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**PROHIBITING STUDENTS FROM VISITING  
NEARBY MALLS DURING CLASSHOURS**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents

1. Reports have reached this Office that some pupils/students are cutting classes and/or spend their recess or break time in malls, playing video games and frequenting movie houses.
2. This practice should immediately be stopped by giving students indoor activities they can engage in during their free time in school, like solving puzzles, playing scrabble or chess. They should not be allowed to play toy guns, tamagochi, brick games and computer games.
3. School officials are hereby directed to monitor closely the activities of their students/pupils to have these practices discontinued. They should set rules and regulations about cutting classes, spending recess and free time wisely and keeping pupils/students in their classrooms during school hours.
4. Wide dissemination of and compliance with this Order is desired.

  
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Secretary

Reference:  
None

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