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Department of Education  
REGION X

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANA DEL NORTE



9 OCTOBER 2025

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 614 s.2025

**REITERATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPED ORDER RELATED TO  
SCHOOL CANTEEN GUIDELINES**

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**  
**SGOD Chief Education Supervisor**  
**CID Chief Education Supervisor**  
**Public Schools District Supervisors**  
**School Health Section Personnel**  
**All Elementary and Secondary School Administrators**  
All Others Concerned  
*This Division*

1. This Office reiterates the strict implementation of existing policies and guidelines governing the operation and management of school canteens in accordance with **DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2007** titled "*Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*" and **DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017** titled "*Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices.*"

2. All schools are enjoined to:

- a. Ensure that all food and beverages sold in school canteens comply with the **Go, Grow, and Glow** food standards, avoiding the sale of foods high in sugar, salt, and fat;
- b. Display the **Food and Beverage Classification Guide (Green, Yellow, and Red Categories)** in visible areas of the canteen;
- c. Enforce **no soft drinks, energy drinks, or junk foods** policy within the school premises;
- d. Promote **healthy food options** and encourage learners to develop proper nutrition habits consistent with the objectives of the **Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OKD)**;
- e. Ensure transparency, proper fund management, and adherence to the **school-based management (SBM)** principles in all canteen operations.



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3. District Nurses and School Heads shall regularly monitor school canteen operations. School Health and Nutrition Unit, shall conduct validation and technical assistance to ensure compliance. Non-compliance with the abovementioned DepEd Orders shall be subject to appropriate administrative action.
4. Attached is **Enclosure No. 1** – *Checklist of Allowed and Prohibited Food and Drinks in School Canteens* for guidance and reference.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired for the information and strict compliance of all concerned.

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**Enclosure No. 1**

**Checklist of Allowed and Prohibited Food and Drinks in School Canteens**

*(Based on DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017)*

Category	Description	Examples / Guidelines
<b>GREEN (Choose Always)</b>	Nutrient-rich foods and drinks that should be encouraged and always available.	Fresh fruits, vegetables, root crops, boiled corn, rice meals with fish, chicken, eggs, or lean meat; milk, water, 100% fruit juice (no added sugar); plain bread, rice cakes, and boiled banana/sweet potato.
<b>YELLOW (Choose Sometimes)</b>	Food and beverages that should be offered occasionally (limited frequency and portion size).	Sandwiches with mayonnaise, cheese, or spreads; pancit/bihon with vegetables; fruit-flavored yogurt; baked goods with minimal sugar or fat; flavored milk (low sugar).
<b>RED (Choose Rarely / Prohibited)</b>	Food and beverages high in sugar, salt, or fat. These should <b>not be sold</b> in canteens or within 100 meters of the school.	Soft drinks, energy drinks, powdered juice drinks, instant noodles, chips, candies, chocolates, deep-fried foods, hotdogs, processed meats, and other junk foods.



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