



Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education

REGION IV- A CALABARZON

CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 500 s. 2026

REITERATION OF THE STRICT PROHIBITION ON ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS, WEAPONS, SMOKING, VAPING, AND GAMBLING IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the pertinent **Republic Acts, Presidential Decree**, and relevant **DepEd and Civil Service Commission (CSC) issuances**, this Office reiterates the strict prohibition of alcohol, dangerous drugs, firearms, explosives, smoking, vaping, and all forms of gambling within the premises of all public schools.

2. All school officials, teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, parents, visitors, and other stakeholders are reminded to strictly observe the following prohibitions:

- a. **Dangerous Drugs** – Pursuant to **Republic Act No. 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002)**, the possession, use, sale, and distribution of dangerous drugs are strictly prohibited. The law also promotes drug-free the workplace/schools and mandates educational programs and information drives on the hazards and prevention of illegal use of any dangerous drugs.
- b. **Firearms** – Under **Republic Act No. 10591 (Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act)**, the unauthorized possession and carrying of firearms in schools are prohibited.
- c. **Explosives and Incendiary Devices** – In accordance with **Republic Act No. 9516**, the possession of explosives, bombs, incendiary devices, and other similar dangerous weapons within school premises is prohibited.
- d. **Smoking and Vaping** – Consistent with **Republic Act No. 9211 (Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003)** and **Republic Act No. 11900 (Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act)**, smoking and the use of vaporized nicotine and non-nicotine products (vapes) are prohibited within school premises to maintain a safe, healthy, and smoke-free learning environment.

- e. **Gambling** – Pursuant to **Presidential Decree No. 1602 (Anti-Illegal Gambling Law)** and in support of DepEd's Child Protection policies, all forms of gambling are strictly prohibited within school premises as they disrupt the educational environment and compromise the welfare of learners.
3. Pursuant to **CSC Resolution No. 1100039**, all government officials and employees are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the workplace during office hours and reporting for work under the influence of alcohol are strictly prohibited and constitute the administrative offense of **Habitual Drunkenness**. Limited exceptions are allowed only during authorized official programs or rituals (e.g., ceremonial toasts and observance of local customs), subject to prior approval from the Head of Office, provided that only malt beverages or wine are consumed and no intoxication results. Violations shall constitute **Simple Misconduct**, punishable by **suspension of one (1) month and one (1) day to six (6) months** for the **first offense**, and **dismissal from the service** for the **second offense** (DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2006).
4. In accordance with the **DepEd Facilities Manual**, all school facilities shall be used in compliance with DepEd policies and existing laws. The use of school premises, including during community and government activities, shall not allow gambling; the possession, sale, distribution, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances; the possession, consumption, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages; the possession or use of firearms, explosives, bladed or other deadly weapons (except by authorized law enforcement personnel performing official duties); smoking, vaping, or the use of tobacco products; and any activity that endangers the safety, health, welfare, or moral development of learners and school personnel.
5. School Heads are directed to ensure the strict implementation of these prohibitions through continuous information dissemination, monitoring, and proper reporting.
6. Immediate and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

For:

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By:

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Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: None

References: Republic Act No. 9165
Republic Act No. 10591
Republic Act No. 9516
Republic Act No. 9211
Republic Act No. 11900
Presidential Decree No. 1602
CSC Resolution No. 1100039
DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2006
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