



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BOHOL

Office of the Schools
Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **201**, s. 2025

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

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
PSDS/APSDS
Principals/School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the **Regional Memorandum No. 0222, s. 2025**, dated March 4, 2025, reiterating the Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations through Asec. Malcolm 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 EOSY Rites.
3. For more information, please refer to the attached Memorandum from the Central Office.
4. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum is highly desired.


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is Memorandum from Asec. Malcom S. Garma entitled, "Prohibition on the Conduct of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity During End-of-School-Year Rites".
2. All concerned personnel are reminded to adhere to the Deped Policies and Guidelines with regard to the upcoming National and Local Elections on May 12, 2025.
2. For more details, refer to the attached Memorandum from the Central Office.
3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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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.