



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF OZAMIZ CITY

March 21, 2025


DIVISIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 119, s. 2025

**PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN
POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING THE END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR RITES**

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Division Office Personnel
This Division

1. Attached is the **Regional Memorandum No. 186, s. 2025**, dated March 7, 2025, reiterating the Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations through Asec. Malcom S. Garma.
2. All concerned personnel of this agency are reminded to adhere to DepEd Orders, Policies and Guidelines relative to the strict prohibition on electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during End-of-School Year Rites (EOSY rites).
3. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum is highly desired.


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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**PROHIBITION OF ELECTIONEERING PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
 DURING THE END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR RITES**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned

1. Regarding the upcoming National and Local Elections on May 12, this Office reiterates the policy that electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during the end-of-school year rights ("EOSY rites"), such as moving-up or graduating rites, are strictly prohibited, and such events shall not be used as a political forum.

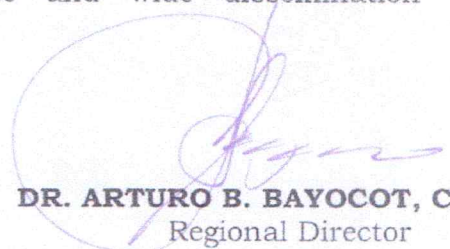
2. The strict prohibition on electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during EOSY rights aligns with DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2018 titled "Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity." DepEd also released DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2023, which articulates that

"Moving up or graduating rites shall be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the graduating students and their family and shall not be used as a political forum, in strict compliance with D.O. 48, s. 2018 entitled Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity."

3. Hence, this Office reminds all concerned personnel to continue adhering to the guidelines set forth in DO 48, s. 2018 and Section IV. 5(e) of DO No. 9, series of 2023.

4. Violations of the prohibited acts committed by DepEd officials or personnel as stated in DO 48, s. 2018 will be dealt with in accordance with DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2006 or the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases, the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and the Omnibus Election Code.

5. This Office directs the immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.



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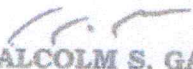
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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

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FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :  MALCOLM S. GARMA
Assistant Secretary *Office-In-Charge*,
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONEERING AND
PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING END-OF-SCHOOL-
YEAR RITES

DATE : February 27, 2025

In light of the upcoming National and Local Elections on May 12, 2025, this Office seeks to reiterate the policy that **electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during end-of-school-year rights ("EOSY rites")**, such as **moving up or graduating rites are strictly prohibited, and such events shall not be used as a political forum.**

The strict prohibition on electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during EOSY rights aligns with Department of Education Order No. 48, series of 2018 entitled "*Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity*", which is attached in this Memorandum for ease of reference.

Relatedly, DepEd also released DepEd Order No. 9, series of 2023 which provides

Moving up or graduating rites shall be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the graduating students and their family and shall not be used as a political forum, in strict compliance with DO No. 48, s. 2018 entitled Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity.

In this regard, this Office reminds all concerned personnel to continue adhering to the guidelines set forth in DO No. 48, Series of 2018 and Section IV.5(e) of DO No. 9, Series of 2023.

The school heads shall ensure that EOSY rights are celebrated through a solemn ceremony, principally aimed at recognizing the hard work, growth, and academic achievements of our graduates/completers, while also commemorating the

collective efforts of the entire school community in fulfilling the mandate of providing quality basic education to Filipino learners.

Complaints that may arise in relation to allegations of electioneering and partisan political activity during EOSY rites shall be promptly resolved at appropriate governance level.

Violations of the prohibited acts committed by DepEd officials or personnel as stated in DO No. 48, Series of 2018 will be dealt with in accordance with DepEd Order No. 49, series of 2006 or the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases), the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and the Omnibus Election Code.

Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.