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(DepEd)

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Clarifying the Flexibility of
Private Schools to Adopt
Learning and Training Delivery
Modalities amid the National
Energy Emergency

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SUMMARY

The Department of Education (DepEd), through Memorandum No. 024, s. 2026 allows private schools to adopt flexible learning modalities during the State of National Energy Emergency declared under Executive Order No. 110, s. 2026. The policy aims to help schools manage rising energy and operational costs while ensuring continuity of education.

Private schools may choose between full in-person classes or a blended learning approach combining face-to-face and remote sessions, which may be conducted synchronously or asynchronously, with or without digital tools. Schools implementing the standard blended model do not require prior approval but must notify their Schools Division Office at least five days before implementation, including details on class schedules and measures to maintain learning quality. Any deviation requires Regional Office approval.

The memorandum also encourages flexible staff arrangements and alternative training methods to reduce energy use. It provides key stage-specific guidance to ensure age-appropriate delivery, limiting remote days and emphasizing structured, teacher-guided learning to maintain educational standards.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Private schools should review and align learning delivery plans with DepEd's prescribed blended model to avoid regulatory delays. Institutions must ensure timely reporting and maintain documentation demonstrating continuity of learning standards.

Schools should also implement flexible work and training arrangements to manage costs while ensuring uninterrupted services. Administrators are advised to monitor compliance closely, particularly for key stage-specific requirements, to mitigate operational and regulatory risks.

