



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
SOCCSKSARGEN REGION

June 3, 2024

REGION MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2024-078

**REGIONAL SEARCH FOR HEALTHY PILIPINAS AWARDS FOR BASIC
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS 2024**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. **Republic Act 11223** or the **Universal Health Care Act** recognizes the critical role of school communities in enabling healthy behaviors within their jurisdiction by designating all schools under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd) as healthy settings.
2. DepEd, in coordination with the Department of Health, developed and operationalized a recognition or compliance system to recognize exemplary schools that meet the standards of healthy learning institutions, hence this Search for Healthy Pilipinas Awards for Basic Education Institutions 2024.
3. The objectives of the said search are the following:
 - a. to recognize basic education institutions that meet the standards for Healthy Learning Institutions;
 - b. to initiate Healthy Learning Institutions certification among BEIs; and
 - c. to incentivize local government units' (LGUs) investment in school health initiatives.
4. The awarding mechanisms and incentives shall be made applicable to all basic education institutions, including kindergartens, elementary schools, and secondary or high schools, both public or private; hence:
 - 4.1 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;
 - 4.2 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").
 - 4.3 To complete the application, schools must submit the completed Self-Appraisal Checklist and Activity Report (accessible at <https://bit.ly/HLIAwardsPacket>) to the DOH 12 and DepEd RO XII by uploading to the registration link on or before **June 15, 2024, 11:59 PM**. Once received, a conduct of validation of eligible schools shall be carried on.
5. Enclosed are the mechanics, Guidelines and Timeline of Activities of the search for reference.



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