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Manila

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DECS O R D E R  
No. 69, s. 1990

OPTIONAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 3,  
SECTION 3, ARTICLE XIV OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. The 1987 Constitution provides for religious instruction of students/pupils in public elementary and high schools within the regular class hours, at the option expressed in writing by the parents or guardian, without additional cost to the Government. (Sec. 3, Article XIV.)
2. In compliance with this Constitutional mandate, schools superintendents are enjoined to ask their principals to:
  - a. arrange existing regular class hours to accommodate the teaching of religion within the regular class hours; and
  - b. assist in the preparation and distribution of appropriate forms which parents or guardians may use to signify their conformity or refusal to have their children or wards receive religious instruction.
3. Religious denominations should submit their request for time allocation for optional religious instruction to the principal within the regular class hours.
4. Religious instruction shall be given for not more than 90 minutes a week within the regular class hours.
5. Religious instructors shall be designated or approved by the religious authorities to which the children belong.
6. No student/pupil shall be allowed or permitted to attend religious instruction classes without the written request or permission of his/her parents or guardian.

7. Inclosed are sample forms of the request or permission for optional religious instruction to be accomplished by the parents or guardian.

8. Principals are enjoined to adhere to the above-mentioned requirements vis-a-vis religious instruction in public schools.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.

(SGD.) ISIDRO D. CARINO  
Secretary

Incls.:  
As stated

References:  
DECS Order: No. 39, s. 1987  
DECS Memorandum: No. 231, s. 1987

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(M.O. 1-87)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

FORMS  
LEGISLATION  
PUPILS  
RELIGION  
STUDENTS  
TEACHERS

(Inclosure No. 1 to DECS Order No. 69, s. 1990)

REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The 1987 Constitution provides for religious instruction of students in public elementary and high schools within regular class hours, at the option expressed in writing by the parents or guardians. Pursuant thereto, I, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name)

a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

would like to request that my child/ward \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

(Grade)

of \_\_\_\_\_

(School)

be given

optional religious instruction in \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate your religion)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Inclosure No. 2 to DECS Order No. 69, s. 1990)

REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The 1987 Philippine Constitution provides for religious instruction of students in public elementary and high schools within regular class hours, at the option expressed in writing by the parents or guardians. In this connection, I, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Name)

a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to request

(Address)

that my child/ward \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Grade/Year)

\_\_\_\_\_ be given optional religious

(School)

instruction in (Please check one only):

Roman Catholic

Aglipayan

Islam

Episcopal

Iglesia ni Kristo

Jehovah's Witness

Protestant

Others (Please Indicate)