



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 611, s. 2024

**REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 049, S. 2022, OR THE
AMENDMENTS TO DEPED ORDER NO. 047, S. 2022 (PROMOTION OF
PROFESSIONALISM IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DELIVERY OF BASIC
EDUCATION)**

To: All Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs of the Functional Divisions
Sections/Unit Head
All others concerned.

1. It has been observed that some of the queries, concerns, and complaints lodged before this Office emanate from the non-observance and violation of the above-stated DepEd Order.
2. In this regard, it is significant to reiterate the compliance to the provisions of this DepEd Order, *viz*:

“Item number 1-4 of DO 047 s. 2022 on the Promotion of Professionalism in the Implementation and Delivery of Basic Education Programs and Services, are amended and shall be read as follows:

1. It is the policy of DepEd to Promote effective and efficient policies and programs. To realize this, DepEd should be free from any partisan activities. As such, this Office reminds the officials and employees to practice the highest form of professionalism and to observe the following:
 - a. Refrain from seeking endorsements, recommendations, contributions, support, consideration, political accommodations or any form of intervention from other government personnel or similar entities outside of DepEd;
 - b. Desist from soliciting favorable actions from politicians to facilitate the implementation of programs, projects, or activities, except those covered by the Adopt-a-School Program, initiated by the local government units, funded by the Special Education Fund (SEF), or covered by the partnership agreements and /or allowed by law.

- c. Refrain from requesting or obtaining support or endorsement from any third party in the hiring, transfer, promotion, removal, or any other personnel movement;
- d. Follow the internal rules and regulations of the Department on protocols relative to communication, correspondence, and other appropriate work processes; and
- e. Raise issues and concerns regarding basic education via formal and appropriate DepEd channels, either directly to the Office of the Secretary or through the concerned Assistant Secretary or Undersecretary, without resorting to any political or third-party intervention or accommodation.

Failure to comply with any of the abovementioned acts shall mean outright denial of any request or appeal for consideration in the Office of the Secretary.

2. In defining acceptable norms of conduct and relationship in DepEd, officials and employees are reminded of the provisions of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, in line with this, DepEd officials and employees are expected to observe the following:

- a. Treat and approach DepEd colleagues, employees, Learners, and stakeholders with the highest degree of professionalism, skill, and excellence;

- b. Respect the rights of other and refrain from doing any act that is contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety, and public interest;

- c. Serve and perform one's duties and responsibilities in a prompt, courteous, and fair manner;

- d. Refrain from engaging in any activity or any relationship that may impair one's ability in making objective decisions in the performance of his/her job functions;

- e. Avoid relationships, interaction, communication, including following social media with learners outside of school setting, except if they are relatives;

- f. Desist from any act that may compromise one's integrity as a government employee and that may compromise the honor of DepEd.

3. Employees and officials must consider the legal restrictions imposed by existing statutes, rules, and DepEd Orders in the use of social media. Whether it be for personal use of the DepEd official or employee, or as essential or an incidental tool in carrying out their mandate, social media rules should be complied with. As such, employees and officials of the DepEd shall:

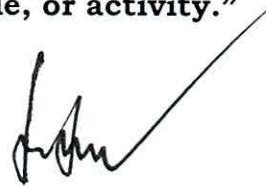
a. Shall exercise caution when sharing posts or other contents and should not participate in the spreading of rumors and false information;

b. Shall not unduly post online attacks against fellow DepEd employees and must utilize legal and human resource mediation procedures; and

c. Shall not disparage DepEd and must always be mindful of the reputation and honor of the organization.

4. The use of DepEd email addresses shall only be for work-related subscription and applications. In no case shall the DepEd email address be used for any personal social media account, profile, or activity.”

3. For information and strict compliance.



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

Amendment	Officials
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