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Department of Education

REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

February 3, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 122 s. 2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION (LRP) DESK AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LRP SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 2025 RSPC, RFOT, AND EVRAA MEET

To: Schools Division Superintendents

All Others Concerned

- Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017 titled "Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities" and DM-OUOPS-2024-05-07998 or the "Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DepEd Order No. 40 s. 2012, or the DepEd Child Protection Policy," this Office directs all participating schools division offices to reconstitute the LRP Desk in billeting quarters and activity venues and ensure the implementation of the LRP Safeguarding Guidelines during the 2025 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC), Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT), and the Eastern Visayas Regional Athletic Association (EVRAA) Meet.
- 2. The Division/School LRP Desk Committee shall comprise:
 - a. Chairperson Division Permanent Focal Person/School Head
 - b. Vice-chairperson Division Alternate Focal Person or Registered Guidance Counselor designated as may be Chairperson/Guidance Counselor or Designate
 - c. Members DepEd Personnel who has undergone the LRP Specialization Course/Teachers and Members of the CPC
- 3. The LRP Desk Committee shall be responsible in the implementation of the following:
 - a. Formulate and discuss safeguarding protocols with Technical Officials, Coaches, Chaperones, and learner-participants (Template of the LRP Safeguarding Protocol is attached as Annex A);
 - b. Verify that all learner-participants have submitted signed parental consent forms:
 - c. Coordinate with the Delegation Chairperson on the preparation of Learner Safety and Emergency Card for the learner-participants, as provided by Section VII, paragraph B(7) of D.O. No. 66, s. 2017;
 - d. Establish a functional LRP Desk in all activity venues and billeting quarters equipped to recognize, record, report, and refer incidents, as well as provide immediate intervention and support, including psychological first-aid (PFA) and crisis counseling. A dedicated helpline number shall be displayed, listing the contact information of the LRP Desk Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson, ensuring a timely and effective response to incidents;
 - e. Ensure proper issuance and accomplishment of pass slips and waiver forms (Annex B, C, and D);







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- f. Conduct Regular "Kamustahan" Sessions and organize recreational activities for learner-participants' health and wellness.
- g. Provide daily reports on incidents and submit accomplished incident report forms and other documents to the Regional Office.
- h. Closely coordinate with the local government unit in the locality and other relevant agencies for referral purposes; and,
- i. Monitor the strict implementation and creation of the LRP Desks.
- 4. The editable copies of the LRP Safeguarding Guidelines Template, necessary forms, and social behavioral change (SBC) materials that may be utilized for the establishment of the LRP Desks are available at https://tinyurl.com/LRPDeskMaterials.
- 5. The per diem, travel, and other incidental expenses of the LRP Desk Committee Members shall be charged against their respective MOOE/Local Fund/SEF, while their food and accommodation shall be charged against the RSPC/RFOT/EVRAA Fund or to their respective MOOE/Local Fund, whichever is appropriate, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures.
- 6. All queries regarding this memorandum shall be addressed to the Regional Learner Rights and Protection Permanent Focal Person, Eden A. Dadap, at 09126063544 or at eden.dadap001@deped.gov.ph.
- 7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Regional Director



Enclosures: As stated References: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subject:

EVRAA LRP DESK RFOT RSPC SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES

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LEARNER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION (LRP) SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES FOR OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

(Pursuant to Supplemental Guidelines for the Implementation of DepEd Order No. 40 s. 2012, or the DepEd Child Protection Policy and DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017)

- A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES, TRAINERS, CHAPERONES, AND GUARDIANS
- 1. Exercise parental authority, supervision, instruction, and custody over the learner-participants at all times, even in activities outside the billeting areas and contest venues.
- 2. Educate and instruct learner-participants with right conduct and good example.
- 3. Provide learner-participants support, advice, and counsel, companionship, and understanding.
- 4. Enhance, protect, preserve, and keep learner-participants physically and mentally healthy at all times.
- 5. Protect learner-participants from bad company and prevent them from developing habits that are harmful to their health, studies, and morals.
- 6. Represent learner-participants in all matters affecting their interests.
- 7. Instill the value of respect and obedience.
- 8. Practice positive and non-violent discipline as required, without resorting to corporal punishment under any circumstance.
- 9. Avoid connecting through social media with a learner-participant before, during, or after the activity.
- 10. Obtain informed consent from the child's parent or legal guardian or teacher before photographing or filming a child. Explain how the photograph or film will be used.
- 11. Adhere to the two-adult rule: Two or more adults are required to supervise all activities where children are involved and present.
- 12. Do not spend time alone with a learner (one-on-one) or with learners far away from others.
- 13. Do not share a room with only one learner.
- 14. Do not engage in any form of inappropriate touching or sexually suggestive remarks with a learner, even in fun.
- 15. They should ensure appropriate company with a learner or young person while in a vehicle.
- 16. They should request written parental or official consent if activity organizers or partners are required to transports learners or young people.
- 17. They should not allow allegations made by a learner to go unchallenged, unrecorded, or not acted upon.
- 18. If a learner-participant wishes to report a learner protection concern while the activity is ongoing, he or she may approach the LRP Desk. If he/she experiences distress or any protection concern during the activity, he/she may approach the designated guidance advocates or psychological first aid (PFA providers).





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B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEARNER-PARTICIPANTS

- 1. Treat coaches, trainers, chaperons as their guardians during the conduct of the 2025 RFOT and RSPC. Seek permission and ensure that activities outside billeting areas and contest venues are with adult supervision.
- 2. Heed the guidance and counsel given by guardians, as this is for your best interest and welfare.
- 3. Practice good habits such as sleeping on time, eating healthy food, maintain positive attitude and personal care to keep physically and mentally healthy.
- 4. Avoid friends and activities that may pose risk to your health and safety. Be mindful of the curfew and the ban on smoking and liquor for minors.
- 5. Practice Respect, courtesy, and sportsmanship towards fellow learners as well as to other adult delegates.
- 6. Tell your parents/guardians and teacher when an adult participant who attended the activity sent a friend request or social media message to you.
- 7. Always wear the activity identification cards.
- 8. Use proper language when talking with other learners and adult participants.
- 9. Never talk to other learners and adult participants privately and in secluded areas.
- 10. Do not bring to the activity premises pornographic materials and dangerous chemicals and substances.
- 11. Report a learner protection concern to the LRP Desk. If you experience distress or any protection concern during the activity, you may approach the designated guidance advocates or psychological first aid (PFA providers).







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