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Department of Education
REGION IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAPITAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**REITERATION OF DEPED POLICIES ON THE CONDUCT OF SIMPLE
END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR RITES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor (CID and SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors/PICDs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
This Division

1. In line with the Department of Education's mandate to uphold equitable and meaningful academic experiences, this Office reiterates the latest guidelines on the conduct of End-of-School-Year (EOSY) rites as prescribed under *DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2023, "Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year Rites,"* and *DepEd Memorandum No. 027, s. 2025* (and related policy issuances). These policies aim to ensure that graduation, moving-up, and related school year-end activities are simple, solemn, inclusive, and non-exploitative, consistent with the Department's austerity principles.
2. All public schools under the jurisdiction of the Division of Dapitan City shall adhere to the following guidelines in the planning and conduct of the End-of-School-Year Rites (e.g., moving-up, graduation, recognition ceremonies) for School Year 2025-2026:
 - 2.1. **Simplicity and Meaningfulness.**
Graduation and moving-up ceremonies shall be conducted in a manner that is simple, dignified, and meaningful. Schools must avoid excessive spending, extravagant attire, and extraordinary venues that may place undue financial burden on learners and families.
 - 2.2. **No Mandatory Non-Academic Requirements.**
Participation in non-academic activities such as field trips, film showings, Junior-Senior Proms, or similar events shall not be imposed as requirements for completion or graduation.
 - 2.3. **No Collection of Fees or Contributions.**



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For public schools, all expenses related to EOSY activities shall be charged to the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) in accordance with existing guidelines. No DepEd personnel shall collect any fee or mandatory contribution from learners, parents, or guardians for these rites.

2.4. Standardized Certificates and Diplomas.

The format and content of certificates of completion and diplomas must conform to the specifications provided in DepEd Order No. 031, s. 2019 – Department of Education Service Marks and Visual Identity Manual.

2.5. Prohibition on Political Activities.

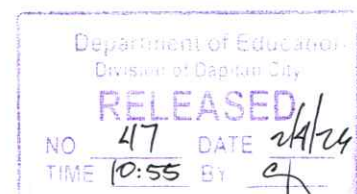
The conduct of EOSY rites shall be strictly non-political and free from electioneering or partisan activities by DepEd officials, personnel, learners, guests, or stakeholders.

2.6. Safety and Welfare of Participants.

To ensure the health and safety of learners, teachers, parents, and attendees, schools are encouraged to hold ceremonies in covered or well-ventilated venues and schedule them at times of the day that minimize exposure to heat or adverse weather.

3. School Heads shall ensure strict compliance with the DepEd guidelines and this Memorandum in the planning, preparation, and conduct of EOSY rites in their respective schools.
4. Education Program Supervisors and Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-Charge of Districts are tasked to monitor, supervise, and assist in the implementation of the policies and to provide feedback to the Schools Division Office as necessary.
5. For immediate and widest dissemination.

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