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Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 122, s. 2026

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CONDUCT OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR (EOSY) RITES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025–2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
ALS Community Learning Centers
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 015, s. 2026, this Office 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 have satisfactorily met the curriculum requirements for School Year (SY) 2025–2026.

2. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities, SY 2025–2026 shall end on March 31, 2026. Hence, schools shall conduct the EOSY Rites on either March 30 or March 31, 2026.

3. The theme for the SY 2025–2026 EOSY Rites is: "Filipino Graduates: Prepared to Lead with Competence and Character (Pilipinong Nagsipagtapos: Handang Mamuno nang May Kakayahan at Mabuting Pagkatao)."

This theme emphasizes the Department's commitment to holistic education, ensuring that learners are equipped with the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for higher education, employment, entrepreneurship, and middle-level skills development, while nurturing graduates who are morally upright, compassionate, and service-oriented leaders.

4. Schools are reminded that Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies shall be simple yet meaningful, as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2023. These ceremonies shall be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venues.

5. Schools are likewise reminded that non-academic projects or activities such as field trips, film showings, Junior-Senior Promenade, and similar events shall not be imposed as graduation or completion requirements, pursuant to DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017.

6. For public schools, expenses related to the conduct of the EOSY Rites shall be charged against the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. In accordance with DepEd Order No.



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19, s. 2008, no collection of any kind shall be made from learners or teachers for the graduation or moving-up ceremonies.

7. The format of the Certificate of Completion and Diploma shall follow the specifications provided 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.

8. Schools shall also ensure the following provisions stipulated in DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025:

a. The School Awards Committee shall deliberate on the awards and recognitions at least five (5) calendar days before the EOSY Rites to determine eligible learners.

b. Public schools are strictly prohibited from requiring learners to accomplish EOSY financial clearances.

c. The last class day of the school year shall be clearly indicated in all relevant school forms and communicated to learners, parents or legal guardians, and school personnel.

9. All learners, including transferees, who have met the standards and criteria set forth in DepEd Order No. 36, s. 2016 titled Policy Guidelines on Awards and Recognition for the K to 12 Basic Education Program, shall be duly recognized.

10. To ensure the safety and well-being of learners, teachers, and attendees, schools are advised to conduct the EOSY Rites in indoor venues with proper ventilation or in covered courts and to avoid scheduling ceremonies during the hottest hours of the day.

11. A sample program flow for the conduct of the End-of-School-Year (EOSY) Rites is attached for reference and guidance of all schools.

12. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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References: As stated
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Sample Program Flow

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES PROGRAM

1. **Processional**
 - Entrance of Graduates
 - Entrance of Faculty and Guests
2. **Philippine National Anthem**
3. **Opening Prayer**
4. **Welcome Address**
 - School Head / Principal
5. **Presentation of Candidates for Graduation**
 - Class Adviser / Registrar
6. **Confirmation of Graduates**
 - Schools Division Superintendent / School Head
7. **Distribution of Diplomas**
8. **Awarding of Academic Honors and Special Awards**
9. **Introduction of the Commencement Speaker**
10. **Commencement Address**
 - Guest Speaker
11. **Response of the Graduates / Valedictory Address**
12. **Pledge of Loyalty / Graduate's Pledge**
13. **Graduation Song**
14. **Closing Remarks**
15. **Recessional**



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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
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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)

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