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Department of Education



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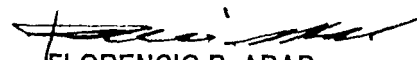
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DepED ORDER  
No. 8 s, 2005

**2005 GRADUATION RITES**

To : Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Superintendents/District Supervisors  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The theme of the 2005 Graduation Rites shall focus on **Schools First Initiative: Focus on Outcomes, The Graduates.**
2. In line with the government's austerity program, this Office reiterates the Department's policy on the collection of fees for graduation rites. School heads are reminded to observe the following:
  - a. No non-academic project shall be imposed as a requirement for graduation;
  - b. Public Schools are not allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution for graduation rites;
  - c. PTA/PTCA's may solicit voluntary contributions from their members for graduation ceremonies and celebrations. Teachers and principals should not be involved in the collection of these contributions. PTA/PTCA members should be informed about the use of any contribution for graduation;
  - d. No extravagant special attire or extraordinary venue for the ceremonies should be required;
  - e. Contributions for the annual yearbook shall likewise be on a voluntary basis.
3. Strict compliance with this Order is directed.

  
FLORENCIO B. ABAD  
Secretary

Reference:

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