



Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
DIVISION OF AKLAN
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**REITERATING THE POLICIES ON GRADUATION RITES AND OTHER END OF SCHOOL
YEAR ACTIVITIES, SY 2017-2018**

To: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals/Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Heads of Public and Private Elementary, Secondary and Integrated
Schools
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the austerity program of the government, the holding of graduation, closing, moving up, culminating, and other similar activities should adhere to DepED policies, to wit:
 - a. Graduation in Public Schools:
 - i. Expenses relative to graduation should be charged to the school MOOE;
 - ii. **Any DepED personnel should not be allowed to collect any graduation/moving up/closing ceremony fees or any kind of contribution;**
 - iii. Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) may give donations in cash or in kind; and
 - iv. Contributions for the annual yearbook, if any, should be on voluntary basis.
 - b. Graduation/Moving Up/Closing ceremonies in public and private schools:
 - i. Graduation rites should be simple but meaningful. These should be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venue.
 - ii. The end of school year rites and moving up or closing ceremony should be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the learners and their parents and shall not be used as a political forum.
 - c. Moving Up or Closing Ceremonies should be simple involving only the learners, their parents and the school;
 - d. Non-academic projects such as attendance to field trips, film showing, junior-senior promenade, and other school events should not be imposed as requirements for graduation or completion;

"May katawhayan ag kalipayan sa among mga escuelahan"

- e. Culminating Activity as a subject in Senior High School should adhere only to the competencies in the Curriculum Guide. Hence, it should not entail excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venue; and
 - f. **The holding of JS Prom, Culminating Activity and other similar activities in the Junior High School is highly discouraged.**
2. Public Schools District Supervisors and Principals/Head Teacher In-Charge of the District are directed to ensure compliance with this memorandum by both public and private schools.
 3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is highly enjoined.



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In-Charge of the Division

Enclosure: None

Reference: DepED Order No. 8, s. 2017
Div. Memo No. 20, s. 2014

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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