PH is the largest face-to-face engagement of learners, youth leaders, and education stakeholders representing the 229 School Division Offices (SDO) from 18 regions of the country. This Convergence provides learner participants with the unique opportunity to not only gain insights from esteemed speakers and engaging activities but also to enrich their learning experience through interaction with one another, fostering a deeper understanding of diverse cultures across the country. Specifically, the LearnCon PH 2025 aims to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Provide learners with career exploration opportunities, industry insights, and guidance on post-secondary pathways and connect learners with professionals, employers, and educational institutions to help them make informed career decisions, align their skills with industry demands, and prepare for future employment or higher education through the **National Career Expo Kick-off for School Year 2025-2026**.
- b. Disseminate relevant DepEd issuances, key programs, projects, and opportunities to learners and education stakeholders.
- c. Facilitate conversations on pressing issues relevant to learners as emerging leaders, fostering active involvement (e.g., bullying, teen pregnancy, job mismatch, etc.).
- d. Provide learners with a platform to dialogue, share ideas, insights, lessons learned, and best practices in learner-participation.

- e. Collaborate with diverse sectors to create a network for delivering real, responsive, and impactful change.
 - f. Provide learners with insights into their role in nation-building, offering a safe space for networking in leadership, governance, civic engagement, health and well-being, gender and social inclusion, climate action, environmental protection, agriculture, innovation, entrepreneurship, future readiness, culture, arts, and peace.
 - g. Gather learner inputs for the co-creation of a **Regional Learners' 3-year Strategic Action Plan and Resolutions** aligned with the six (6) Thematic Areas of Learner Support that **address regional issues and challenges** faced by learners through **responsive, inclusive, and sustainable solutions**.
 - h. Create a learning environment where learners enjoy their right to participate in matters concerning them, with their views being seriously considered.
3. This year marks the fourth edition of the Philippine Youth Convergence (PYC), first conducted in 2022, which was rebranded to LearnCon PH in 2023. The upcoming Convergence shall be hosted by the local government unit (LGU) of Negros Oriental and Dumaguete City in collaboration with the DepEd Negros Island Region (NIR).
4. The BLSS-YFD shall convene the different Working Committees, which will be composed of members representing various offices in DepEd, LGU, host region, to assist in the implementation of all preparatory activities, event proper, and event evaluation and monitoring.
5. The Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Minister of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Bureau and Service Directors, representatives of invited offices, and members of the Working Committees are invited to attend the said activity.
6. The BLSS-YFD shall oversee the overall planning, preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the LearnCon PH 2025, and shall work in close coordination with the Office of the Regional Director, DepEd NIR, and Local Government of Negros Oriental and Dumaguete City, which shall provide the necessary administrative and logistical support and assistance to the activity.
7. Participation in the LearnCon PH 2025 shall be **purely voluntary** and **will not hamper instructional time** pursuant to the provisions set in DO 12, s. 2025, "**Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities**" and DO 9, s. 2005, "**Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**."
8. Furthermore, the regional and schools division offices shall ensure strict compliance with the existing DepEd guidelines concerning in-person activities as outlined in DO 3, s. 2023 titled **An Order Allowing the Conduct of In-person Activities in Schools**, and DO 66, s. 2017 titled **Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities**. In line with the Department's commitment to prioritizing the best interest of learners in all decisions and actions involving them, and to protecting them against any form of abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, and bullying, full adherence to DO 40, s. 2012 titled **DepEd Child Protection Policy**, and DO 31, s. 2022 titled **Child Rights Policy: Adopting the Rights-Based Education Framework in the Philippine Basic Education** must be observed.
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9. For ease of reference, contained in this DepEd Memorandum are the administrative guidelines, pre-registration forms, parental consent and waiver form, confirmation form, and indicative program of activities in the following enclosures:

Enclosure No. 1	:	Administrative Guidelines,
Enclosure No. 2	:	Schools Division Office Pre-Registration Form,
Enclosure No. 3	:	Parental Consent and Waiver Form,
Enclosure No. 4	:	Regional Confirmation Form,
Enclosure No. 5	:	Indicative Program of Activities.

10. There shall be **no registration fees** to be collected and/or charged to all delegates for participating in the LearnCon PH 2025. Expenses for the board and lodging of selected participants and chaperones from the schools division office assigned by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) shall be charged to Learner Support Program 2025 Funds. Travel expenses and other incidental expenses of selected participants and PDOs shall be charged to Local Funds, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Local School Board - Special Education Fund (LSB-SEF), and other fund source/s, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

11. Fund support to cover all LearnCon PH 2025 expenses including venues, as well as the board and lodging, transportation, and other expenses of the members of the Working Committees relevant to the actual conduct of the LearnCon PH 2025 shall be downloaded to DepEd NIR for hosting the event charged to the LSP 2025 Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

12. Cost of attendance of the members of the Executive Committee and Management Committee, as well as the representatives of the various offices invited to the LearnCon PH 2025, shall be charged to their respective Local Office Funds.

13. All chaperones and technical working group members who will render service on weekends and holidays shall be entitled to avail of service credits, compensatory time-off (CTO), or overtime credits. These may be used for leave purposes and shall remain valid and binding until they are separated or retired from service, subject to the approval of granting authorities. The service credits or CTO are subject to existing rules and regulations of DepEd and shall be approved by their respective Schools Division Offices.

14. For questions and clarifications, all concerned may contact the **LearnCon PH Secretariat** through email at learnconph@deped.gov.ph.

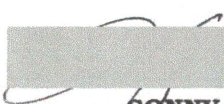
15. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 044, s. 2022, 033, s. 2023, and 029, s. 2024




SONNY ANGARA
Secretary

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ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

I. PRE-CONVERGENCE PREPARATION

A. General Guidelines

1. To ensure maximum participation, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) with the approval of their respective Regional Offices (ROs) are requested to select a total of **twelve (12) representatives** consisting of both **males and females** who satisfy all of the following qualifications and criteria:

a. Learners

- a.1. *bona fide* secondary school learner by School Year 2025-2026;
- a.2. with good moral character;
- a.3. physically capable of participating in all activities, with reasonable accommodations provided as necessary; and
- a.4. has strong advocacy and a member of a club or organization which programs, projects, and activities are aligned with the following thematic areas:
 - leadership, governance, and civic engagement
 - health and well-being
 - gender and social inclusion
 - climate action, environmental protection, and agriculture
 - innovation, entrepreneurship, and future readiness
 - culture, arts, and peace
 - Alternative Learning System (ALS)
 - Indigenous People (IP)
 - Learner with Disability (LWD)

b. Chaperones

- b. 1. with good office standing and professional ethics;
- b.2. holds a regular position as Project Development Officer I designated as the Division Youth Formation Coordinator, assigned or identified by the Schools Division Superintendent. If Project Development Officers are not available to serve as chaperones, the SDO, through the Schools Division Superintendent, may assign non-teaching personnel to assume the role;
- b. 3. able to provide guidance to the learner-representatives all throughout the event;

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- b. 4. with relevant experience in youth formation programs, projects, activities, and engagements;
 - b. 4. physically fit and capable of participating actively in all activities; and
 - b.5. able to perform all the tasks expected of them.
- 2. The designated chaperones shall serve as the focal persons of their respective division delegation.
 - a. Chaperones shall coordinate closely with the learner-representatives and shall provide assistance in the completion and submission of the following requirements:
 - a. signed SDO Pre-Registration Form (**Enclosure No. 2**)
 - b. signed Parental Consent and Waiver Form (**Enclosure No. 3**)
 - c. Medical Certificate issued by the SDO Medical Officer or other duly authorized personnel; and
 - d. scanned copy of:
 - d.1. school identification card for the learner-representatives; and
 - d.2. employee identification card for the chaperones.
 - b. For reference, editable forms may be downloaded and accessed through this link: [<https://tinyurl.com/LCPH25-Req>]
- 3. The designated chaperones, after the completion of all required documents, shall:
 - a. input the necessary information of the participants in the LearnCon PH 2025 Online Registration Form (ORF) via Microsoft Sheet: [<https://tinyurl.com/LCPH25-PaxRegistration>]
 - b. submit via email an endorsement letter, along with the required documents, to the Regional Office (RO) for consolidation, **on or before Tuesday, September 30, 2025**; and
 - c. provide the LearnCon Secretariat an advance copy of the endorsement letter and the required documents via email to learnconph@deped.gov.ph using the subject line: SDO_Delegates_[Region]_[SDO].
- 4. The ROs, upon receipt of the endorsement letter from their respective divisions, shall ensure that documents are well-compiled and documented. Afterwards, ROs shall immediately acknowledge the official list and documents submitted.
 - a. The RO shall transmit the following documents via email to the LearnCon Secretariat (through learnconph@deped.gov.ph, with subject: **[Region]_Official List of LCPH 2025 Participants**) on or before **Monday, October 06, 2025**, the *Regional Confirmation Form (Enclosure No. 4)* signed by the Regional Director, and saved in one PDF file; and



- b. The RO, in coordination with their respective SDO, shall ensure that the following requirements are uploaded in the OneDrive folder [<https://tinyurl.com/LCPH25-PaxRequirements>]:
 - i. the official list of participants of their SDOs,
 - ii. signed Parental Consent and Waiver Forms of all learner-representatives;
 - iii. medical certificates issued by the SDO Medical Officer; and
 - iv. scanned identification cards; and
 - v. proof of insurance coverage.
5. The ROs shall ensure that all information sent by the SDOs are translated completely and accurately in the *Regional Confirmation Form*, signed by the Regional Director, as this will be considered as the official and final list of delegates from the Region.
6. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs), through the designated chaperones, shall notify via email the LearnCon PH Secretariat of their travel details and statuses prior to their arrival at the LearnCon PH 2025 venue. This will serve as the Technical Working Group's foundation for establishing transportation mechanisms.
7. The ROs, SDOs, and designated chaperones shall duly inform the LearnCon Secretariat prior to the Convergence of any changes to the delegate's participation, travel arrangements, or other logistical aspects. Adjustments will be made as necessary.
8. The LearnCon PH Secretariat shall release updated advisory/ies prior to the Convergence to further orient the participants on the program's overall flow of activities and additional guidelines.

B. Participation of Participants from BARMM

1. The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) is highly encouraged to participate in the said event.
 2. The travel expenses, personal insurance, and other incidental expenses of BARMM participants shall be charged to their local funds.
 3. All BARMM participants shall be accommodated in the billeting areas together with their respective regional representatives.
 4. No registration fee shall be collected from participants from BARMM to cover venue rental, training kits, and meals.
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C. Participation of the Regional Youth Formation Coordinators (RYFCs), Technical Assistant I for Youth Formation, and Members of the Pambansang Samahan ng mga Tagahubog ng Pilipinas (PSTP)

1. The RYFCs, Technical Assistant I for Youth Formation, and National PSTP Officers shall serve as part of the Technical Working Group in the Convergence. The LearnCon PH Secretariat shall coordinate with them on their specific duties and responsibilities.
2. In cases where the RYFCs cannot participate in the LearnCon PH 2025, the Regional Director shall designate an alternate RYFC to serve. The alternate RYFC shall not be a chaperone assigned to SDO delegates.

II. CONVERGENCE PROPER

A. Arrival of Participants

1. All participants shall arrive at their assigned billeting areas on **Sunday, October 26, 2025**, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Participants traveling by air, by boat, and by land shall proceed directly to their assigned billeting areas and will be accommodated by the Registration Committee.
3. Upon arrival, all participants must present their identification card (school ID for learner participants, while employee ID for chaperones) to the Secretariat for attendance, verification, room assignments, and kit distribution.

B. No Registration Fee

No registration fee shall be collected and/or charged to all delegates for participating in the LearnCon PH 2025. Furthermore, no fees shall be collected for other purposes associated with participating in the LearnCon PH 2025, such as, but not limited to, the provision of meals, processing of documents, transportation, accommodation in billeting schools, and admission to facilities and venues.

C. Billeting and Accommodation

1. All participants will be billeted at the identified public schools in Dumaguete City. Accommodation will be available from **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2025**, until **12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025**.
2. The LearnCon PH Secretariat shall communicate to the regions the assigned billeting schools for the participants.



3. Any other expenses incurred while at the LearnCon PH 2025 venues, such as phone calls, internet connectivity, personal meal orders, and the like, will not be covered by the organizers and must be charged to the participants' own account. Participants must also bring their own personal hygiene kits and personal medicine.

D. Meals

1. The first meal to be served is lunch on Sunday, October 26, 2025, while the last meal will be breakfast on Friday, October 31, 2025.
2. Additional advisory/ies on the mechanisms for meal distribution shall be communicated to all regional offices and SDOs prior to the LearnCon PH 2025.

E. Activities

1. The program of activities will be followed as planned. In case of changes, the organizers will inform the participants during plenary sessions to guide them throughout the program. Only announcements made by the LearnCon PH Secretariat and organizers shall be recognized as official.
2. The Secretariat shall duly respond to the questions and concerns of the participants, especially those not covered by previously released communications.

F. Participation

1. All delegates shall actively participate and engage in all the activities and sessions. Participants are highly encouraged to interact and collaborate with each other.
2. The LearnCon PH Secretariat, resource persons, and activity facilitators shall guide the participants through the activities and sessions and shall respond to queries and concerns about the activities.

G. Event Rules

1. The Bureau of Learner Support Services-Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD), in consultation with the LearnCon PH Secretariat, is the head authority on all matters pertaining to Convergence.
2. To ensure everyone's health, safety, and well-being, all participants must adhere to the minimum public health standards and protocols and to the learner rights and protection guidelines. Participants shall also be guided by the event's contingency plan throughout the activity.
3. All participants, organizers, partners, and service providers involved in the LearnCon PH 2025 shall adhere to the principles of social inclusion, recognizing diversity of backgrounds and identities. The BLSS-Youth Formation Division and the LearnCon PH Secretariat shall establish



necessary arrangements, rules, and regulations to ensure safe spaces for all participants, especially the learners.

4. If there are additional rules and regulations, the LearnCon PH Secretariat will immediately inform the participants for guidance. Only rules and regulations released by BLSS-YFD and the LearnCon PH Secretariat shall be recognized as official.

H. Roles and Responsibilities

To ensure that everyone is held accountable for their own actions during the event, everyone is expected to carry out the following minimum assigned duties and responsibilities. To cite:

- a. Learner participants shall:
 - a.1. actively participate in LearnCon PH 2025 activities;
 - a.2. contribute to the creation of session outputs, provide relevant inputs, and constructive feedback as directed by the session facilitators and resource persons;
 - a.3. maintain the cleanliness and orderliness of the billeting areas and other event venues;
 - a.4. practice decorum all throughout the event;
 - a.5. communicate issues and concerns to the assigned chaperones or the LearnCon PH Secretariat in a polite and respectful manner;
 - a.6. follow the prescribed dress codes and LearnCon PH ID during sessions;
 - a.7. not bring or possess prohibited articles, such as but not limited to deadly weapons, drugs, alcohol, toxic and noxious substances, cigarettes, and pornographic materials into the LearnCon PH 2025 premises (event venue or billeting areas), and
 - a.8. perform other tasks assigned/requested by the LearnCon PH Secretariat.
- b. Chaperones shall:
 - b. 1. ensure that learner participants are safe and are able to enjoy themselves throughout the event. Chaperones are the persons to whom the learners should look for guidance, protection, clarification, and support;
 - b.2. assist and serve as mentor to the learner participants during the pre-work activity phase;
 - b. 3. exercise parental authority and responsibility—to the extent allowed by the law and existing DepEd policies—over the learners under their supervision, instruction, and custody; authority shall apply to all authorized activities whether inside or outside the premises of the LearnCon PH 2025



venues and billeting areas

b. 4. ensure that emergency contact details are readily available and can be contacted, whenever necessary;

b.5. maintain a calm and composed behavior in cases of emergency and in stressful situations;

b. 6. appropriately address any misbehaviors from learners and other participants and be able to escalate concerns to the appropriate offices or persons, whenever necessary;

b. 7. practice decorum, pro-social behavior, and non-violent discipline upon the learner participants all throughout the event; in no case shall corporal punishment be inflicted upon the participants;

b. 8. be knowledgeable with the safeguarding policies and procedures, event rules, and other safety and security protocols required of them to perform;

b.9. protect learner participants from bad company and prevent them from acquiring habits detrimental to their health, participation, and morals;

b.10. confiscate prohibited articles, as enumerated above, brought into the event premises by learner-participants, and turn the items over to and refer the violation to any member of the Safety and Security Committee

b.11. perform duties imposed on them by existing Department of Education (DepEd) policies, as substitute parents or guardians.

I. Security and Valuables

1. All participants must take care of their own personal belongings and refrain from leaving their valuables unattended throughout the event. The LearnCon PH Secretariat will not be held liable for any loss or damage of personal belongings while in the event.
2. Should there be any untoward incidents during the event, the participants shall inform the LearnCon PH Secretariat as soon as possible for immediate action.

J. Attire

All participants must wear decent and non-revealing clothing (e.g., organization or club shirt, collared shirt, long sleeves and slacks, pencil cut, and below the knee skirts).

Day	Date	Attire
1	Monday, October 27, 2025	<i>Regional Attire</i>
2	Tuesday, October 28, 2025	<i>LearnCon PH Shirt</i>
3	Wednesday, October 29, 2025	<i>Business attire / organization shirt</i>
4	Thursday, October 30, 2025	<i>Business attire / organization shirt</i>

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K. Wearing of Identification card (ID)

LearnCon PH 2025 IDs must always be worn for security reasons. No one shall be permitted to enter the LearnCon venues without ID.

L. Health and Safety Protocols

1. All learner participants and chaperones are presumed to be in good health. Those who are exhibiting any symptoms of illness shall inform the LearnCon PH Secretariat about their medical conditions and needs and shall be discouraged from attending the event of activity.
2. The LearnCon PH Secretariat shall address the medical needs of the participants. Expenses in this regard shall be charged against LearnCon 2025 contingency fund and/or the participants' own account. For safety and for any emergency, medical staff will be stationed at the venue and in billeting areas for the entire duration of the event.
3. For the health and safety of all participants, the LearnCon PH 2025 shall abide by the following conditions:

a. Pre-Event

a.1. A designated isolation area must be identified in case a participant manifests any sign or symptom of any communicable disease.

a.2. The LearnCon PH Secretariat shall coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) or host City Health must be done to ensure the availability of health personnel and seek the support of and partner with mental health associations in respective areas, if possible, to assist in ensuring the mental wellness of the entire delegation.

a.3. Respective billeting schools are responsible for ensuring sanitation in the sleeping areas, comfort rooms, and other public use facilities, as stipulated in existing DepEd policies.

a.4. The host city shall ensure 24/7 availability of medical provision.

b. At the Billeting Areas

b. 1. The delegation is responsible for reporting any signs and symptoms of any communicable disease to the LearnCon PH 2025 Secretariat.

b.2. Learner participants and chaperones who exhibit symptoms of any communicable disease shall be immediately placed in an isolation area while preparing for transport to the appropriate facility.

b. 3. All participants shall follow the existing approved protocols of the billeting schools.

b.4. All participants are highly encouraged to wear face masks.



c. During Event

- c.1. All event activities shall adopt safety protocols prescribed by the LearnCon PH Secretariat.
- c.2. LearnCon PH Secretariat shall monitor any delegate who exhibits flu-like symptoms.
- c. 3. Throughout the activities, both the participants and working committees are still encouraged to wear face masks, except when eating or drinking.
- c. 4. Physical distancing shall be observed whenever possible.

d. Post-Event

The host region and the delegation shall aid the participants with symptoms of any communicable disease and other medical issues, particularly when the delegation member is hospitalized and advised by the medical practitioner not fit to travel.

M. Insurance

Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017, titled, "Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities," all participants are required before their travel dates to secure their travel insurance at their own expense covering inclusive dates of travel from point of departure to Dumaguete City, and back, either group or individual, before proceeding to the LearnCon PH 2025.

N. Learners' Rights and Protection

- 1. The DepEd, through the LearnCon PH Secretariat, and the Learner Rights and Protection Division (LRPD), shall ensure that all activities and venues are conducive and that the best interest of the learner participants shall be the paramount consideration in all decisions and actions involving them. To provide special protection to learner-participants who are gravely threatened or endangered by circumstances, the DepEd Child Protection Policy (DepEd Order 40, s. 2012) shall be fully adopted before, during, and after the LearnCon PH 2025. Yet, the participatory rights of the learners in the implementation of this policy and in all proceedings affecting them, whether they be victims or aggressors, either directly, or through a representative, are recognized.
- 2. The LearnCon PH 2025 shall be in accordance with the safeguarding guidelines to minimize risk, guarantee safe space, and ensure positive experience for all delegates, organizers, and others involved in the event. Further, through the safeguarding guidelines, appropriate preventive, protective, and remedial measures will be properly implemented.
- 3. Accordingly, the DepEd and LearnCon PH Secretariat reiterates the zero-tolerance policy for any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse. Hence, a Child Protection Desk shall be fully operationalized through the Child Protection Committee (CPC) in all venues and billeting schools.



O. Feedback and Evaluation

To have a worthwhile LearnCon PH experience, participants should complete the feedback and evaluation form in exchange for certificates.

III. EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- A. **Pre-work Activity** (Learner Situationer and Insights Report): A separate briefier and template of the pre-work activity shall be disseminated at least one month prior to the conduct of LearnCon PH 2025.

Through this pre-work activity, learner-participants shall develop a Report detailing school and/or community issues and best practices; their own informed commentary on how such affects the learner population; and proposed ways forward. In accomplishing the Report, learner-participants shall coordinate and interact with their fellow learners, subject-teachers, club or organization teacher-advisers or mentors, and/or school heads.

This activity is designed to not only enhance learners' participation during LearnCon PH 2025, but also to initiate community-level conversations. The pre-work serves as a thinking exercise and a foundation for the learners' active involvement in the various action planning event segments enumerated below.

- B. **National Career Expo Kick-off for School Year 2025-2026:** With the theme **"Discovering DREAM Pathways"**, it aims to empower Filipino learners to unlock their full potential by guiding them to develop skills, seize opportunities, and make informed decisions as they navigate career and lifelong learning pathways.

As part of the Career Expo, the **LANDAS Toolkit** will also be launched by highlighting its practical use in helping learners reflect on their goals, make informed choices, and confidently chart their life and career paths. The launch will give participants a closer look at how the toolkit promotes career readiness through values-based guidance, engaging activities, and tools that truly put the learner at the center.

The LearnCon PH 2025 National Career Expo shall have the following schedule of activities:

Date and Time	Activity
October 26, 2025 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Ingress of Booths and Exhibits
October 27-28, 2025 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Plenary Sessions and Career Expo
October 28, 2025 4:01 – 7:00 p.m.	Egress of Booths and Exhibits

For questions and concerns, please coordinate with the LearnCon PH Secretariat via email at learnconph@deped.gov.ph.

- C. **Welcome Night (Learners' Night):** A vibrant kickoff to LCPH 2025 to celebrates the energy, creativity, and spirit of Filipino learners. This fun-filled activity that brings together participants from across the country in a night of music, culture, games, and meaningful connections
- D. **Simultaneous Sessions:** Sessions focusing on the learner support thematic areas of leadership, governance, and civic engagement; health and well-being; gender and social inclusion; climate action, environmental protection, and agriculture; innovation, entrepreneurship, and future readiness; and culture, arts, and peace.
- E. **Learners' Congress:** This segment will equip young participants with essential knowledge on policymaking, governance, and civic engagement, while providing a venue to identify key youth issues, develop policy recommendations, and engage with stakeholders in meaningful decision-making at various levels.
- F. **Project Pitching:** The selected projects / action plans during the simultaneous session will have the opportunity to showcase their ideas in front of a live audience and a panel of experts with a seven-minute time limit for each presentation. This invaluable opportunity facilitates feedback, support, and potential funding avenues, fostering the growth and enhancement of their endeavors.
- G. **Youth Leaders Forum:** It empowers young leaders to reflect on their role in nation-building by deepening their understanding of meaningful participation and evaluating their environments against global standards through insights from a panel of youth advocates and experts.

IV. COMMITTEES

1. LearnCon PH 2025 Secretariat shall facilitate the formation of the following recommended Committees at the national level with counterparts from the DepEd Negros Island Region (NIR), and Schools Division Office of Dumaguete City for the effective implementation of the said DepEd Memorandum:

I. Steering Committee (Central Office Level)	
Chairperson:	Malcolm S. Garma Undersecretary for Operations
Co-Chairperson:	Georgina H. Yang Assistant Secretary for Operations
Vice-Chairperson:	Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring Director IV

	Bureau of Learner Support Services
Members:	1. Felino O. Castro V Director IV Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service 2. Dr. Gina L. Cruz, Senior Education Program Specialist Officer-in-Charge BLSS-Youth Formation Division
II. Management Working Committee	
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<i>Sub-committees:</i> 1. Programs 2. Creatives 3. Communications 4. Secretariat 5. Guest Relations	<i>Sub-committees:</i> 1. Food and Accommodation 2. Supplies and Logistics 3. Resource Mobilization 4. Transportation 5. Safety and Security

2. A Technical Working Group shall be convened with other DepEd Central offices to help implement the event.

3. The Regional Director of the host region may designate a personnel or employee to assist the LearnCon PH 2025 Secretariat and LGU Negros Oriental and Dumaguete City in the event's planning, organization, implementation, and evaluation.
4. The Schools Division Office of Dumaguete City, through its Schools Division Superintendent or SDO personnel authorized by the latter, and in consultation with the LGU, RO, and national Secretariat, may designate personnel to assist the LearnCon PH 2025 Secretariat, LGU Negros Oriental, LGU Dumaguete City, and DepEd NIR in the event's preparation, organization, implementation, and evaluation.
5. Furthermore, the RO/SDO may tap or forge partnerships and collaboration with local communities/barangays or partner organizations with the authorization of the office head or person-in-charge if the probable partners are provided with a clear set of tasks to be completed accordingly.

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