



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
DIVISION OF NUEVA ECIJA
Cabanatuan City



DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 138s., 2014

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary School Principals/Head Teachers/OICs/TICs
Secondary School Principals/OICs

FROM: 
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Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: Friday Journalism Classes

DATE: December 1, 2014

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1. In our desire to uplift the journalistic spirits of our young writers, the Division announces the inclusion of Journalism classes in the school curriculum beginning January 2015 in both elementary and secondary schools. It aims to prepare our student-writers more intensively in the different competitions. Thus, School Paper Advisers (SPAs) are required to conduct journalism classes every Friday as part of their English subjects including those of their writers. School Heads are expected to make the necessary adjustments with the schedule.
 2. In connection, please be reminded of the provision of DepEd Order No. 43, s.2002 (Guidelines for the Pilot Implementation of 2002 Basic Education Curriculum) Paragraph 7.2, which states that "A teaching load is equivalent to one hour . However, in the exigency of service, the principal may give assignments to teachers which shall be considered to a teaching load such as advisory or moderatorship of an interest club (e.g. **school paper**, student government organization, scouting, etc.". As such, SPAs should be properly **deloaded** in accordance with the said loading policy of the department.
 3. Likewise, beginning SY 2015-2016 all SPAs handling lower grade levels should be transferred to higher ones such as Grades V& VI in the elementary and Grades 9 & 10 in the secondary as they train potential writers of the school paper. Further, Master Teachers should also be assigned in the intermediate level because they serve as coaches of contestants in different competitions.
 4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is enjoined.