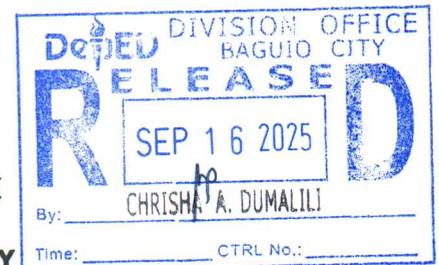




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Cordillera Administrative Region
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **567-2025**

**REITERATION OF THE POLICIES ON HEALTHY AND SAFE FOOD IN SCHOOLS,
GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATIONS AND NO COLLECTION POLICY**

TO: All Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education's commitment to promote the health, well-being, and safety of learners and personnel, this memorandum reiterates the existing policies on healthy and safe food in schools and provides clear guidelines on celebrations during class hours within school premises and no collection policy.

2. This directive is anchored on the following DepEd policies:

A. ***DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017 – “Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices”***

All schools and DepEd offices are directed to ensure **strict compliance with healthy food and beverage choices**. All food and beverages made available in the school, whether through the canteen or brought from home, must adhere to the prescribed nutritional guidelines.

B. ***DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008 – “Implementation of No Collection Policy in All Public Elementary and Secondary Schools” and DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2012 – “Revised Guidelines on the Opening of Classes”***

The **No Collection Policy** must be strictly implemented. Learners shall not be asked or required to bring food, gifts, or other items for personal celebrations or for any activity in school.

C. ***DepEd Order No. 52 s. 2022 – “An Order Providing for the Guidelines in the Celebration of Christmas within the Department of Education” and DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 – “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith”***

School celebrations and activities must remain simple, meaningful, and must not disrupt the academic schedule or compromise instructional time.

3. Birthday parties, food sharing, gift-giving, or themed classroom decorations are no longer permitted during class hours or within school grounds to prevent undue pressure on students and their families, as well as to ensure the safety and nutritional quality of food consumed by learners.



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4. Teachers may acknowledge birthdays through simple, non-disruptive gestures (e.g., verbal greetings or classroom bulletin boards) that do not involve material contributions or time away from instruction.
5. This memorandum aims to uphold equity, health, and academic focus for all learners. The support and cooperation of all teaching and non-teaching personnel in the strict implementation of this directive are earnestly expected.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is directed.


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