



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region II – Cagayan Valley



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**STRENGTHENING SCHOOL SECURITY AND SAFETY MEASURES
IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE REGION**

TO : All Schools Division Superintendents
All Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
All Public Schools District Supervisors
All School Heads, Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

I. Purpose

In reiteration of existing Department of Education policies and guidelines on school safety and security, and in view of the increasing need to ensure a safe, secure, and learner-friendly educational environment, particularly in light of recent incidents of violence involving learners, including a reported shooting incident within a school setting, all Schools Division Offices and public schools are hereby directed to strictly enforce and strengthen the implementation of established security and safety measures within their respective jurisdictions.

This directive is issued pursuant to the Department of Education's mandate to safeguard the welfare of learners, personnel, visitors, and school property, and to ensure that schools remain conducive environments for learning, free from threats to safety, security, and well-being.

II. Policy Statement

The safety and welfare of learners shall remain paramount at all times. School officials shall exercise utmost diligence in preventing the entry, possession, and use of weapons, dangerous objects, illegal substances, and other prohibited items within school premises.

III. Required Security Measures

All School Heads are directed to implement the following measures:

1. Strict Access Control

- Designate and maintain controlled entry and exit points.
- Require all visitors to register and present valid identification cards before entry.
- Issue visitor's passes and maintain visitor logs.

2. Inspection and Screening Procedures

- Conduct reasonable and non-intrusive inspection of bags, backpacks, parcels, and other personal belongings brought into school premises whenever circumstances warrant.



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- Implement lawful and appropriate security screening procedures at school entrances.
- Frisking or pat-down inspections may be conducted only when there is a:
 - a. reasonable basis to believe that a learner is carrying prohibited;
 - b. dangerous, or illegal items, and shall be done in a respectful, non-
 - c. discriminatory, and child-sensitive manner by authorized personnel of the same sex whenever practicable.
- At no time shall searches be conducted in a manner that violates the dignity, privacy, and rights of learners.

3. Prohibition of Dangerous Items

- Strictly prohibit the possession of firearms, bladed weapons, explosives, illegal drugs, vaping devices where prohibited, and other dangerous items within school premises.
- Immediately confiscate prohibited items in accordance with existing DepEd policies and applicable laws.

4. Deployment of Security Personnel

- Ensure that school security guards and designated personnel are visible and vigilant during learners' arrival and dismissal, as well as during school activities and events.
- Strengthen coordination with local law enforcement agencies whenever necessary to enhance school security and ensure immediate response to safety concerns.
- Establish and maintain close coordination with barangay officials, including barangay security personnel and barangay tanods, to support the implementation of school safety and security measures, particularly during peak school hours, school activities, and in addressing potential security threats within and around school premises.

5. Monitoring and Surveillance

- Maximize the use of CCTV systems, where available, particularly in entrances, exits, hallways, and other strategic locations.
- Conduct regular inspections of school premises to identify potential security risks.

6. Emergency Preparedness

- Update school contingency and emergency response plans.
- Conduct regular emergency drills and safety orientations for learners, teachers, and personnel.

7. Reporting and Documentation

- Immediately report, within 3 hours from the discovery of the security incidents, to the Schools Division Office and appropriate authorities.
- Maintain records of security incidents and actions taken.



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IV. Responsibilities of Schools Division Offices

Schools Division Superintendents shall:

- Monitor compliance with this Memorandum;
- Provide technical assistance to school heads;
- Conduct periodic inspections and assessments of school security Measures.

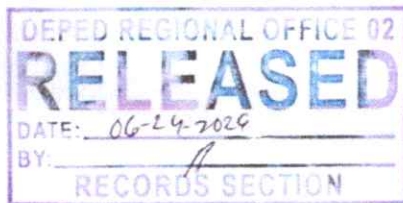
V. Compliance


All concerned officials are enjoined to exercise vigilance and ensure faithful compliance with this Memorandum. Any negligence resulting in avoidable security breaches shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

VI. Effectivity

This Memorandum shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

For strict compliance.




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