DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 349, s. 2021

Ensuring Compliance with the Required Health and Safety Protocols in the Conduct of Senior High School Work Immersion Programs or its DepEd Allowed Alternate Activities in the Face of COVID-19 Pandemic

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
School Principals/Teachers-in-Charge/School Administrators
Public and Private Senior High Schools

1. In reference to the Regional Memorandum No. 045, s. 2021, dated June 14, 2021, it is reiterated that work immersion is a requirement for TVL track while it is optional for Academic, Arts and Design and Sports Tracks as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 39, s. 2018 and DepEd Order No. 30, s. 2017 on the Guidelines on Work Immersion Program.

2. While Work Immersion Program (WIP) aims to provide Senior High School (SHS) learners with opportunities to familiarize themselves with the workplace, to simulate employment and to apply their competencies in areas of specialization/applied subjects in authentic environments, its implementation is gravely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, under the current situation, SHS WIP is designed to be flexible enough to fit the complex set-up and needs of learners, schools and partner institutions.

3. Relative to the preceding paragraph, all learning institutions offering Senior High School programs are reminded to strictly ensure compliance with the health and safety protocols imposed by the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and the Office of the President (OP) in the implementation of work immersion activities or its alternate activities allowed by the Department of Education.

4. It is reminded that the safety of all learners, teachers and all those involved in the above-cited activities shall be the utmost priority of all concerned schools.

5. For information, guidance and compliance.

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ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIRED HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE CONDUCT OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WORK IMMERSION PROGRAMS OR ITS DEPED ALLOWED ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public Secondary School Heads
Presidents/Directors/Principals of Private Schools including state/local universities offering Senior High School programs
All Others Concerned

1. As stipulated in DepEd Order 39, s. 2018 entitled Clarification and Additional Information to DepEd Order 30, s. 2017 (Guidelines on Work Immersion), work immersion is a requirement for TVL track while it is optional for Academic, Arts and Design and Sports tracks.

2. While it aims to provide SHS learners with opportunities to familiarize themselves with the workplace, to simulate employment and to apply their competencies in areas of specialization/applied subjects in authentic work environments, the implementation of Senior High School work immersion is greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, under the current situation, SHS work immersion is designed to be flexible enough to fit the complex set-up and needs of learners, schools and partner institutions in the country.

3. Relative to the preceding paragraph, all private learning institutions offering Senior High School programs are reminded to strictly ensure compliance with the health and safety protocols imposed by the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and the Office of the President (OP) in the implementation of work immersion activities or its alternate activities allowed by the Department of Education.

4. It is reminded that the safety of all learners, teachers and all those involved in the above-cited activities shall be the utmost priority of all concerned schools.

5. School Division Superintendents shall ensure that all public and private schools within their jurisdiction must be informed of this Regional Memorandum.

For guidance and strict compliance

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