

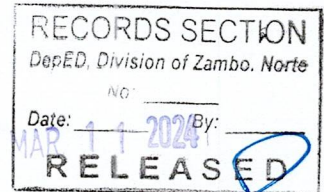


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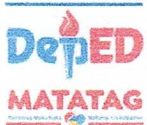
Division Memorandum

No. 166, s. 2024

**REITERATION OF DEPED'S POLICY ON STUDENTS' SCHOOL UNIFORM**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, Education Supervisor (CID & SGOD)  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Her Excellency Sarah Duterte, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines and concurrent Secretary of the Department of Education declared that "public school students will not be required to wear uniforms. Likewise, DepEd Order No. 45, s. 2008 declares as a general policy that wearing of uniform shall not be required in public schools. This policy was also highlighted in DepEd Order No. 65, s. 2010, which affirms that: "The wearing of school uniform shall not be required in public schools. Students with existing uniforms may continue using these uniforms, if they so desire, in order to avoid incurring additional costs for new attire."
2. The Schools Division of Zamboanga del Norte adheres to these Orders. However, it **encourages** the wearing of school uniforms considering its benefits to the students, parents and schools. Therefore, this would mean that students may still opt not to wear uniform, provided that they will come to school wearing proper school attire.
3. Relative to these, the schools are advised to be guided by these Orders, especially DepEd Order No. 46, s. 2008, which provides guidance on what constitutes proper school attire guided by these principles:
  - a. A student's basic right to go to school, study and learn is of paramount importance and should be respected and promoted at all times;
  - b. A **student's attire should reflect respect for the school as an institution for learning;**
  - c. A **student's attire should not become a cause for discrimination** particularly for students belonging to a lower socio-economic status; and
  - d. **Promoting physical hygiene and proper school decorum is part of the teaching-learning process in schools**, thus a student's attire and physical appearance should manifest learnings from this process.



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4. Based on these principles, the following are suggested attire for elementary and secondary students: (See enclosed suggested attire)
  - a. **For Boys:** Polo shirt/T-shirt with sleeves (any plain color, with minimum of prints (ie: SDO Logo); pants (long/short) of any color; any footwear;
  - b. **For Girls:** Dress, blouse and skirt, blouse and pants - any color, any print (ie: SDO Logo); any foot wear (DO 46, s. 2008)
5. Wide dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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References: DO 45, s. 2008; DO 46, s. 2008; DO 65, s. 2010

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