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**REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)**  
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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS NOT MANDATORY**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a press release from the Department of Education's official website dated February 22, 2017 reminding all schools that Educational Field Trips are not mandatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum are desired.

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Reference: None

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## Educational field trips not mandatory

February 22, 2017

*PASIG CITY, February 22, 2017* – In the wake of the fatal bus accident that claimed the lives of 14 college students, a teacher, and the driver following a field trip in Tanay, Rizal, the Department of Education (DepEd) is reminding parents, school officials and personnel that while educational field trips are meant to supplement classroom learning, joining such is not mandatory.

Moreover, the Department is calling on all schools to verify the proper registration and road-worthiness of the buses or vehicles to be used, and ensure that the drivers have the appropriate know-how and frame of mind when on the road.

DepEd Order (DO) No. 52, series of 2003, addressed to heads and principals of public and private elementary and secondary schools, iterated that no punitive measures or activities related to the trip, which will put students who could not join the trip at a disadvantage, shall be imposed. Teachers must refrain from conducting tests based on these field trips, but students shall be given activities in school as substitute for not joining the trip.

Furthermore, the same Department Order mandated that “no field trip should be undertaken without the written consent of the parents of the student’s guardian(s).” These educational tours must be well-planned ahead of time with the students and safety measures should be discussed before the trip.

Places to visit must be educational, such as cultural and historical sites, or science exhibits in museums. Trips to malls and attendance at noon-time TV shows are discouraged.

In view of the financial difficulties of Filipino families and the monetary costs of the trip, the Department issued DepEd Memorandum No. 529, series of 2009, to reinforce and direct strict compliance to existing policies against putting additional financial burden on the student’s parents.

**END**

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