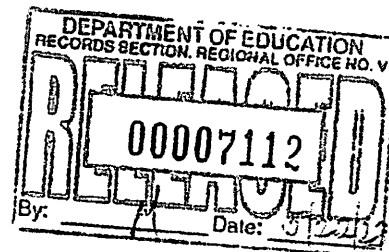




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REGION V - BICOL



**Office of the Regional Director**

May 19, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 117 s. 2023

**GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL HEADS OF THE IMPLEMENTERS OF THE SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING PROGRAM AND NON-IMPLEMENTERS IN THE  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

To : Schools Division Superintendents  
Division Science Supervisors  
School Heads of Junior High School

1. In our quest to improve the delivery of the Science Program in the region, the Regional Office commenced the series of Focus Group Discussions among the science teachers, department heads, school heads and other internal stakeholders of the sampled schools last April, 2023.
2. As an offset of the various FGD and M&E conducted, this Office provides the following guidelines to school heads of the implementers of the STE and non-implementers in the Junior High School to ensure the effective delivery of the Science curriculum to wit:
  - a. To adopt team teaching starting this school year 2023-2024. With the spiraling structure of the Basic Education Curriculum, teachers who are non-majors were forced to teach subjects that are not within their line of expertise. As such, team teaching shall be adopted for quality teaching and learning.
  - b. Adherence to Regional Memorandum dated March 28, 2023, re: Policy Measures on the Maximum Utilization of Science Tools and Equipment and Laboratory Rooms for Effective Inquiry-Based Classroom Teaching.
  - c. To conduct assessment of all learning spaces and rooms in the school and limit having too many stockrooms. Conversion of some offices into instruction/laboratory use can be done to address shortage of laboratory rooms.
  - d. To conduct orientation among science teachers on the Ethical Standards in conducting scientific researches and International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) rules and guidelines. Likewise, reconstitution of the school Scientific Review Committee (SRC) and orientation of its terms of references should be done among the STE implementers.
  - e. Research classes shall meet twice a week with longer instruction time (2 hours per meeting) to give more time to the STE teachers and learners to



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work on researches and conduct field visits and experimentations when needed.

- f. To make available a sustainable and open archival mechanisms of learners' researches stored in the Research Center of STE implementers.
- g. To provide mechanisms aligned with the DENR guidelines and standards on the disposal of expired chemicals and laboratory waste materials.
- h. To advocate and institutionalize the use of plagiarism checker among teachers and learners. This shall counter the rampant use of Chat GPT and copy pasting of learners which hinders effective and authentic measurement of learning and output delivery of learners.

3. These guidelines are provided in accordance with the provisions in the MATATAG Agenda of the Department of Education and shall serve as reference of school heads in the Junior High School of both implementers and non-implementers of the Special Science Program.

4. For information and dissemination to all concerned.

  
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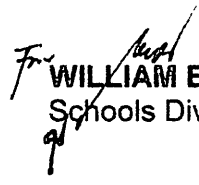
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**TO: PSDSs/ OIC-PSDSs**  
**Secondary School Heads**  
**Schools Heads of STE/ STEM Schools**

Adoption of team teaching in Science in the Junior High School (both STE and non-STE implementers) starting this school year 2023-2024 is strongly emphasized. Implementation of other provisions stipulated in the said Regional Memorandum must be observed.

For information, dissemination and compliance of all concerned.

  
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