



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
 Caraga Region  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
 No. 301, s. 2025

To: CID Chief  
 Division ALS Focal Person  
 Education Program Specialist-ALS  
 District In Charge, Lianga District  
 ALS Teachers, Lianga District  
 All Others Concerned



**LIANGA DISTRICT JAIL GRADUATION AND COMPLETION RITES OF ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) LEARNERS WHO ARE PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY (PDL)**

1. The Alternative Learning System (ALS) Graduation and Completion Program is a culminating activity that recognizes the hard work, perseverance, and achievements of ALS learners who have successfully completed the required competencies for Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E), elementary and Junior/Senior High School levels. It celebrates their journey of resilience and aims to motivate others to continue their education through flexible learning modalities.
2. As per DepEd Memorandum 046,s.2025, Surigao del Sur Division has 730 passers of which 80 are the elementary and 650 are the Junior High School for School Year 2024-2025. Elementary graduates are eligible for Junior High School in formal or in ALS. Junior High School completers shall then be eligible to enrol in the Senior High School Program. Those who are in difficult situation may opt for ALS Senior High School. Lianga District Jail has 13 ALS learners who took the 2024 National Accreditation and Equivalency Test and 100% of takers able to pass successfully the examinations.
3. Anent to that, DepEd Surigao del Sur Division shall conduct the LIANGA DISTRICT JAIL GRADUATION AND COMPLETION RITES OF ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) LEARNERS WHO ARE PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY (PDL) on July 24, 2025 at Lianga District Jail Ground, Lianga, Surigao del Sur with the theme “ Henerasyon ng Pagkakaisa: Kaagapay sa Bagong Pilipinas” (DM 027,s.2025).
4. The conduct of graduation and completion exercises for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) who have graduated/completed the Alternative Learning System (ALS) at the BJMP Lianga District Jail for School Year 2024-2025 is a significant and meaningful milestone, not only for the learners themselves but also for the institution and the broader community.



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5. Specifically, graduation and completion program:


- a. serves as a formal recognition of the PDL learners' hard work, dedication, and perseverance in completing the ALS program. Despite the challenges of incarceration, these individuals have demonstrated a commitment to self-improvement and lifelong learning. A graduation ceremony validates their efforts and gives them a sense of accomplishment.
- b. manifests Education as a powerful tool for rehabilitation. Through the ALS program, PDLs gain literacy, numeracy, and life skills that prepare them for reintegration into society. Celebrating their academic achievements reinforces the idea that incarceration is not the end, but a part of a transformative journey.
- c. platforms promotion of the ALS program to the community and stakeholders.

6. Participants of the activity are as follows:

Expected Participants	Number
2024 A&E Lianga District Jail PDL Passers based on DM 046,s.2025	13
Family Members of Graduating/Completing PDLs	26
ALS teachers	4
DIC & other Lianga District Personnel	5
LGU Officials & Other Stakeholders	8
Division Personnel & Program Management Team	6
BJMP Personnel	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

7. The conduct of ALS graduation and completion program shall be simple but meaningful. While these rites mark a milestone in the lives of the learners, it shall be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire or extraordinary venues.
8. The pre-work activity of the identified members of the Program Management Team including the rehearsals shall be conducted on July 22, 2025 at Lianga District Jail Ground, Lianga, Surigao del Sur.
9. Expenses incurred on lunch and others in the conduct of the activity shall be charged to ALS Program Support Fund (PSF) subject to the usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations. Transportation expenses of District In Charge, teachers and other Lianga District Personnel shall be charged to their School MOOE, SEF or local funds while those participants coming from the division office shall charge their travelling expenses to Division MOOE/ ALS Program Support Funds subject to the usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

10. No DepEd Personnel shall be allowed to collect any kind of contribution or fee for the said purpose in accordance with the provisions of DO 19,s 2008 (Implementation of No Collection Policy in all Public Elementary and Secondary Schools).
11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Encl.: None  
Reference: DM 46,s. 2026 & DM-CT-2025-175 ,DM 27 s.2025  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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