



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

06 August 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 532 s. 2024

REITERATION OF THE "NO COLLECTION POLICY" IN SCHOOLS

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

1. Following **Republic Act (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, this Office reiterates to the field the implementation of "No collection Policy in schools".
2. Pursuant to Section 1, RA 4206, as amended by RA 5546, it is hereby stated 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 be 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 directives serves as reminder to DepEd personnel to **refrain from unwarranted solicitations and collection of contributions**.
5. Please refer to the attached DepEd Memorandum for reference and guidance.

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


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Republic Act (RA) 4206 and DO No. 19, s. 2008

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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:

1. 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:
 1. Boy/Girl Scouts membership
 2. Red Cross Membership
 3. Anti-TB Fund Drive
 4. PTCA
 5. School Publication
 6. Membership in student organizations

3. PTCA's 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.
4. 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.


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

