



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
Division of City Schools – Tagbilaran City

**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 224, s. 2021

June 22, 2021

**CLARIFICATIONS ON THE RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
AWARDEES PER DEPED ORDER NO. 36, S. 2016**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. 030, s. 2021 dated May 27, 2021, from Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones, Office of the DepEd Secretary entitled “**Clarifications on the Recognition of Academic Excellence Awardees Per DepEd Order No. 36, s. 2016**”, for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. For more details, please see attached memorandum.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) reiterates the provisions of DepEd Order No. 36, s. 2016 titled **Policy Guidelines on Awards Recognition for the K to 12 Basic Education Program**. This Order emphasizes that formal recognition of learners' outstanding performance and achievement must be done in a manner that encourages them to strive for excellence and to become proactive members of the school community. As applied to the announcement of Academic Excellence awards in written media or in ceremonies, this necessitates that learners who have garnered similar awards must be treated in a fair, impartial, and non-hierarchical manner.

2. This Department orders that the announcement of learners who have been awarded Academic Excellence Awards (i.e., With Honors, With High Honors, With Highest Honors) must be made in alphabetical order within categories, not from highest to lowest average grade within categories. For example, given three learners awarded With Honors:

Name of Learners	Average Grade
Aragon, Margarita	92
Dela Cruz, Juana	91
Zaragosa, Jesus	94

The name of learner Margarita Aragon shall be announced first, followed by Juana Dela Cruz and Jesus Zaragosa.

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**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

Encl.:

None

Reference:

DepEd Order (No. 36, s. 2016)

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