


To: Dr. Embik  
For appropriate action  
8.19.2020



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION V - BICOL


**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Schools Division Superintendents

**FROM:**   
GILBERT A. SADSAD  
Regional Director

**SUBJECT:** CLARIFICATIONS ON THE RETENTION OF THE STUDENTS UNDER  
ACADEMIC TRACK - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND  
MATHEMATICS (STEM)

**DATE:** August 17, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
REGIONAL OFFICE V  
MAYAPO, LEGASPI CITY  
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In view of the letter-reply of the Bureau of Curriculum Development to the request of the region for clarificatory guidelines on the retention of the students in the Senior High School, Academic - STEM, this Office reiterates the following explanations:

- a. DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2015, Policy Guidelines on Classroom Assessment for the K to 12 BEP was issued to guide teachers on classroom assessment, grading system and student retention;
- b. The table on Section D of the same DepEd Order states that learners who got a grade of at least 75 in all learning areas in a semester can proceed to the next semester. If the learner did not meet expectations in any subject/learning area at the end of a semester, he/she must pass remedial classes for failed competencies in the subject/learning area before being allowed to enroll in the next semester. Otherwise, the learner must retake the failed subject; and
- c. Entrance to the STEM strand is guided by DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2016, but the strand itself is not a special program and therefore not governed by a separate set of guidelines.

For information, guidance and immediate dissemination.

Kind- Sir

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**TO: Concerned School Heads (STEM Schools)**

For information, guidance and dissemination.

  
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Schools Division Superintendent 