





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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Region IX, Zamboanga Peninsula
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
Dipolog City

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 197, s. 2017

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary/Secondary Schools
District ALIVE Coordinators (DIACs)
School Teachers Concerned

From: 
NATIVIDAD P. BAYUBAY, CESO VI
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: **RECOGNITION AND PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL IDENTITY AS
MUSLIM FEMALE PUPILS/STUDENTS AND RIGHTS TO WEAR HIJAB
AND APPROPRIATE SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

Date: June 19, 2017

1. Pursuant to the Republic Act No. 9710, section 28 (The Magna Carta of Women), which states that, "The State shall recognize and respect the rights of Moro and indigenous women to practice, promote, protect, and preserve their own culture, traditions, and institutions and to consider these rights in the formulation and implementation of national policies and programs.." and DepEd Order No. 32, s. 2013, entitled, "Reiterating DECS Order No. 53, s. 2001". This Division recognizes and respects all the rights of Muslim Female Pupils / Students enrolled in public elementary and secondary Schools (including Senior High Schools).
2. As stipulated in DepEd Order no. 32, s. 2013 section 2. a and b, the National Commission in Muslim Filipinos and DepED had called for strict implementation of the policies on the right of Muslim Filipino Women (including children) to wear hijab/veil inside the school campus and allowed them to wear appropriate clothing in accordance with the religious beliefs.
3. Guided by these policies, therefore this office mandates the school heads of both elementary and secondary (including Senior High Schools) to recognize and respect the constitutional rights of their Muslim female pupils or students to wear school uniforms below their knees and with long white socks since this is appropriate according to Islamic mode of dress.
4. Widest and immediate dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is hereby desired.