



Department of Education
Region X
DIVISION OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL
Cagayan de Oro City



DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 60, s. 2014

TO: Public School District Supervisors
Elementary/ Secondary School Heads

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Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF GRADUATION RITES SY 2013-2014**

DATE: February 26, 2014

1. This Office announces the schedule of Graduation Rites for both Elementary and Secondary Schools from March 25-28, 2014 . Schedule shall be posted on the website on March 5, 2014.
2. This office also reiterates DepED graduation rites policy as contained in DepED Order No. 9, s, 2012, to wit:
 - a. Public school heads , teachers and other DepED personnel should not be allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution for the graduation rites;
 - b. PTAs may give donations in cash or in kind for the graduation ceremonies and celebrations;
 - c. No non-academic projects should be imposed as requirements for graduation;
 - d. No extravagant special attire or extraordinary venue for the ceremonies should be required;
 - e. Graduation rites should not be exercised in splurging and display of pomp and pageantry but should be Spartan affairs which exhorts civic duties, sense of community and personal responsibilities and should be memorable, exciting and animated without baggage of extra cost and excessive spending; and
 - f. Contributions for the annual yearbook, if any, should be on voluntary basis.

3. Furthermore, DepED Order No. 15, s. 2013 clarifies Paragraph 2b of the said order to mean that “ **Notwithstanding any PTA resolution authorizing the collection of donations of voluntary contributions in cash or in kind for graduation ceremonies, all graduating students shall be allowed to attend or join the said ceremonies whether or not their parents give the donations for the same.**”

4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

References: DepED Order No. 10, s. 2013
DepED Order No. 9, s. 2012

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