



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Negros Island Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SAGAY CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 401, s. 2025

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Unit and Section Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with the DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2009, which emphasizes the *Revised Rules and Regulations Regarding the Teaching of Religion in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*, all concerned are hereby advised to adhere strictly to the following guidelines:
2. The following conditions and provisions must be observed:
 - a. There shall be no disruption of regular classes.
 - b. Learners may only attend religious instruction classes of a specific denomination if they have obtained a written permit from their parents or guardians.
 - c. No fees shall be collected from learners or teachers in connection with these religious instruction classes.
 - d. Students not participating in any religious instruction must remain under the supervision of their class advisers during the time religious classes are conducted.
 - e. School Heads are responsible for setting the schedule for religious classes, taking into account the availability of religious instructors from various denominations at a given time.
 - f. Optional religious instruction must be allotted a minimum of eighty (80) minutes per week, distributed over at least two (2) but not more than (3) meetings.
 - g. Optional religious instruction is distinct from the GRMC, Values Education and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao curriculum provided by the Department. Therefore, separate class hours must be allocated for each.
 - h. To ensure proper monitoring, a copy of the modified class program reflecting these provisions must be submitted to this office.
3. It is understood that the Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) is strictly adhered to in the conduct of this activity. Thus, there shall be no discrimination on account



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of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, civil status, disability, social status, religion, ethnicity and political affiliations or other personal circumstances.

4. Immediate and strict compliance of this Memorandum is directed.

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