



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 177 s. 2023

CONDUCT OF SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 MOVING-UP/GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND PREPARATION FOR CHECKING OF SCHOOL FORMS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
SGOD and CID Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
PSDSs/PICs
All Others Concerned

1. In line with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2023, An Order Updating the Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year Rites as an amendment to and reissuance of DepEd Order (DO) 2, s. 2020, entitled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year Rites, DepEd provides guidance to both public and private elementary and secondary schools nationwide in the annual conduct of EOSY rites.

2. Relative to this, it is hereby directed that diploma/*katibayan* shall be made in advance, and shall be checked by EPS Adopters for submission to this Office prior to the schedule EOSY Rites and Ceremonies. This Office highly expects the actual distribution of diploma/*katibayan* during the graduation ceremony.

3. The following schedule should be strictly followed, to wit:

Date	Activity	Responsible Person/Office
June 19-23, 2023	Submission of schedule of EOSY Rites	School Head/District Head
June 26-27, 2023	Checking of forms in the school level	School Checking Committee
June 28, 2023	Submission of master list and diploma in the division level	CID Office thru EPS Adopter
June 28-30, 2023	Checking of forms in the division level	Division Checking Committee



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4. In the annual conduct of full in-person EOSY rites, observance of physical distancing and wearing of face mask shall not be mandatory.

5. As stipulated in DO 34, s.2022, entitled School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023, the classes shall formally end on July 07, 2023. Each school has the discretion to elect the date for the holding of this year's rites not earlier than July 10 and not later than July 14, 2023. Private schools that started earlier and public and private schools with an extended school year due to unforeseen circumstances shall be guided by their approved revised school calendar.

6. For this School Year 2022-2023, the EOSY rites shall focus on the theme: Gradweyt ng K to 12: Hinubog ng Matatag na Edukasyon (K to 12 Graduates: Molded through a Resilient Educational Foundation), which emphasizes that graduation is not only a celebratory milestone but also a symbol of resilience, agency, and grit of Filipino learners honed by a solid basic education system that is responsive to the changing needs of time. Further, it highlights that every learner's achievement mirrors an education that succeeds amid all difficulties.

7. The DepEd reiterates the following policies:

- a. Discouraging excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venue for the conduct of Graduation and Moving Up Ceremonies;
- b. DO No. 66, s. 2017, entitled Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities;
- c. DO No. 31, s. 2019 entitled The Department of Education Service Marks and Visual Identity Manual (Enclosure 1, pages 44-46);
- d. DO No. 36, s. 2016, entitled Policy Guidelines on Awards and Recognition for the K to 12 Basic Education Program;
- e. DO No. 48, s. 2018, entitled Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity; and
- f. Prohibiting any DepEd personnel to collect any kind of contribution or graduation/moving up fee.

8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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