

Department of Education

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Enclosure to Region Memorandum ESSD-2024-078

Annex A

1. Award Categories for the Regional Awarding

All CHDs including BARMM Awarding, shall conduct a regional Healthy Learning Institutions Awarding, ideally prior to the start of the school year 2024-2025. For uniformity with awarding, the regional awards shall be based on these categories:

- a. **Healthy Schools Category** This category recognizes public or private grade schools and high schools that meet the standards for HLIs as listed in the Self-Appraisal Checklist (SAC) in Annex B. This Category is further subdivided into:
 - i. Satisfactory
 - ii. Very Satisfactory
 - iii. Outstanding
 - iv. Best Practices
- b. **Last Mile Category** This category recognizes Last Mile Elementary Schools (LMEs) and High Schools (LMHs) with exemplary health promotion efforts, including the last mile school community members who actively advocate for and lead the implementation of school health activities. The category is further subdivided into:
 - i. Outstanding Last Mile School
 - ii. Outstanding Last Mile HLI Champions
 - iii. Best Practices

2. Criteria for the Regional Awarding

For each category, the CHDs shall coordinate with their DepEd counterparts for **joint scoring** (i.e. both agencies follow the recommended criteria for scoring, with the final score being the average from both agencies). The winners of the regional awarding shall receive plaques and certificates.

- **a. Healthy Schools Category** Scoring shall be based on the school's score in the Self-Appraisal Checklist. This category is also open to last mile schools who are interested in applying. The scoring mechanism is as follows:
 - i. Satisfactory The school meets 65%-80% of standards in all pillars.
 - ii. Very Satisfactory The school meets **81%-95% of standards** in all pillars
 - iii. Outstanding The school meets **96-100**% of standards in all pillars.
 - iv. **Best Practices Awards** Projects, activities, or programs shall be awarded following the following subcategories of the 6 Pillars of a Health-Promoting Schools Framework, namely:







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- Healthy School Policy
- Physical School Environment
- Social School Environment
- Health Skills and Education
- Links with Community
- Access to Healthcare

Each pillar may have more than one winner. The basis of this category is the school's HLI activity report. Best Practices per pillar are scored according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Description
40%	The school should be able to
Impact	demonstrate the impact and
	outcomes of HLI initiatives,
	such as improved student
	health literacy and behavior,
	academic performance, reduced
	absenteeism, and increased
	parent and community
	engagement.
30%	The intervention is designed and
Responsiveness	implemented in a way that
	addresses the specific needs,
	challenges, or demands of the
	school, learners, or the
	surrounding community.
20%	The project or activity will
Sustainability of projects and	contribute to making schools
activities	health-promoting or to
	achieving desired health
	outcomes i.e. Improvements in
	mental health, CSE/ARH, or
	immunization knowledge,
	attitudes, and practices
10%	Introduces something new or
Uniqueness or	make improvements to existing
innovativeness	interventions or services, and
	has demonstrated overcoming
	obstacles in implementation

b. Last Mile Category

i. Outstanding Last Mile School - Scoring shall be based on the school's HLI activity report.







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Criteria	Description
40%	As determined by comparison of
Contribution to achievement of	projects and activities against
HLI provincial- and/or school-level	province-level goals
goals	
30 %	Shows sustainability through school
Sustainability of projects and	policies, adoption into annual
activities	implementation plan, and with
	documented sustainability of
	advocacies through adoption of
	community members
20%	The activities implemented cover the
Completeness of activities across	Six pillars of a health-promoting
the six pillars	school
10%	Uses emerging technology, or uses
Innovativeness and creativity of	old technology but with a novel
projects and activities	strategy, and has demonstrated
	overcoming obstacles in
	implementation

ii. Last Mile Category - Last Mile HLI Champion - This individual shall be jointly selected by the CHD and DepEd Regional Office based on the following description:

Criteria	Description
Last Mile Champion/s	This represents a person who is a
	strong advocate for health
	promotion, actively championing to
	help transform their schools to
	become healthy learning institutions.
	This does not necessarily have to be
	a school head, but could be any
	personnel from the school

- **iii. Last Mile Category Best Practices Award** The scoring for this subcategory, which shall be exclusively for Last Mile Schools only, shall be the same as the Healthy Schools Best Practices Award in item B.2. iv above. Similarly, there shall be 6 sub-categories corresponding to the 6 Pillars of a Health-Promoting Schools Framework, namely:
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 - Physical School Environment
 - Social School Environment







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- Health Skills and Education
- Links with Community Access to Healthcare

3. Application Procedures

- a. All public and private grade schools and high schools shall be eligible to apply for the Regional Healthy Learning Institutions Awards 2024
- b. There shall be only **one application per campus,** i.e. schools that offer elementary and secondary classes within the same campus shall be considered under one application. Likewise, schools with elementary and secondary classes in separate campuses shall submit separate applications.
- c. Interested schools shall accomplish the online registration form at bit.ly/HLIAwardsREGFORM with the full name and contact information of an authorized representative of the school.
- d. Schools must indicate in the above registration form the award category they are interested in applying for. Schools may apply for more than one (1) category when applicable (e.g. private schools may not be allowed to apply for the "Last Mile Category" but may apply for "Healthy Schools Category" and "Best Practices"),
- e. To complete the application, schools must submit the completed Self-Appraisal Checklist and Activity Report (accessible at https://bit.ly/HLAwardsPacket) by uploading to the registration link (bit.ly/HLIAwardsREGFORM) on or before **June 15, 2024, 11:59 PM**.
- f. For best practices, schools shall submit applications based on their own original work, a health promotion project or program implemented between 2022-2023 within the area of their jurisdiction. Entries whose dates of implementation are outside of the aforementioned time period shall not be eligible.
- g. School applications shall not be in any way, directly or indirectly, funded or supported by industries whose interests, goals, and objectives contradict those of the DOH or the public health sector. The applications shall comply with the CSC-DOH JMC 2010-001 on the Protection of the Bureaucracy Against Tobacco Industry Interference and Executive Order 51 or the Milk Code. Applications violative of these policies shall be automatically disqualified.
- h. Applications shall not contain any third-party materials and/or content that does not have permission for use, nor materials which may be inappropriate, promoting of dangerous behavior, obscene, defamatory, distasteful, offensive,







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or in breach of any legislation or regulations, or in breach of confidentiality obligations owed by the school to third parties.

4. TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity
March-April 2024	Call for Entries
March - May 2024	Submission Period
May 31, 2024	Deadline of Submissions
May - June 2024	Entry Verification Period
June 2024	Finalization of Regional Winners
July 2024	Regional Awarding
August 2024	Transmittal of Results to Central Office
October 2024	DOH and DepEd Central Office Deliberation
November 2024	National Awarding







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