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Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 0094 s. 2026

To: Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Division
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject: **IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR (EOSY) RITES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026**

Date: March 5, 2026

1. In line with DepEd Memorandum No. 015, s. 2026 titled Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year Rites for the School Year 2025–2026, the Schools Division of Davao del Norte hereby issues this memorandum to emphasize critical provisions under Paragraph 4 of the said national issuance and to provide proposed program flow templates for graduation and moving-up ceremonies scheduled on March 30–31, 2026.

2. These guidelines aim to ensure uniformity, compliance, and meaningful conduct of EOSY rites across all schools in the division, while upholding DepEd's standards on simplicity, accountability, and learner welfare.

3. **EMPHASIS ON PARAGRAPH 4 OF DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 015, S. 2026**

The following provisions are strictly mandated for all implementing schools:

a. **Simplicity and Meaningfulness of Ceremonies:** Graduation and moving-up ceremonies must be conducted in a simple yet meaningful manner. Excessive spending, extravagant attire, and extraordinary venues are prohibited. Schools shall prioritize the celebratory and formative purpose of the rites over elaborate preparations.

b. **No Non-Academic Requirement:** Consistent with DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017, non-academic activities such as field trips, film showings, junior-senior promenades, or other school events shall not be imposed as requirements for graduation or completion.

c. **Strict Compliance with No Collection Policy:** All expenses for EOSY rites in public schools shall be charged to the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), subject to existing accounting and budgeting guidelines. No individual or entity shall collect any form of contribution or fee from learners and teachers for graduation or moving-up ceremonies, in adherence to DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008.

d. **Standardized Certificates and Diplomas:** The format of completion certificates and diplomas must strictly follow the specifications in Enclosure No. 1 (pages 44–46) of DepEd Order No. 031, s. 2019 titled The Department of Education Service Marks and Visual Identity Manual. Schools shall coordinate with the Division Records Section for verification of document formats prior to production.



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4. PROPOSED PROGRAM FLOW TEMPLATES

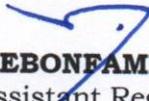
Attached to this memorandum as Enclosure No. 1 are the proposed program flow templates for: Graduation Ceremonies (for Grade 6, and Grade 12 learners) and Moving-Up Ceremonies (for Kindergarten and Grade 10 learners)

5. Schools may adapt these templates to suit their context, provided core components (e.g., invocation, recognition of learners, message from school head, distribution of diploma/certificates) are retained and the total duration does not exceed 2 hours to avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure learner comfort.

6. In line with Paragraph 7 of the national memorandum, ceremonies shall be held in indoor venues or covered courts with proper ventilation, and scheduled outside peak heat hours (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM).

7. Schools shall submit their finalized EOSY rites program flow and venue confirmation to their respective District Supervisor on or before March 25, 2026, for review and approval. A post-activity report, including photos and attendance data, shall be submitted to the Division Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) not later than April 5, 2026.

8. For immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is desired.


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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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**CONDUCT OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM
END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR RITES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
ALS Community Learning Centers
Attached Agencies
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 learners in public schools, as well as Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners who satisfactorily meet the curriculum requirements at the end of the school year (SY) 2025-2026.
2. Pursuant to DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities, the SY 2025-2026 shall end on **March 31, 2026**. Thus, the EOSY Rites shall be conducted on either **March 30 or 31, 2026**.
3. The theme of the SY 2025-2026 EOSY Rites shall be **Filipino Graduates: Prepared to Lead with Competence and Character** (*Pilipinong Nagsipagtapos: Handang Mamuno nang May Kakayahan at Mabuting Pagkatao*).

This theme highlights the Department's commitment to holistic education that goes beyond academic achievement, ensuring that learners are equipped with the essential knowledge, values, and skills needed to navigate higher education, employment, entrepreneurship, and middle-level skills development. It affirms DepEd's dedication to nation-building by shaping graduates who are not only academically prepared but also committed to serving the Filipino people. It underscores that, alongside competence, Filipino graduates are nurtured to become morally upright, compassionate, and service-oriented individuals who can lead with integrity and contribute positively to their communities and the nation.

4. The following provisions stipulated in DO 009, s. 2023, titled An Order Updating the Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program EOSY Rites, are reiterated:

- a. Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies shall be simple yet meaningful. While these rites mark a milestone in learners' lives, they shall be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venues.
 - b. Non-academic projects articulated in DO 66, s. 2017, titled Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities, such as attendance at field trips, film showings, 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 individual shall be allowed to collect any kind of contribution or fee from learners and teachers for the graduation or moving-up ceremonies**, in accordance with the provisions of DO 19, s. 2008, titled Implementation of the No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools.
 - d. The format of the certificate of completion and diploma shall be in accordance with Enclosure No. 1, pages 44-46, of DO 031, s. 2019, titled The Department of Education Service Marks and Visual Identity Manual.
5. The following provisions stipulated in DO 012, s. 2025, are likewise reiterated:
- a. The School Awards Committee shall deliberate on awards and recognitions at least five calendar days before the EOSY Rites to determine the learners eligible for recognition and awards.
 - b. Public schools are strictly prohibited from requiring learners to accomplish EOSY financial clearances, in compliance with DO 19, s. 2008.
 - c. The last class day of the SY shall be clearly indicated on all relevant school forms requiring such entry. This includes, but is not limited to, academic reports and other official school documents. Additionally, this date shall be communicated to learners, parents or legal guardians, and school personnel in a timely manner to ensure clarity and seamless coordination.
6. All learners, including transferees, who have met the standards, criteria, and guidelines set forth in DO 36, s. 2016, titled Policy Guidelines on Awards and Recognition for the K to 12 Basic Education Program, shall be recognized.
7. To ensure the safety and protection of learners, teachers, and attendees, schools are advised to conduct their EOSY Rites in indoor venues with proper ventilation or in covered courts to avoid exposure to extreme heat. Schools shall avoid scheduling their EOSY Rites during the hottest hours of the day, when temperatures are at their peak.
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8. 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 or 8537-4347.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

References:

DepEd Order (No. 012, s. 2025; 031, s. 2019; 66, s. 2017; 36, s. 2016; 19, s. 2008)

DepEd Memorandum No. 027, s. 2025

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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

ASUNCION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RITES
SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Date: March 30, 2026 Venue: Asuncion Gymnasium

Theme: **"Filipino Graduates: Prepared to Lead with Competence and Character**

(Pilipinong Nagsipagtapos: Handang Mamuno nang May Kakayahan at Mabuting Pagkatao)

1. PROCESSIONAL

- Entrance of Colors, Faculty, Administration, and Graduating Class
- Music: "Pomp and Circumstance" or School March

2. OPENING RITES

- Philippine National Anthem – All Present
- Invocation – Led by a Selected Student
- School Hymn – (If no school hymn, Municipal Hymn)

3. WELCOME REMARKS

- learner with high honors

4. PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

- Principal or Academic Head

5. CONFIRMATION OF GRADUATES

- Rebonfamil R. Baguio, Assistance Regional Director or Authorized Representative

6. DISTRIBUTION OF DIPLOMAS & AWARDING OF HONORS

- Reading of Names: Class Advisers
- Distribution: School Officials & Guests of Honor
- Honors include: With Highest Honors, With High Honors, With Honors, and Special Awards (e.g., Leadership, Sports, Arts)

7. GUEST SPEAKER'S MESSAGE

- Introduction by the select graduate
- Message by Invited Guest Speaker

8. WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- select graduate with honors

9. GRADUATION PLEDGE

- select senior high school learner

10. GRADUATION SONG

- Performed by the Graduating Class

12. RECESSIONAL-- Guests, School Officials, Graduates and Parents

- Music: Upbeat School or Inspirational Song