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Department of Education

REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. <u>408</u>, s. 2024

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers
All Others Concerned

- 1. This is to reiterate **DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024** on the Implementation of DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008 of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary Schools and Secondary Schools.
- 2. This Memorandum provides the necessary implementation guidelines to ensure that concerned offices adhere to the standards provided in the DepEd Memorandum.
- 3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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DepEd MEMORANDUM 041 , s. 2024

REITERATION OF THE "NO COLLECTION POLICY" IN SCHOOLS

To: Undersecretaries Assistant Secretaries Bureau and Service Directors Regional Directors Schools Division Superintendents Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned

- Following Republic Act No. (RA) 4206, also known as "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities," as amended by RA 5546, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued DepEd Order (DO) No. 19, s. 2008, titled "Implementation of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools," prohibiting the collection of fees from learners during the enrolment period and at any time during the school year.
- Pursuant to Section 1, RA 4206, as amended by RA 5546, it is hereby reiterated that "the sale of tickets and/or the collection of contributions in any form whatsoever, by any person for any project or purpose, whether voluntary or otherwise, from school children, students and teachers of public and private schools, colleges and universities is hereby prohibited: Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not cover membership fees of school children and students the Red Cross, the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and the Boy Scouts of the Philippines: Provided, finally, that this Prohibition shall not cover the contributions of parents and other donors for the support of barrio high schools."
- Section 2, RA 4206, as amended, provides that non-compliance with the aforementioned prohibition shall be penalized with a fine or imprisonment for not more than one month, or both, in the discretion of the court.
- All DepEd personnel are advised of DO No. 49, s. 2022, titled Amendments to DepEd Order No. 047, s. 2022 (Promotion of Professionalism in the Implementation and Delivery of Basic Education and Programs and Services). This directive serves as reminder to DepEd personnel to refrain from unwarranted solicitations and collection of contributions.
- 5. This Order hereby underscores the policy that sales of tickets and/or all forms of contributions, voluntary or otherwise, are prohibited except for the instances provided under RA 4206, as amended.

- 6. All previous issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- 7. All Regional and Schools Division Offices are instructed to establish their respective monitoring mechanisms and ensure the continuing compliance of schools with aforementioned Department issuances.
- 8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.





SONNY ANGARA Secretary

References:

DepEd Orders (No. 019, s. 2008, No. 41, s. 2012, No. 49, s. 2022)

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Tanggapan ng Kalihim

Office of the Secretary

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DepED ORDER No. 19 s. 2008

IMPLEMENTATION OF NO COLLECTION POLICY IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To : Undersecretaries

Assistant Secretaries

Bureau/Service/Center Directors

Regional Directors

Schools Division Superintendents

Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

All Others Concerned

Pursuant to the Constitutional mandate for the provision of free public education at the elementary and secondary levels and to meet the country's targets in the Education For All (EFA) Plan 2015 and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with respect to primary school participation there is an urgent need to remove obstacles to the enrolment of school-age children. These obstacles include the out-of-pocket costs which families have to bear in the course of sending their children to school.

Accordingly, the following policies on collection of fees in public schools shall be strictly observed:

- No fees shall be collected from schoolchildren enrolling in pre-school up to Grade IV, during the enrolment period and at any time during the schoolyear. This prohibition shall cover, among others, the authorized but voluntary contributions such as BSP, GSP, Red Cross, Anti-TB Fund and PTCA.
- 2. For grade and year levels beyond Grade 4, no collection of any type should be undertaken during the enrolment period and the first month of classes. Starting on the second month, contributions for the following may be collected, but only on a voluntary basis:
 - Boy/Girl Scouts membership
 - 2. Red Cross Membership
 - Anti-TB Fund Drive
 - 4. PTCA
 - 5. School Publication
 - 6. Membership in student organizations

- 3. PTCAs may start their collection only after presenting to their members and to the school administration a report on the utilization of the previous schoolyear's collections. The amount of contributions to the PTCA shall be agreed upon in a general assembly of the PTCA.
- The school publication fee shall be set at the school level but shall not be more than P60.00 per elementary school pupil and P90.00 per secondary school student. The publication of a school newspaper, while not mandatory, is strongly encouraged, particularly at the secondary level in line with the campus journalism program.
- 5. The membership fees for student organizations shall be set by the organization subject to existing school policies on student organizations.

Pupils/students who are promoted to the next grade or year level are considered automatically enrolled for the coming schoolyear in the same school. Only pupils entering first grade, students entering first year high school, and transferees from another public school or a private school need to enroll during the enrolment period. Returning pupils/students shall report to school only for sectioning purposes or any other pre-opening preparations as determined by the school administrators.

Schools Division Superintendents are directed to release MOOE funds to schools without fiscal autonomy in the form of cash advance to ensure that operating funds are available at the start of the schoolyear.

Regional and division offices are advised to undertake monitoring activities during the enrolment period and the first month of classes to ensure that the provisions of this Order are strictly complied with. Any violation should be subject to administrative action.

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

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Secretary