



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TACLOBAN CITY

September 26, 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 498 s. 2022

**REITERATION TO DEPED 040, s. 2022 "AMENDMENT
 TO DEPED ORDER NO. 047, S. 2016"
 (Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education)**

**To: ALL DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
 PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
 PRIVATE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

1. In accordance with DepEd Order 040 s. 2022, all schools, public and private, are directed to follow and implement immediately the following amendments to DepEd Order no. 047, s. 2016, as cited in item V. 13.C.i.a.3:

a.3: All kindergarten classrooms must be located on the ground/first floor and must be beside the nearest entry, exit, and emergency access points.

Kindergarten classrooms may be located on the second floor, but in all instances, they can never be higher than the second floor. Classrooms must be beside the nearest entry, exit, and emergency access points. All schools shall include in all their information materials, including the parents' or guardians' orientation, the second-floor location of their classroom and its implications during emergency evacuation. Schools shall assume responsibility for falls, accidents or deaths of Kindergarten learners if the incident is directly related by reason of the classroom location on the second floor. **But, we still encourage all our schools that kindergarten and grade 1 classrooms must be placed on the ground floor for the safety of our learners.**

2. All other provisions stated in DepEd Order No. 047, s. 2016 shall remain effective, unless otherwise amended by other DepEd Issuances.

3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum are directed.

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Reference: As stated



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