



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025-822

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors – (CID&SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private School Heads Secondary and Elementary
All School DRRM Coordinators
All Concerned Personnel

Subject : REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 28, S. 2016 FOR THE STRICT COMPLIANCE OF THE REVISED FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (RA 9514)

Date : December 12, 2025

In reference to the Regional Memorandum ESSD-2025-379 dated December 9, 2025 from Regional Director Allan G. Farnazo, Director IV, this refers to the "Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016 for the Strict Compliance of the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines (RA 9514)".

This directive is firmly rooted in RA No 9514, which mandates proper fire safety measures and equipment in all buildings, and builds upon comprehensive Fire Safety and Awareness Program (FSAP) established through DepEd Order No. 72, s. 2012, reiterated in DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2013, and strengthened by DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016.

With that, all schools must strictly comply with the DepEd Order No. 28, 2016 and for more details please refer to the attached Central Office Memorandum.

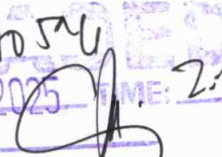
For immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For and in the absence of the
Schools Division Superintendent


SOLLIE B. OLIVER, JD, MATE

SGOD-Chief
Officer-In-Charge

DepEd Schools Division of Digos City
RECORDS SECTION


DATE: DEC 12 2025
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DAVAO REGION



December 9, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2025-379

REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 28, S. 2016 FOR THE STRICT COMPLIANCE OF THE
REVISED FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (RA 9514)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Attached herewith is the DepEd Memorandum titled "Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016 for the Strict Compliance of the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines (RA 9514) by All DepEd Schools," which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ROE
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By:
Date: Dec. 10, 2025 Time: 7:00

Enclosed: As stated.
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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL AND DIVISION DRRM COORDINATORS
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADS
SCHOOL DRRM COORDINATORS

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Operations, Officer-in-Charge

FILEMON L. JAVIER
Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF THE DEPED ORDER NO. 28, S. 2016 FOR
THE STRICT COMPLIANCE OF THE REVISED FIRE CODE
OF THE PHILIPPINES (RA 9514) BY ALL DEPED SCHOOLS

DATE : August 5, 2025

This Memorandum is issued to underscore the critical importance of fire safety within all Department of Education (DepEd) schools nationwide. It is prompted by the occurrence of 26 fire incidents reported in DepEd schools for during the year 2025 alone as recorded by the Operations Division of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), coupled with persistent reports from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) detailing various violations of the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 9514). These incidents and non-compliance issues highlight an urgent need to reiterate existing fire safety protocols and ensure stringent adherence to legal mandates. The Department's commitment to safeguarding learners, personnel, and educational investments necessitates a renewed emphasis on proactive measures and accountability.

This directive is firmly rooted in RA No. 9514, which mandates proper fire safety measures and equipment in all buildings, and builds upon the comprehensive Fire Safety and Awareness Program (FSAP) established through DepEd Order No. 72, s. 2012, reiterated in DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2013, and strengthened by DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016.

OBJECTIVES

This Memorandum aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. To ensure the safety of learners, personnel, and education investments by mandating strict compliance with minimum fire safety standards set by law;

2. To minimize the risk of fire incidents in all schools by reinforcing strict observance of the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines and other pertinent DepEd issuances;
3. To institutionalize the submission of regular Fire Safety Compliance Reports from all DepEd schools nationwide;
4. To uphold accountability and ensure that school officials and DepEd personnel fulfill their responsibilities and duties as outlined in the relevant DepEd Orders and issuances in fire safety.

STATEMENT OF ENCLOSURE

Enclosed herewith is the "Guidelines on the Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016 for the Strict Compliance of the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines (RA 9514) by All DepEd Schools," which provides detailed guidelines and directives for the implementation of enhanced fire safety measures and reporting protocols. All concerned personnel are enjoined to thoroughly review and strictly comply with its provisions.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

To monitor strict compliance of the enclosed in this Memorandum, consolidated reports shall be submitted by Regional Offices to the Office of the Director IV, DRRMS at drms@deped.gov.ph on or before the first week of the succeeding month. Complete guidelines and templates for these reports are enclosed herein (see Enclosure 2).

COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Principals, school heads, and other DepEd personnel who fail to comply with their obligations or are negligent in performing their responsibilities and duties under Republic Act No. 9514, DepEd Order No. 72, s. 2012, DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2013, DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016, and other relevant DepEd issuances shall be administratively liable upon compliance with the procedural due process requirements. This is without prejudice to any civil or criminal liabilities under applicable laws.

FUNDING SOURCE AND UTILIZATION

Schools shall use their Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) as the primary funding source for the implementation of all fire safety-related activities and requirements provided in this Memorandum. As applicable, schools and offices may also utilize the Disaster Preparedness and Response Program (DPRP) Funds, subject to availability and in accordance with the existing guidelines for the disposition of the DPRP Funds and Commission on Audit (COA) rules and regulations.

EFFECTIVITY

This Memorandum shall take immediately upon its issuance.

For more information, queries and concerns, please contact DRRMS at telephone number (02) 8637-4933, (02) 8635-3764 or through email drms@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

GUIDELINES ON THE REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 28, S. 2016 FOR THE STRICT COMPLIANCE OF THE REVISED FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (RA 9514) BY ALL DEPED SCHOOLS

I. Rationale

In 2025, the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) recorded a total of 26 fire incidents affecting the Department of Education (DepEd) schools nationwide ^[1]. In response to this alarming figure, and amid persistent reports from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) citing violations of Republic Act No. 9514, otherwise known as "*Revised Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008*," the DRRMS issues this reiteration of DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016 on Strengthening the Fire Safety and Awareness Program to reinforce fire safety protocols and ensure strict compliance to the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines by DepEd schools.

The legal foundation for these directives is firmly rooted in the Revised Fire Code of the Philippines, which mandates installation and proper maintenance of fire safety equipment, the regular conduct of inspections, and the immediate abatement of fire hazards in all buildings and structures. This legal framework serves as the bedrock upon which all of DepEd's fire safety initiatives are built, providing a clear governmental mandate for the protective measures required within the basic education sector.

This issuance builds upon and reinforces the comprehensive Fire Safety and Awareness Program (FSAP), which was initially launched through DepEd Order No. 72, s. 2012. The FSAP was subsequently reiterated in DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2013, and further strengthened with defined roles, responsibilities, and monitoring mechanisms in DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2016. The overarching aim of the FSAP is to promote a heightened awareness of fire safety and the paramount importance of prevention and preparedness among all school officials, personnel, staff, and learners nationwide. The Department's continuous issuance of these orders over time reflects an ongoing commitment to fire safety, acknowledging that consistent vigilance and adaptive measures are essential to mitigate risks effectively.

II. Scope

This Department Order applies to all public elementary and secondary schools nationwide. Compliance with the directives herein is mandatory for all school heads and concerned personnel.

III. Definition of Terms

For purposes of this issuance, the following terms are defined/understood as follows:

Fire² – refers to the active principle of burning, characterized by the heat and light of combustion.

Fire Code – refers to the standard fire prevention and safety measures prescribed in Republic Act No. 9514, also known as the "*Revised Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008*).

¹ DRRMS Operations Division 2025 Fire Incident Reports

² All terms are adapted from RA 9514.