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DepEd ORDER
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**REITERATING THE GUIDELINES ON REDUCING SCHOOL
CELEBRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. In pursuit of the Department of Education (DepEd) goals to raise the academic standards of basic education, the general policy shall be to lessen non-teaching duties and non-instructional activities of teachers and to maximize time for learning. Efforts should be exerted to meet the required number of school days and instructional time.
2. Enclosed are specific guidelines on reducing school celebrations and activities to be observed
3. For proper synchronization of activities at the regional, division and school levels, the Regional Office should initiate the preparation of a master plan for the entire school year activities to be issued to the field for their reference and guidance.
4. Strict compliance with this Order is directed.


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Secretary

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Encl.:
As stated

References:
DepEd Orders: Nos. 20, s. 2002 and (11, s. 2003)

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS
CLASSES

POLICY
TRAINING PROGRAMS

GUIDELINES ON REDUCING SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The following guidelines should be observed:

1. **Classes should not be suspended** during school celebrations or important historical events and national programs. Discussions on the significance of these events or occasions as listed in the enclosure of DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2003 (School Calendar SY 2003-2004) should be integrated in related subject areas during the regular classroom discussions;
2. **The holding of contests in schools to support such programs shall be minimized;**
3. **Co-curricular activities such as, regular meetings of school clubs and organizations and competitions can be conducted in the school after class hours or during a period designated for student activities;**
4. **Re-conduct of activities for one or two days such as BSP/GSP encampments, school sports competition and other related activities should be conducted during weekends or during summer. Enrichment and remediation classes shall be determined by the School Head;**
5. **In-service training programs, symposia, conferences and the like should be scheduled during summer except for the monthly in-service training which should be held after class hours or during weekends;**
6. **Attendance to local school press conferences should be limited to schools with a school paper; and**
7. **Make-up classes should be held on weekends to meet the required number of school days and to compensate for the hosting of national or regional school activities; town fiesta celebrations; local public holidays, and localized suspension of classes due to typhoons and other calamities.**