

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS  
Meralco Drive, Pasig, Metro Manila

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DECS Order No. 34, s. 1993

**AUTHORIZED ABSENCES OF ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY CLASSROOM TEACHERS**

To: Bureau Directors, Regional Directors, Schools Superintendents  
Supervisors, Principals  
All Others Concerned

1. It is the policy of DECS to improve the quality of classroom instruction by maximizing student contact hours and ensuring that classrooms teachers are in their classrooms during class hours. Classroom teachers will therefore be excused from their classes only as an exception, and only in connection with the following activities:

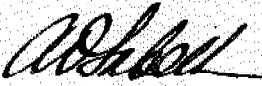
(a) Teachers with subpoenas from courts.

(b) Teacher trainees and trainers in continuing In-service Training (INSET)

(c) Convention conferences, contests, athletic meets and other activities as may be officially and specifically and individually endorsed by DECS from here on for classroom teachers during class hours. All authorities previously granted which implicitly included classroom teachers are hereby revoked for purposes of classroom teacher participation, and shall remain revoked unless subsequently restored.

2. These restrictions do not apply to supervisory or non-teaching staff, nor to teachers after teaching hours.

3. This Order takes effect immediately, and shall be disseminated to all concerned.

  
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Secretary