

**[ DECS ORDER NO. 68, s. 1998, July 24, 1998 ]**

**REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES WHEN  
TYPHOONS AND OTHER CALAMITIES OCCUR**

1. The revised guidelines on the suspension of classes in cases of typhoons and other calamities are hereby issued for the information of all concerned.

*a. Automatic Suspension of Classes*

Classes, as indicated below shall be automatically suspended, without need of any announcement, in the following situations:

1. Where typhoon signal No. 2 is raised by PAGASA, classes at the elementary level including pre-schools shall be automatically suspended.
2. Where typhoon signal No. 3 or No. 4 is raised by PAGASA, classes in elementary and secondary levels shall be automatically suspended.
3. Where the rains are heavy, causing floods in the community and in the area of the school, classes in the schools affected are automatically suspended.
4. Where other calamities such as floods, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes have occurred and have seriously damaged the homes of families in the community and probable recurrence of such calamities is declared by proper authorities, classes in all levels are automatically suspended.

*b. Suspension of Classes in Special Cases*

1. Announcement by the DECS Regional Director — As a matter of policy, the suspension, cancellation and/or postponement of classes in a particular region, if it is region wide, shall be announced by the Regional Director after consultation with superintendents and local government officials.
2. Announcement by the School Heads/Principals — In cases where conditions endanger the lives and safety of pupils, students, teachers and other school personnel, school heads/principals in affected areas may use their discretion in suspending classes. School heads/principals are enjoined to use their best judgment in this regard.
3. Announcement by Local Government Officials — In extreme cases, such as floods, high tide, lahar, earthquakes, etc., the chief executive of