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Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**GUIDELINES ON CONDUCTING SEARCHES AND PAGEANTS DURING
CONDUCT OF YES-O ACTIVITIES**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor, CID
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
All Public Primary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) emphasizes the creation of a safe, secure, and orderly environment for learners. The Searches and Pageants conducted during Youth for Environment in Schools Organization (YES-O) activities aim to recognize outstanding learners while promoting environmental awareness, leadership, and responsible citizenship.
2. To prevent exposure to risks such as limited supervision, unsafe travel, fatigue, and accidents, all activities must be conducted strictly during daytime hours, concluding **no later than 5:00 PM**. Furthermore, measures must be implemented to prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the activity venue and to avoid overcrowding or chaotic situations.
3. All schools participating in YES-O activities are reminded that:
 - Any Search or Pageant conducted as part of YES-O activities must be held within daytime hours and must conclude by 5:00 PM.
 - Outsiders are strictly prohibited from entering or participating in the activity unless officially authorized.
 - Activities must be conducted in an orderly and controlled manner, preventing overcrowding or chaotic situations.
4. This Memorandum is issued in accordance with the following:
 - DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 – Child Protection Policy, mandating learner safety and protection from unsafe conditions and unauthorized access.
 - DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017 – Guidelines on co-curricular and extra-curricular activities emphasizing supervision, orderliness, and safety.
 - DepEd Order No. 21, s. 2019 – Promotes safe, supportive, and orderly learning environments.
 - Republic Act No. 7610 – Special protection of children against abuse, exploitation, and hazards.



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5. *School Heads* and *YES-O Coordinators* are directed to:
 - a. Schedule all YES-O Searches and Pageants within daytime hours, concluding by 5:00 PM;
 - b. Ensure adequate supervision and protection for all learners throughout the activities;
 - c. Obtain parental consent for all participating learners;
 - d. Prohibit the entry of outsiders unless officially authorized;
 - e. Implement crowd control measures to avoid overcrowding or chaotic situations;
 - f. Coordinate with barangay officials or local authorities, if off-campus venues are used; and
 - g. Submit activity design to SGOD – Youth Formation Section for monitoring and guidance.
6. The SGOD – Youth Formation Section shall monitor compliance with this Memorandum. Any violation, including entry of unauthorized persons or disorderly conduct, shall be addressed according to existing DepEd rules and regulations.
7. This Memorandum shall take effect immediately.
8. In adherence to all policies, everyone is encouraged to continuously support and value equality and diversity (Equal Opportunity Principle) within the Department.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

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