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**SUBJECT:** DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2023  
**GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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Attached herewith is the DepEd Order 020, s. 2023 on *Guidelines On The Implementation Of The Senior High School Voucher Program*.

For your information, guidance and widest dissemination.



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**GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
VOUCHER PROGRAM**

To: Undersecretaries  
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1. The Department of Education (DepEd) issues the enclosed **Guidelines on the Implementation of the Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP)** to provide details on the processes and activities in relation to the VP-participating SHSs. This includes accepting qualified voucher recipients, requirements and application process, redemption, creating billing statements and payment of subsidies, and other SHS VP information.
2. The procedures, activities, and timelines provided in this policy shall guide the DepEd Central Office and its stakeholders in efficiently and effectively implementing the SHS VP and shall assist the incoming SHS learners in the application to the SHS VP.
3. All DepEd Orders, Memoranda, and other related issuances, rules, regulations, and provisions which are inconsistent with these guidelines are repealed, rescinded, or modified accordingly.
4. This DepEd Order shall take effect upon its approval, issuance, and publication on the DepEd website. Certified copies of this Order shall be registered with the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) at the University of the Philippines Law Center (UP LC), UP Diliman, Quezon City.
5. For more information, please contact the **Office of the Undersecretary for Finance**, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at [usec.financebpm@deped.gov.ph](mailto:usec.financebpm@deped.gov.ph), or the **Government Assistance and Subsidies Office** through email at [gaso@deped.gov.ph](mailto:gaso@deped.gov.ph).
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.



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Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines  
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References:

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## **GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM (SHS VP)**

### **I. RATIONALE**

Republic Act (RA) No. 10533, otherwise known as the *Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013*, lengthened Philippine basic education from ten (10) to thirteen (13) years with the addition of Kindergarten, and Grades 11 and 12 in Senior High School (SHS). Grade 11 was introduced in School Year (SY) 2016-2017, Grade 12 in SY 2017-2018.

The 1987 Constitution, particularly Article XIV, Section 1, guarantees the right of every Filipino to accessible and quality basic education, while Article XIV, Section 2.3 mandates the State to establish, among others, subsidies, and other incentives to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged. RA No. 10533 upholds both of said provisions by explicitly expanding the assistance programs under the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (E-GASTPE Law or RA No. 8545, which amends RA No. No. 6728) to extend the benefits accorded by E-GASTPE to qualified learners in Grades 11 and 12. RA No. 10533 further mandates the Department of Education (DepEd) to formulate programs to enact the abovementioned law based on the principles of public-private partnership.

In this regard, DepEd developed the Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP), a program of financial assistance wherein subsidies in the form of vouchers are provided to qualified SHS learners in VP-participating SHSs. DepEd Order (DO) No. 11, s. 2015 provided the policy guidelines on the implementation of SHS VP which guidelines categorized the learners into two: those who automatically qualify for SHS VP, and those who shall undergo application, subject to additional guidelines that DepEd will issue for that purpose.

The most recent policy on the implementation of the SHS VP was issued in 2017, providing details on the processes and activities in relation to the VP-participating SHSs. Every year, the Department issues a separate policy on the eligibility and application process to the SHS VP valid for a specific SY only. Considering the significant changes in the basic education due to the challenges, issues, advancements, and trends over the past years, and to avoid issuance of a separate policy on SHS VP applications, this DepEd Order aims to provide updates on the implementation of the SHS VP which includes the application process to the program and, henceforth, will be multiyear in application.

### **II. SCOPE**

These guidelines shall be applicable nationally including the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), and provide details on