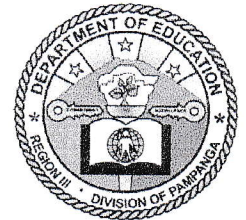




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**Division Memorandum**

No. 181, S. 2018

To : OIC-ASDSs  
SDO Chiefs /Public Schools District Supervisors  
/ Principals of Public Elementary Schools and Kindergarten Coordinators

From : **OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

Subject: Clarifying the Cut-off Age Policy and Providing for Transitory Provisions to Accommodate Kinder and Grade One Enrollees for SY 2018-2019 and SY 2019-2020 to Public Schools

Date : April 30, 2018

1. With reference to DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2018 entitled, Amendment to DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2016, otherwise known as the "Omnibus Policy on Kindergarten Education", Clarifying that the Cut-off Age Policy is Applicable to Public and Private Schools and providing for transitory provisions to accommodate Kinder and Grade 1 enrollees for 2018-2019 and School Year 2019-2020, this Office announces its strict adherence to its provisions/guidelines, to wit:

**A. For SY 2018-2019**

- i. Learners who **COMPLETED** Kindergarten during SY 2017-2018 can enroll in Grade 1, provided that they turned five (5) years old within SY 2017-2018;
- ii. Learners who will turn five (5) years within SY 2018-2019 can be accepted to Kindergarten provided they pass the Philippine Early Childhood (ECD) checklist.

**B. For SY 2019-2020**

- i. Learners who **COMPLETED** Kindergarten during SY 2018-2019 can enroll in Grade 1, provided that they turn five (5) years old within SY 2018-2019 when they complete Kindergarten;
- ii. Incoming Kindergarten must strictly comply with the cut-off age policy in D.O. 47, s. 2016 that stated the Age qualification for Kindergarten learners in both public and private schools should be five (5) years old by June 1 of every calendar year. However, the school may consider learners entering Kindergarten who will turn five (5) years old by the end of August on the condition that the Philippine Early Childhood Development (ECD) Checklist must be administered to the learner prior to the start of the opening of the school year.

**C. For SY 2020-2021**

- Both incoming Kindergarten and Grade 1 learners shall strictly comply with the policy as stated under Item VI.15 .A of the enclosure to DepEd Order no.47, s. 2016,  
as amended by the DepEd Order.
2. These guidelines shall take effect immediately.
  3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.