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IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9493
(An Act Recognizing Southville International School as an Educational Institution of International Character, Granting Certain Prerogatives to Hasten Its Growth as Such, and for Other Purposes)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the **Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9493** entitled "**An Act Recognizing Southville International School as an Educational Institution of International Character, Granting Certain Prerogatives to Hasten Its Growth as Such, and for Other Purposes**".
2. Immediate dissemination of this Order is directed.


FRANKLIN C. SUNGA
Undersecretary

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9493,
“AN ACT RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AS AN
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING
CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO HASTEN ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”**

In accordance with the mandates of Republic Act No. 9493, otherwise known as “**AN ACT RECOGNIZING SOUTHVILLE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES TO HASTEN ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**”, and pursuant to the pertinent provisions of RA 9155, BP 232 or the Education Act of 1982 as well as other pertinent rules and regulations, this set of IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS is hereby promulgated by the Department of Education (DEPED) for the guidance and compliance of all, thus:

RULE I

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

- Section 1. Section 4 of Article XIV of the Philippine Constitution provides that it is the policy of the State to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society.
- Section 2. An educational institution of international character operates educational programs and services that are comparable, compliant to, on a par with universally acceptable international standards and practices.
- Section 3. Given its international character, the School may establish its commercial and/or physical presence abroad and may avail of appropriate assistance from government agencies concerned in pursuit of such undertaking.

RULE II

DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of implementation of RA No. 9493, the following terms are defined:

- (a) **“International Baccalaureate (IB) Program”** is an academically challenging, prestigious, and internationally-recognized pre-university academic program completed in two years;
- (b) **“I.N.N.O.V.E. Program”** is an innovative and alternative education that draws on non-traditional educational methodologies niched for students with unique concerns for optimum learning and effective life skills viable to provide education for all;
- (c) **“Curricular Methodology Innovation”** refers to the multimode curricular programs offered by the School in different learning venues;
- (d) **“Curricular Programs”** are specific course requirements and programs of study offered by the School and its affiliates from early childhood up to post-baccalaureate levels;
- (e) **“Affiliates”** refer to all schools run by Southville International School and Colleges that include South Mansfield, Stonyhurst-Southville International School and other Southville International Schools;
- (f) **“Foreign students”** are students enrolled in the School who belong and owe allegiance to a country other than the Philippines;
- (g) **“International Learning Center (ILC)”** is referred to as a program and place for English as Second Language learners where students are taught academic subjects in a special environment for at least one year before they are mainstreamed with the regular classes; and,
- (h) **“5 Cs”** is the core philosophy, curriculum, and competencies of the School, which refers to Competence, Character, Creativity, Collaboration, and Commitment to achieve.

RULE III

NAME OF SCHOOL, GOVERNANCE AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Section 1. The Southville International School, renamed as Southville International School and Colleges, hereinafter referred to as the School, pursuant to the Corporation Code of the Philippines, is declared as an academic institution of international standing by virtue of RA No. 9493, and granted certain prerogatives to hasten its growth

- Section 2. The School shall be governed by a Board of Trustees selected at large from among the corporation's members of good standing and shall be managed by a Superintendent or Chairman whose qualifications shall satisfy the standards set by the Board.
- Section 3. The School shall determine its own school calendar and schedule of classes, curricular and co-curricular activities, and work.

RULE IV

CURRICULAR PROGRAM OFFERINGS, MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND ADMISSION POLICIES

- Section 1. In conformance with acceptable and recognized international standards, the School shall modify and enhance its educational programs and services, improve its standard of instruction, and satisfy the special needs of its students; provided that no single foreign nationality shall comprise more than 30% of the entire student population in a given school year, as stated in the records of the School.
- Section 2. The School shall set its own admission and assessment policies, retention standards, and grading system and shall admit all students regardless of nationality.
- Section 3. Upon consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Education, the School shall determine its own curriculum and teach whatever language or languages it may deem proper and relevant.
- Section 4. The School shall maintain and improve standards of education compatible with those obtained in similar schools of generally recognized standing both in the country and abroad.

RULE V

FACULTY RECRUITMENT, TUITION, AND SCHOOL FEES

- Section 1. Upon consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Education, the School shall determine its own schedule of fees and shall reasonably impose upon its students the amount of school fees, pertinent charges and for continuous improvement of its instruction, facilities, and its necessary expenditures.
- Section 2. The School shall employ its own faculty, executive management, and other staff, selected both locally or abroad, suited to the selection

Rule VI

AMENDMENTS

The School, in consultation with the Department of Education, may amend or modify these Rules as deemed appropriate and as necessary; and,

RULE VII

APPROVAL AND EFFECTIVITY

These Rules shall take effect immediately upon the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Education.

Approved, this ___th day of April 2008, Pasig City.



HON. JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary