



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
REGION VI- WESTERN VISAYAS



SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF KABANKALAN CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 235 s, 2019

COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO CONTROL

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief of Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief of School Governance and Operations Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned**

1. Pursuant to **DepEd Order 48, s. 2016** also known as the Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control, **Executive Order No. 26, s. 2017** otherwise known as Providing for the Establishment of Smoke-Free Environments in Public and Enclosed Places, and **Republic Act No. 9211**, or the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, the Schools Division Office of Kabankalan City adheres to the policy and guidelines stipulated on the above-mentioned issuances which promote a healthy environment in and around the schools and DepEd offices through Division initiated **Project Y.O.S.I (Youth Organizing Smoke-Free Institutions)**
2. Project Y.O.S.I aims to:
 - a. Educate and inform all learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel and stakeholders on the hazards of tobacco use and exposure to second-hand smoke, third- hand smoke, adverse socio-economic and environmental consequences of tobacco production and consumption, and tobacco control policies and tactics of the tobacco industry;
 - b. Facilitate enforcement of tobacco control policies in schools and offices such as **absolute smoking bans, access restrictions, ban on sponsorship, including so-called Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of the Tobacco industry. Outdoor advertising ban, the ban on promotional items for minors, and sampling restrictions, as well as protection against tobacco industry interference; and**
 - c. **Accomplish the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular 17, s. 2009,** which requires a 100 percent Smoke- Free Environment in all government premises, ensures the placement of No Smoking signage, requires the head of agencies to establish reporting and monitoring procedures, and establishes violations of the circular as a ground for administrative disciplinary action.

3. All schools are hereby directed to display the following IEC materials:
 - a. No smoking signage (EO 26, s. 2017, DO 48 s. 2016); and
 - b. Poster at the school gate about prohibition of selling of cigarettes within 100 meters from the perimeter of the school.
4. All schools should have an active **Child Protection Committee (CPC)** which shall meet to discuss tobacco control and monitor stores within **100-meter perimeter** of the school for reporting to authorities that sell cigarettes.
5. DepEd personnel are also prohibited from smoking and use of any tobacco products in the workplace or any place used by people during their employment or work, whether done for compensation or voluntarily, including all attached or associated places commonly used by the workers in the course of their work (for example, corridors, elevators, stairwells, toilets, lobbies, lounges); vehicles used for in the course of work are considered workplaces, such as, but not limited to taxis, delivery vehicles. Further, **Designated Smoking Areas (DSA)** are also prohibited from use during training and seminars or within specified hours.
6. Supreme Student Government (SSG)/ Supreme Pupil Government (SPG) in coordination with Child Protection Committee (CPC) and other Organizations shall undertake activities including but not limited to monitoring and reporting of stores within **100-meter perimeter** of the school for reporting to authorities that sell cigarettes.
7. The Division Health and Nutrition Unit in coordination with the Youth Formation Division and Child Protection Committee shall monitor the activities conducted by schools in ensuring a Smoke-Free environment.
8. For more information, please contact **EDUARD Q. VILLAVICENCIO, RN**, Division Tobacco Control Coordinator at 09289412341.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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References:

DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016
Executive Order No. 26, s. 2017
Republic Act No. 9211

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