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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**ADMINISTRATION OF THE MULTI-FACTORED ASSESSMENT TOOL (MFAT)
 AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD)
 CHECKLIST FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief Education Supervisors, CID & SGOD
 Public Schools District Supervisors/ DICs
 Public Elementary School Heads
 All Others Concerned
 This Division

1. Pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 29, series 2018** entitled "*Policy on the Implementation of Multi-Factored Assessment Tool*" and **DepEd Order No. 47, series 2016** entitled "*Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education*" this office through the Curriculum Implementation Division announces the mandatory administration of the Multi-Factored Assessment Tool (MFAT) for Grade 1 learners and the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist for the School Year 2026-2027.

2. The Multi-Factored Assessment Tool (MFAT) serves as a vital diagnostic "Child-Find" mechanism which helps teachers systematically map out a learner's specific strengths, learning styles, and cognitive or sensory barriers providing data that will form definitive basis for designing targeted classroom interventions, creating remedial programs, or recommending professional medical/allied referrals for all Learners with Special Needs.

3. The Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist is crucial for determining if a Kindergarten Learner is developing on time or experiencing delays and to evaluate whether the learner possesses the prerequisite maturity and holistic skills required to transition smoothly into formal Grade 1 schooling.

4. Below is a comprehensive implementation matrix which will serve as a guide along with the implementation of the ECCD Checklist and the MFAT, to wit:

Feature / Protocol	ECCD Checklist	Multi-Factored Assessment Tool (MFAT)
1. Target Learners	All currently enrolled Kindergarten Learners	All Grade 1 learners enrolled in regular schools



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		(specifically prioritizing those showing signs of learning difficulties or developmental advancements).
2. Frequency of Administration	Pre-test - Beginning of School Year (BOSY) Post-test - End of School Year (EOSY)	Administered as a one-time diagnostic screening exactly one month after the official opening of classes.
3. Manner of Administration	Observation & Portfolio Review	Activity-Based Direct Assessment
4. Domains to be evaluated	Developmental Domains: Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Self-Help, Receptive Language, Expressive Language, Cognitive, and Socio-Emotional.	Core Learning Domains: Cognitive, Communication, Socio-Emotional, Psycho-Motor, and Daily Living Skills.
5. Date of Administration	ECCD BOSY – June 22-26, 2026 ECCD EOSY – March 15-19, 2026	July 13-17, 2026

5. All Kindergarten and Grade 1 Teachers are tasked with the direct, unbiased execution of the tests, standard scoring, and encoding of the raw data and assessment results may instantly guide the customization of early literacy, numeracy, and behavioral interventions.

6. School Heads shall oversee the local implementation, guarantee the availability of contextualized toolkits/materials, arrange class modifications to support teachers during one-on-one testing, and enforce the data entry of profiles into standard reporting systems.

7. Public Schools District Supervisors (PSDS) and the Division SNED Focal shall conduct regular spot monitoring, quality-assurance tracking, and provide specialized technical assistance to schools throughout the screening window.

8. Consolidated school summaries of the Kindergarten ECCD Pre-test and Grade 1 MFAT profiles will be electronically submitted to the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) through the designated Division SNED Focal and Division Kindergarten Focal through a link which will be disseminated through the District Heads due on **June 29, 2026** for submission of ECCD BOSY while for MFAT profiles on **July 29, 2026**.



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9. For any inquiries or clarifications, kindly direct them to the Division SNED Focal, **Rey M. Dalumpines, EdD** at rey.dalumpines@deped.gov.ph and the Division Kindergarten Focal, **Romulo C. Cadampog Jr., EdD** at romulo.cadampogjr@deped.gov.ph.

10. Widest dissemination of this memorandum is hereby enjoined.

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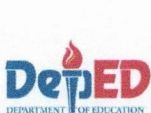
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*To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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MFAT	Kindergarten
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