

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
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**Reiteration of the Policies on Transfer and Temporary Enrollment**



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To: Schools Division Superintendents  
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Teachers  
 Federation of PTAs (*Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools*)  
 All others concerned

1. DepEd Order No. 03, s. 2018 (Basic Education Enrollment Policy) is issued to *"institutionalize the enrollment process in public and private schools"*;

2. It also provides guidelines for **Temporary Enrollment** is as follows:

Transferees from public and private schools in the Philippines who failed to submit the SF 9 (formerly Form 138) during early registration or upon enrollment shall only be temporarily enrolled until the submission of required documents on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. They shall be required to submit an Affidavit of Undertaking signed by the parent/guardian in order to be temporarily enrolled.

For temporarily enrolled learners, the receiving school shall issue a **Temporary Progress Report Card** signed by the Class Adviser for the parents/guardians to monitor the progress if his/her child. This form is **INADMISSIBLE for transfer and enrollment purposes** and is only issued for progress monitoring.

Upon **complete submission of the documentary requirements**, the learner shall be tagged as officially enrolled in the LIS. Otherwise, the learner retains the status of TEMPORARILY ENROLLED; the learner CANNOT BE OFFICIALLY PROMOTED to a higher grade level, and the learner CANNOT OFFICIALLY GRADUATE from the school. The learner will not be recognized should he/she attain the qualifying average and other criteria for academic honors, and the receiving school SHALL NOT

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RELEASE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS such as the SF 9, SF 10, Certificate of Completion, Diploma, etc.

3. DepEd Order No. 54 s. 2016 (*Guidelines on the Request or Transfer of Learner's School Records*) on the other hand provides a School-to-School Transfer of Form 137 (Permanent Record) in all schools nationwide. It details the process in requesting the permanent school records (Form 137) for an efficient transfer of documents, as follows:

Form 137, known as the permanent record, contains the learners profile and historical academic record, and Form 138 or the Report Card, shows the academic performance of a learner in a given school year.

At the end of the school year, Form 138 is a required document for a learner enrolling to the next grade level as it also indicates the learner's promotional status. On the other hand, school authorities request for the release of Form 137 of Grades 1 to 12 learners who transfer to another school or transition from elementary to secondary.

Receiving schools shall secure all Permanent Records (Form 137) of all incoming learners before the end of the first grading period. For transferred-in learners during the school year, transfer of documents shall be secured thirty (30) days from the first day of school attendance.

The Learner Information System (LIS) shall be used as a platform in the request and release of learner school records; hence the transaction shall strictly be between the receiving and originating schools only.

4. In cases of private schools, DepEd Order No. 88, s. 2010 expressly allows it to withhold the learner's credentials because of nonpayment of obligations, *to wit:*

**Section 127. Transfer of Students and Transfer Credentials.** A pupil or student enrolled in one school is entitled to transfer to another school, provided he has no unsettled obligations with the school he was enrolled in.

**Section 128. Withholding of Credentials.** The release of the transfer credentials of any pupil or student may be withheld for

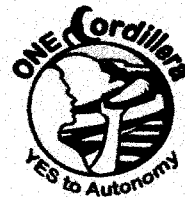
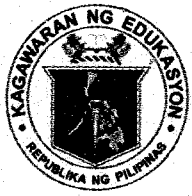
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reasons of suspension, expulsion or **nonpayment of financial obligations** or property responsibility of the pupil or student to the school. **The credentials shall be released as soon as his obligation shall have been settled** or the penalty of suspension or expulsion lifted.

However, if, after due inquiry, a school is found to be unjustifiably refused to issue transfer credentials or student records, the Department may issue the same without prejudice to the imposition of appropriate administrative sanctions against the school concerned.

5. Considering the foregoing, the complete documentary requirements needed in order for a transferring learner to be considered officially enrolled in the receiving school are the Form 138 and Form 137;
6. Thus, in the cases where the originating private school rightfully refuses to release the permanent record of the learner because of unpaid obligations, the learner shall be considered **TEMPORARILY ENROLLED**.

For information and strict compliance.

  
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References: DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2018  
 DepEd Order No. 54, s. 2016  
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