

Philippines' Department of Education: Ending Corporal Punishment in Basic Education Schools



Child Protection Unit
Department of Education
Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Pasig City, Philippines

Child Protection Policy

(DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012)

Zero tolerance policy for any act of child abuse, exploitation, violence, discrimination, bullying, and other forms of abuse



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DEPED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY


To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Unit
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Chiefs of Divisions
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the Department of Education (DepEd) issues the enclosed copy of the Policy and Guidelines on Protecting Children in School from Abuse, Violence, Exploitation, Discrimination, Bullying and Other Forms of Abuse entitled "**DepEd Child Protection Policy.**"
2. Pursuant to Section 26 thereof, this DepEd Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance.
3. All Orders, Memoranda and other related issuances inconsistent with these policy and guidelines are deemed amended accordingly upon its effectivity.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary



Child

- Below eighteen years of age;
 - Over eighteen years but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination;
 - **Learners** who may be eighteen years of age or older but are **in school**
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Corporal Punishment

- **What kind of punishment:**

Penalty for alleged or actual offense

- **Purpose:**

Discipline, training, or control

- **Perpetrator:**

Teacher, School Administrator, an adult, or another child who has been given or has assumed authority or responsibility for punishment or discipline

Corporal Punishment

- Blows;
- Striking child's face or head;
- Pulling hair, twisting joints, cutting or piercing skin;
- Dragging, pushing, or throwing;
- Deprivation of a child's basic needs as a form of punishment;
- Deliberate exposure to fire, ice, water, smoke, sunlight
- Forcing a child to swallow substances, dangerous chemicals
- Tying up a child
- Verbal abuse or assaults

Prevention

- Capacity Building activities for Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
- Implementation of awareness raising activities

Acting on Corporal Punishment

- Punitive Measures
 - Administrative Liability
 - Suspension
 - Dismissal from service
 - This is without prejudice to the filing of criminal case in court

- Referral to the Local Social Welfare Development Office



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**CREATION OF THE CHILD PROTECTION UNIT AND THE CHILD RIGHTS
IN EDUCATION DESK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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

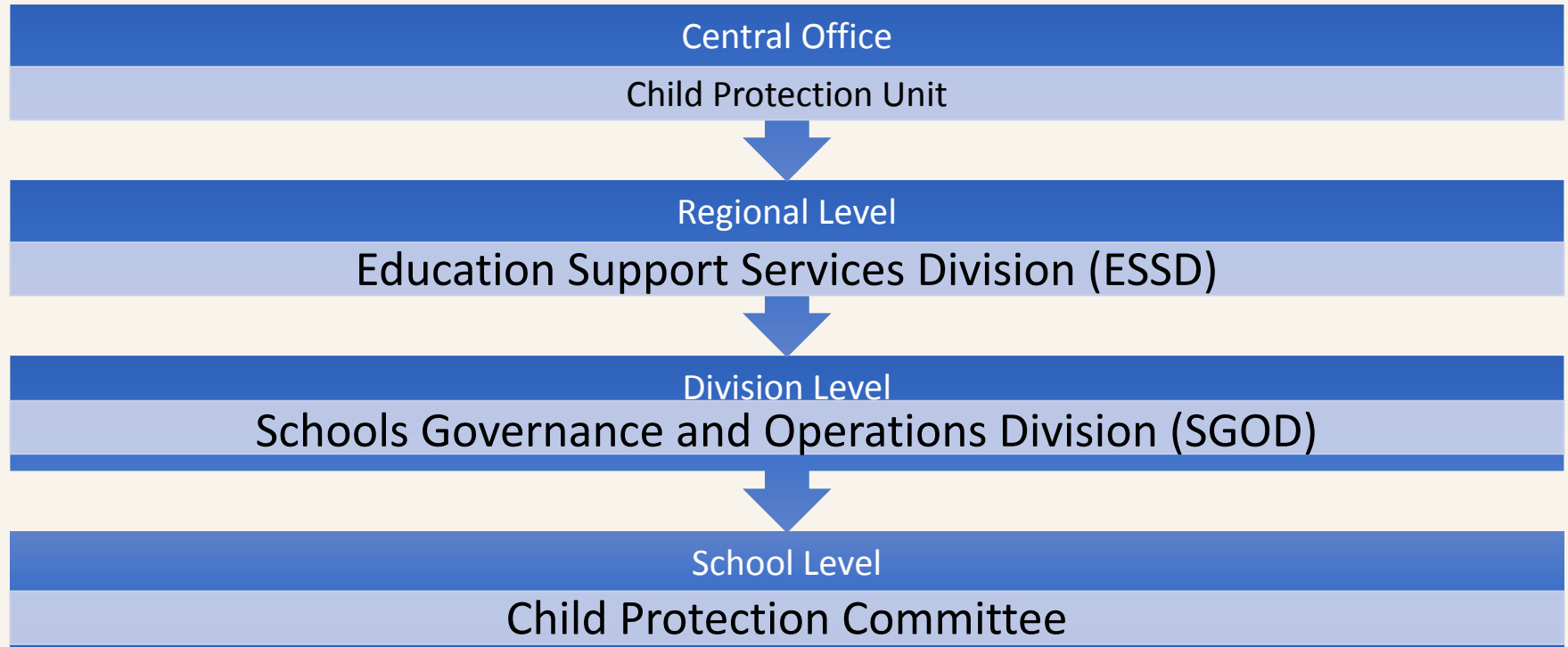
1. The Department of Education (DepEd) issues the enclosed policy on the **Creation of the Child Protection Unit (CPU)** under the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, and DepEd Employees Associations Coordinating Office and the **Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe)** under the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs in the Department.

2. Pursuant to the 1987 Constitution, the State shall protect and promote the right of all children to accessible and quality basic education. Alongside this right is the constitutional policy that the State shall promote and protect their holistic development through the promotion of their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being.

Child Protection Unit

(DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2021)

Structure of the Child Protection Unit

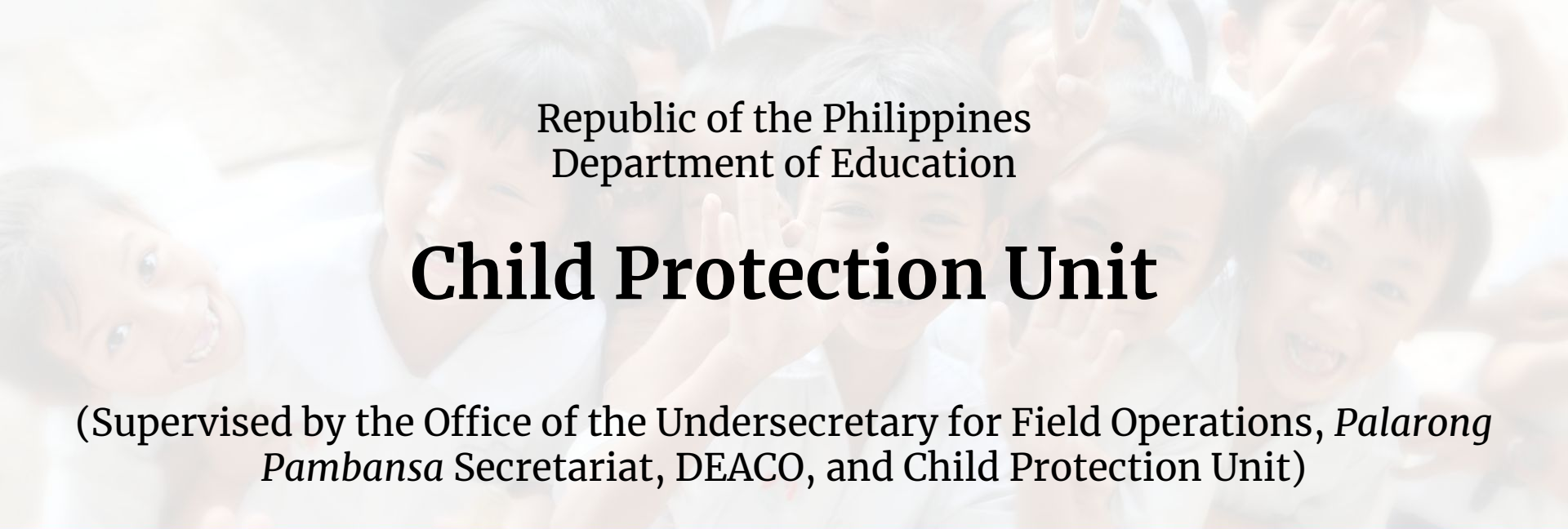


Mandate of the Child Protection Unit

- Formulate policies on Child Protection
- Integrate Child Protection in the Basic Education Curriculum and Instruction
- Initiate and coordinate cooperation or partnership activities pertaining to child protection

Child Protection Committees

- Composed of:
 - School Head or Administrator
 - Guidance Counsellor
 - Teacher Representative
 - Parent Representative
 - Student Representative
 - Community Representative



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Child Protection Unit

(Supervised by the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, DEACO, and Child Protection Unit)

For more information about the Department of Education's
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