



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
CITY OF MANDALUYONG



**ORDINANCE NO. 1030, S-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG IN TIMES OF NATURAL HAZARDS AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the students in Mandaluyong City are of paramount importance to the City Government of Mandaluyong;

WHEREAS, the City is susceptible to natural disasters, severe weather conditions, and public health emergencies that pose significant risks to the safety and well-being of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), and other relevant agencies provide timely and critical information that can be used to gauge the necessity of suspending classes;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd) has issued Order No. 037, s. 2022 which sets forth the guidelines on the cancellation or suspension of classes in the event of natural disasters, power outages/power interruptions, and other calamities to further guide schools, its personnel, and learners, both within the public and private institutions;

WHEREAS, the Department, thereafter, issued Order No. 022, S-2024, further refining the guidelines established in its previous Order in consonance with the relevant warnings declared by the National Government and supplementing the same with guidelines relating to extreme heat conditions, low air quality, volcanic fog, and other emergencies and hazards;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has, likewise, issued Memorandum Order No. 15, s. 2012 which is an amendment to CHED Memorandum Order No. 34, s. 2010 which provided clarificatory guidelines for the suspension of classes in higher education institutions (HEIs) due to typhoons, storms, flooding, and other weather disturbances;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to institutionalize a local ordinance that aligns with national policies and guidelines, including the aforementioned DepEd Order and CHED Memorandum Order, to ensure a unified and efficient approach to safeguarding the community during emergencies, with due deference to the advisories of and coordination with relevant national government agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong City:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Automatic Class Suspension Ordinance of 2025 for the City of Mandaluyong".

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is the policy of Mandaluyong City to safeguard the welfare and safety of its students, teachers and learners. In line with this, the City recognizes the need for an automatic suspension mechanism for classes during natural hazards, severe weather conditions, and public health emergencies to ensure the safety and well-being of all concerned.

**SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE** - This Ordinance shall apply to all levels of public and private educational institutions, institutions under the Alternative Learning System (ALS), and Early Childhood Care and Development centers.

**SECTION 4. AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION GUIDELINES.**

Classes in the following levels shall be automatically suspended when any of the following are declared by PAGASA, PHIVOLCS, DOH, and other relevant agencies, or in adherence to the guidelines set forth in Executive Order No. 66, S-2012, DepEd Order Nos. 037, s. 2022 and 022, s. 2024, or CHED Memorandum Order No. 15, s. 2012:

**A. TROPICAL CYCLONES**

PAGASA TCWS	Suspension
TCWS 1	Classes for Kindergarten in the affected area shall be automatically suspended.
TCWS 2	Face to face Classes for Kindergarten and Elementary to Junior High School (JHS) or Grade 10 in the affected area shall be automatically suspended; provided that Elementary and JHS will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their Learning and Service Continuity Plan (LSCP) to ensure that learning competencies are met.
TCWS 3 or above	Classes in all levels shall be automatically suspended.

If the TCWS is issued at a time when classes have already begun, the school shall immediately suspend the classes and send everyone home, if it is safe to do so. However, schools are obligated to keep the students and personnel safely in school if travelling has become unsafe.

Classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, may also be cancelled or suspended at the discretion of City Mayor and/or heads of HEIs if special circumstances in their area such as flooding, road damage, and other similar circumstances warrant it.

In the event of suspended face-to-face classes, schools shall implement modular distance learning, online distance learning, or blended learning, where feasible, with learners who miss learning activities due to class suspensions caused by disruptions such as disasters or emergencies resulting from natural or human-induced hazards, being given due consideration regarding their attendance and the completion of their learning tasks.

**B. HEAVY RAINFALL AND FLOOD WARNING**

PAGASA Rainfall or Flooding Warning	Suspension
Yellow Rainfall Warning and Alarm Water Level (Flooding)	<p>In-person classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and ALS are automatically suspended in schools.</p> <p>In the event of suspended face-to-face classes, schools shall implement modular distance learning, online distance learning, or blended learning, where feasible, with learners who miss learning activities due to class suspensions caused by disruptions such as disasters or emergencies resulting from natural or human-induced hazards, being given due consideration regarding their attendance and the completion of their learning tasks.</p> <p>If torrential rains or flooding exist and based on the assessment of the school, the learners and personnel are still exposed to various risks, the Schools Division Superintendent shall coordinate with the City Government for localized school suspensions.</p>
Red and Orange Rainfall Warnings and Critical Water Level (Flooding)	<p>All classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and ALS are automatically suspended in schools.</p> <p><i>When classes have already begun for the day, the school head shall immediately suspend classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and ALS and send everyone home if it is safe to do so. However, schools are obligated to keep the learners and personnel safely in school if traveling has become unsafe.</i></p>

Classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, may also be cancelled or suspended at the discretion of City Mayor and/or heads of HEIs if special circumstances in their area such as flooding, road damage, and other similar circumstances warrant it.

In the event that areas within the City of Mandaluyong have been declared with torrential rains but PAG-ASA has not issued any alert level, the City Mayor may decide on the cancellation or suspension of classes.

In the event of suspended face-to-face classes, schools shall implement modular distance learning, online distance learning, or blended learning, where feasible, with learners who miss learning activities due to class suspensions caused by disruptions such as disasters or emergencies resulting from natural or human-induced hazards, being given due consideration regarding their attendance and the completion of their learning tasks.

#### C. EARTHQUAKES

All classes in kindergarten to Grade 12 and Alternative Learning System (ALS), collegiate level, and graduate schools are automatically cancelled or suspended where PHIVOLCS declare an earthquake with PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS) VI or higher.

Earthquakes with PEIS V and below shall allow the Local Chief Executive to decide on the localized school suspensions and the suspension of face-to-face classes, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their LSCP to ensure that learning competencies are met.

Classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, may also be cancelled or suspended at the discretion of City Mayor and/or heads of HEIs if special circumstances in their area such as flooding, road damage, and other similar circumstances warrant it.

#### D. POWER OUTAGES/POWER INTERRUPTIONS/BROWNOUTS/OTHER UTILITY INTERRUPTIONS

There will be no automatic cancellation or suspension of classes in the event of power outages/power interruptions/brownouts and other utility interruptions in schools.

If power outages/power interruptions/brownouts and other utility interruptions have resulted to poor learning environment, school officials can cancel or suspend classes at their own discretion.

**E. EXTREME HEAT CONDITION**

There will be no automatic suspension of classes due to Extreme Heat Conditions. However, in case of unbearable heat, the City Mayor may still exercise its authority to facilitate localized class suspension based on the situation in their localities. The SDS shall coordinate with the LGUs for localized school suspensions, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes to ensure that learning competencies are met.

**F. LOW AIR QUALITY/VOLCANIC FOG**

Suspension of classes for Low Air Quality and Volcanic Fog will depend on the Particle Matter 2.5 Air Quality Index as reported by the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Air Quality Index Levels	Suspension
Acutely Unhealthy (Purple) PM 2.5 between 55.1-90	The City Mayor shall decide on the suspension of face-to-face classes.  The SDS shall coordinate with the LGUs for localized school suspensions, provided that schools will shift to modular distance learning, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes based on their LSCP to ensure that learning competencies are met.
Emergency (Maroon) PM 2.5 >91	Classes shall be automatically suspended.

**G. OTHER EMERGENCIES AND HAZARDS**

In cases of other calamities, emergencies, and hazards not enumerated above that may threaten the welfare and safety of learners and school personnel, the school heads, or the district or division ALS coordinator may suspend classes, as may be appropriate; provided that there is the necessary coordination with the City Mayor and SDS.

Students and learners who shall miss learning activities due to suspensions and/or cancellations brought about by various disruptions arising from the afore-mentioned disasters and hazards shall be accorded due consideration in the completion and compliance of their tasks.

**SECTION 5. LOCALIZED AND GRANULAR SUSPENSIONS.** Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 4, school heads and administrations of both public and private educational institutions within the City of Mandaluyong are hereby empowered to declare the cancellation or suspension of classes at their own discretion under the following conditions:

- A. In case of torrential rain, flooding, and risk of landslides and storm surges;
- B. In case of localized and specific flooding in the area of the school premises; or when flooding affects a large part of the student and personnel population of the school;
- C. In case of earthquake, at any intensity if in their assessment, the buildings and other structures within their facilities are deemed to be in danger of collapsing or are found to have major damage. The school head shall request from competent authorities (DPWH, local building officials, division engineers, and other competent professionals) to assess the school buildings before allowing students and personnel to return;
- D. In case power outages or interruptions last more than half a school day, making classrooms uncomfortable or unsafe for students and teachers;
- E. In case the temperature in classrooms or learning spaces is not conducive to learning and affects the health and safety of the learners and teachers;
- F. In case the air quality or vog levels in the area are poor and could harm students' health or hinder learning; and
- G. In case other calamities, emergencies, and hazards not enumerated above threaten the safety of students and school personnel;

- H. When local conditions due to unforeseen or sudden events pose immediate risks to the safety and security of students, faculty, and staff;
- I. In the absence of a formal warning from PAGASA, PHIVOLCS, or other relevant agencies, but where local conditions are deemed hazardous or potentially dangerous as assessed by the school administration.

In exercising this discretion, school administrations should:

- a. Promptly communicate the decision to cancel or suspend classes to students, parents, faculty, and staff through all available means of communication;
- b. Inform the Mandaluyong City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (MCDRRMD) and the City Mayor's Office of their decision for proper coordination and assistance, if necessary;
- c. Ensure that all decisions are made with the utmost consideration for the safety and well-being of the school community.

The City Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Mandaluyong City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MCDRRMC) and in consultation with the Division of City Schools of Mandaluyong, and other relevant agencies, may also declare class suspensions under other circumstances deemed to pose significant risks to safety and welfare.

#### SECTION 6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUSPENSIONS

- a. The Mandaluyong City Public Information Department, in coordination with the City Mayor's Office and the MCDRRMD, shall be responsible for announcing the suspension of classes. These announcements shall be made through official channels, including but not limited to the City Government's official website, social media accounts, local radio, and television stations.
- b. For the suspension of morning classes (pre-kindergarten to grade 12, as well as tertiary level and graduate schools), the announcement shall be made no later than 4:30 AM on the day of the suspension.
- c. For the suspension of afternoon and evening classes (pre-kindergarten to grade 12, as well as tertiary level and graduate schools), the announcement shall be made no later than 10:00 AM on the day of the suspension.

- d. In exceptional circumstances where adverse conditions develop or significantly worsen after these cutoff times, the City Mayor, upon the recommendation of the MCDRRMC, retains the authority to announce class suspensions at any time to ensure the safety of students and personnel.
- e. School administrations and parents or guardians must monitor official announcements from the Mandaluyong City Public Information Department and the City Mayor's Office regarding class suspensions, especially during inclement weather or other emergencies.

#### SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

- a. In situations where class suspensions have not been formally announced by either the national or local government agencies or the school administration, parents or guardians bear the primary responsibility for deciding whether their children should attend school, taking into consideration the safety and well-being of their children in light of the prevailing weather conditions or other hazardous circumstances.
- b. Parents or guardians are encouraged to exercise prudence and prioritize the safety of their children above attendance, especially in conditions that could jeopardize their health and safety, such as severe weather events, natural disasters, or public health concerns.
- c. In cases where parents or guardians decide to keep their children at home due to safety concerns, they should:
  - 1. Notify the school administration of their decision at the earliest possible time; and
  - 2. Ensure that students are given the opportunity to make up for any missed academic work or activities, in coordination with their teachers.
- d. All Barangays of the City of Mandaluyong shall be mandated to aid and assist the schools within their respective jurisdictions in the dissemination of information within their Barangays, and if feasible, the orderly conduct of dispersing the students in the event of class suspensions.

SECTION 8. DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION - All educational institutions and government offices within Mandaluyong City are directed to disseminate this Ordinance and ensure its implementation, including setting up mechanisms for the rapid dissemination of suspension announcements to students, parents, teachers, and employees.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Mandaluyong City.

ENACTED on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2025, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

  
MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA  
Sanggunian Secretary

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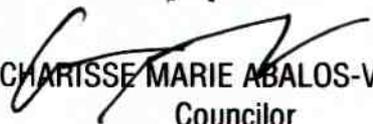
  
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