



Republic of the Philippines
CITY GOVERNMENT OF MUNTINLUPA
 Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Muntinlupa



ORDINANCE NO. 2023-121

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES ON THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN SCHOOLS IN THE EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTERS, POWER OUTAGES/POWER INTERRUPTIONS, AND OTHER CALAMITIES.

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WHEREAS, Article 99 of the Rules and Regulations implementing Republic Act 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the sangunian to enact ordinances for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants including, among others, the adoption of measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, It is hereby declared policy of the City of Muntinlupa to provide and implement the procedure in the cancellation or suspension of classes for both private and public schools including higher education institutions within the jurisdiction of the City in the event of typhoons, floods and other natural disasters, power outages/power interruptions, and other calamities;

WHEREAS, basing on various issuances (Executive Order No. 66 series of 2012; DepEd Order No. 37, series of 2022; CHED Memorandum Order No. 15. Series of 2012, among others) from national government agencies, the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRPMC) on 14th September 2023 approved Resolution No 5 Series of 2023 issued/recommended the guidelines on the cancellation or suspension of classes in the event of natural disasters, power outages/power interruptions and other calamities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the **10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa**, Prescribing The Guidelines On The Cancellation Or Suspension Of Classes In Schools In The Event Of Natural Disasters, Power Outages/Power Interruptions, And Other Calamities.



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SECTION 1. Title - This ordinance will be known as the Guidelines Prescribing the Class Cancellation or Suspension in the City of Muntinlupa.

SECTION 2. Coverage – this provides localized guidelines for cancellation or suspension of classes in both public and private pre-school, elementary, and secondary, including alternative learning centers and higher education institutions due to natural disasters and other calamities.

SECTION 3. Guidelines on the cancellation or suspension of classes in schools

A. For public and private pre-school, elementary, and secondary, including alternative learning centers. In conformity with the Department of Education Order No. 37, series of 2022, the following guidelines shall be followed for the cancellation or suspension of classes in all public and private pre-school, elementary, secondary, including alternative learning centers in the City of Muntinlupa:

A.1 Typhoon - In-person and online classes from Preschool to Grade 12 and Alternative Learning System (ALS) are automatically cancelled when Typhoon Cyclone Wind Signals (TCWS) 1,2,3,4 or 5 is issued by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

A.2 Heavy Rainfall - In-person and online classes from Pre-school to Grade 12 and Alternative Learning System (ALS) are automatically cancelled when the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) issue an Orange or Red Rainfall Warning.

A.3 Floods - In-person and online classes at all levels are automatically cancelled when the PAGASA issues a Flood Warning.

A.4 Earthquakes - In-person and online classes at all levels are automatically cancelled when the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) declares an earthquake with PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS) V or above.

- a) The Local Chief Executive shall decide on the cancellation or suspension of classes in cases where the PEIS is IV and below.
- b) School principals or School Heads shall decide at any Intensity Scale if, in their assessment, building and other structures are seen to be in danger of collapsing or are found to have significant damage.
- c) The School Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Team (SDRRMT) should clear the return of students and personnel in buildings and other structures.

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A.5 Power Outages/Power Interruptions/Brownouts - There will be no automatic suspension or cancellation of classes if schools experience power outages/power interruptions/brownouts. If power outages/interruptions/brownouts have caused an unfavorable educational setting, the school administration has the authority to cancel or suspend classes at their discretion.

B. For public and private universities and colleges, including graduate school.

B.1 Typhoon - When Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) No.3, 4 or 5 is raised by the PAGASA, all classes at the collegiate level, including graduate school, whether in-person or online synchronous, shall be suspended or cancelled. However, asynchronous classes shall be conducted at the discretion of the school's head.

B.2 Earthquakes - In-person and online classes at all levels are automatically cancelled when the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) declares an earthquake with PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS) V or above.

The Local Chief Executive shall decide on the cancellation or suspension of classes in cases where the PEIS is IV and below.

HEI heads or their duly authorized representatives shall decide at any intensity Scale if, in their assessment, buildings and other structures are seen to be in danger of collapsing or are found to have significant damage.

B.3 Power Outages/Power Interruptions/Brownouts. - There will be no automatic suspension or cancellation of classes if schools experience power outages/power interruptions/brownouts. If power outages/interruptions/brownouts have caused an unfavorable educational setting, the school administration has the authority to cancel or suspend classes at their discretion.

C. Declaration of Class Cancellation or Suspension by the Local Chief Executive. The Local Chief Executive shall decide on the cancellation or suspension of classes in the following cases:

- a) Where there are strong winds in the City of Muntinlupa but not issued a Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal
- b) Where there are torrential rains in the City of Muntinlupa but are not issued an alert by PAGASA.
- c) Where there is flooding in the City of Muntinlupa but not issued a Flood Warning by the PAGASA.

Cancellation and suspension shall be made upon the recommendation of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC), backed with scientific data from the local weather stations and other early warning systems.

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If the warning is issued after classes have started, the school must immediately suspend classes and send everyone home if it is safe to do so. However, schools are required to keep students safe if travelling has become unsafe.

SECTION 4. Adjustment to learning delivery due to suspensions or cancellations of classes. - In the event of cancelled or suspended classes, modular distance learning, asynchronous classes, performance tasks, projects, or make-up classes shall be implemented to ensure that learning competencies and objectives are still met.

Students affected by various disruptions and/or emergencies caused by natural or human-induced hazards will be given due consideration in their attendance and the completion of their learning tasks.

SECTION 5. Parent's/Guardian's Discretion - Parents/Guardians have the ultimate discretion in determining the safety of their children when faced with typhoons, floods and other calamities. They are responsible for whether their children should attend classes even if there is no order of class suspension or cancellation.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause - If any provision found herein shall be judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm, untouched provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause - All previous ordinances, issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby deemed modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, by the **10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa**, this **16th** day of **October 2023**, on its **67th Regular Session**.

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