



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 553, s. 2024

**REITERATION OF DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 023, S. 2024, OR THE
CONDUCT OF K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM END-OR-SCHOOL-
YEAR RITES (EOSY) FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

To: All Schools Division Superintendents
All others concerned.

1. As the end of the school year is nearing, this Office has been bombarded with several complaints through the different channels such as the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline and Public Assistance Action Center (PAAC), regarding collection of contributions from learners and parents.

2. In this light, this Office hereby reiterates pertinent provisions of DepEd Memorandum No. 023, s. 2024 or the Conduct of K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year Rites for the School Year 2023-2024, to wit:

"4. The following provisions stipulated in D.O 003, s. 2023, Updating Implementing Guidelines on the Annual Conduct of the K-12 Basic Education Program End-of-School Year Rites, are hereby reiterated:

- a. *Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies shall be **simple but meaningful**. While these rites mark a milestone in the lives of the learners, graduation and moving up ceremonies shall be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venues.*
- b. *Non-academic projects articulated in DO 66, s. 2017, Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities such as attendance at field trips, film showings, the Junior-Senior Promenade, and other school events, shall not be imposed as graduation or completion requirements.*
- c. *For public schools, expenses relative to the activity shall be charged to the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), subject to existing guidelines. **No DepEd personnel shall be allowed to collect any kind of contribution or fee for the Graduation/Moving-Up Ceremony.***

5. *To ensure the safety and protection of learners, teachers, and attendees, schools are advised to hold their EOSY Rites in indoor venues with proper ventilation or covered courts to avoid exposure to the extreme heat of the sun. Schools shall avoid scheduling their EOSY Rites during the time of the day when temperatures are at their highest."*



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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **023**, s. 2024

**CONDUCT OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR
RITES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
ALS Community Learning Centers
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the conduct of the End-of-School-Year (EOSY) Rites for Kindergarten, Grade 6, Grade 10, and Grade 12 and Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners who satisfactorily meet the curriculum requirements at the end of SY 2023-2024.
2. The theme of the SY 2023-2024 EOSY rites shall be ***Kabataang Pilipino Para sa Matatag na Kinabukasan ng Bagong Pilipinas***. This theme highlights the pivotal role of education in shaping Filipino youth as the vanguards in building a stronger and progressive nation.
3. With reference to DepEd Order (DO) No. 003, s. 2024, Amendments to DepEd Order (DO) No. 022, s. 2023 (Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2023-2024), the EOSY rites shall be any of the dates from **May 29 to 31, 2024**.
4. The following provisions stipulated in DO 009, s. 2023, Updated Implementing Guidelines on the Annual Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School Year Rites, are hereby reiterated:
 - a. Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies shall be simple but meaningful. While these rites mark a milestone in the lives of the learners, graduation and moving-up ceremonies shall be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venues.
 - b. Non-academic projects articulated in DO 66, s. 2017, Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities, such as attendance at field trips, film showings, the Junior-Senior Promenade, and other school events, shall not be imposed as graduation or completion requirements.
 - c. For public schools, expenses relative to the activity shall be charged to the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), subject to existing guidelines. **No DepEd personnel shall be allowed to collect any kind of contribution or fee for the Graduation/Moving-Up Ceremony.**

5. To ensure the safety and protection of learners, teachers, and attendees, schools are advised to hold their EOSY Rites in indoor venues with proper ventilation or covered courts to avoid exposure to the extreme heat of the sun. Schools shall avoid scheduling their EOSY Rites during the time of the day when temperatures are at their highest.

6. For further inquiries or clarification, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Delivery**, 4th Floor, Bonifacio Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at bld.od@deped.gov.ph or at telephone numbers (02) 8637-4346 and (02) 8537-4347.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:




GINA O. GONONG
Undersecretary

References:

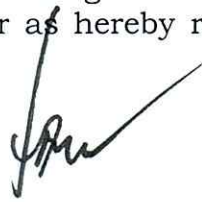
DepEd Order (Nos. 003, s. 2024; 022, s. 2023; 009, s. 2023 and 66, s. 2017)
DepEd Memorandum No. 043, s. 2022

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM
BASIC EDUCATION
GRADUATION
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION
LEARNERS
SCHOOLS
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

3. Please take note that any personnel (teaching or non-teaching) who violates the provisions of the said DepEd Order as hereby reiterated may be subjected to administrative liabilities.

4. For information and compliance.



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Reference:

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subject:

K to 12 Basic Education Program
School Calendar

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