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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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TO : REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS, COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE

SUBJECT : REALIGNMENT OF THE AGE RANGE AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF THE BSP YOUTH PROGRAMME TO THE "K TO 12" BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. In view of the implementation of the **"K to 12" Basic Education Program of the Department of Education (DepEd)**, the BSP Youth Programme is hereby realigned with respect to the Age Range, Educational Level and Focus of Activities of the Five (5) Sectional Programs of the BSP as follows:

SECTION	AGE RANGE	EDUCATIONAL LEVEL	FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES
KID Scouting	4 – 6 years old	Pre-School Kinder 1 and 2	Discovering Talents, Creativity & Potentials at HOME.
KAB Scouting	6 – 9 years old	Grade 1 to Grade 3	Responsible Citizenship in the Home and Institution.
Boy Scouting	9 – 12 years old	Grade 4 to Grade 6	Responsible Citizenship in the Institution, Community and Care for the Environment.
Senior Scouting	12 – 17 years old	4 Years in Junior High School HS Year 1 to 4	Service to Institution, Community, Outdoor Adventure, Vocational Exploration and Career Path Training
Rover Scouting	16 – 26 years old	2 Years in Senior High School 4 – 5 Years in Tertiary / College Education	Personal Development through Vocational and Technical Training, Responsible Leadership, Service to Scouting and the Community.

2. The new age range allows a transition period for pupils and students whose **birthdates take place after the start of the school year**, thus, being younger in age in the next higher Grade or Year Level in the Junior and Senior High School.
3. The two-year overlapping period in between the Senior Scouting and Rover Scouting sections provides more educational opportunities and flexibility to accomplish their respective advancement scheme, especially in completing the Eagle Scout requirements, and earning more Merit Badges in the Specialist Rating system towards the Anahaw Award as part of our approach to Vocational Exploration and Career Path Training. This usually happens among Scouts in between 4th Year High School to First Year College, or in Grade 11 or 12 in the case of the new "K to 12" Program.
4. This realignment aims to make our Youth Program more responsive, accommodating, flexible and inclusive rather than restricting, controlling and too technical for young people.
5. The BSP Youth Programme realignment also covers the additional **2 Years in the Senior High School** apart from the 4 to 5 Years in the Tertiary / College Education in the Rover Scouting Section, while the expanded age range **from 24 to 26 years** old is principally based on WOSM's standard guidelines and requirement on the maximum age limit for the Youth Advisors and Young Adult Members Group (YAMG).

6. The revised "**Focus of Activities**" for each section supports the "K to 12" program that is geared to produce holistically developed graduates equipped with the 21st Century Leadership Skills and are specifically defined to guide our program delivery network, the program commissioners, leaders of adults and unit leaders in the key priority area on Quality Youth Programme.

SECTION	OLD FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES	REVISED FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES
KID Scouting	The Home	Discovering Talents, Creativity & Potentials at HOME
KAB Scouting	The Home and the Institution	Responsible Citizenship in the Home and Institution
Boy Scouting	The Outdoors	Responsible Citizenship in the Institution, Community and Care for the Environment
Senior Scouting	The Institution, the Outdoors and the Community	Service to Institution, Community, Outdoor Adventure, Vocational Exploration and Career Path Training
Rover Scouting	Service Oriented Projects and Activities	Personal Development through Vocational and Technical Training, Responsible Leadership, Service to Scouting and the Community

7. The revised age range, educational level and focus of activities shall serve as the core guide to policy makers and programme implementers at all ranks and levels, thus, giving more cogent approach to our programs, projects and activities. They shall not serve as hindering factors in some special cases involving Differently-abled Young People, Out-of-School Youth, Street Children, Indigenous People, Children in Specially Difficult Circumstances, and few exceptional cases of intellectually challenged and or mentally advanced pupils and students joining Scouting where the program calls for more flexible and inclusive standards towards reaching out a broader segment of the society.
8. The student learners enrolled in the **Alternative Learning System (ALS)** of the DepEd and **Community-Based Scouting (CBS)** units catering to each program section, who have joined Scouting, shall be classified accordingly based on the Age Range for each sectional program as provided in the table shown above.
9. This memorandum rescinds the **BSP NO Memo No. 34 series of 2006** on the **Revised Age Requirement for the Five Sectional Programs** issued last 20 June 2006 and takes effect immediately. Relative to sessions in all BSP Training Courses, contents on youth program shall be revised in accordance with this memorandum.
10. For your easy reference, attached herewith are the "K to 12" Basic Education Program and K to 12 Graduate 21st Century Skills.
11. For information, dissemination, guidance and implementation of all concerned.

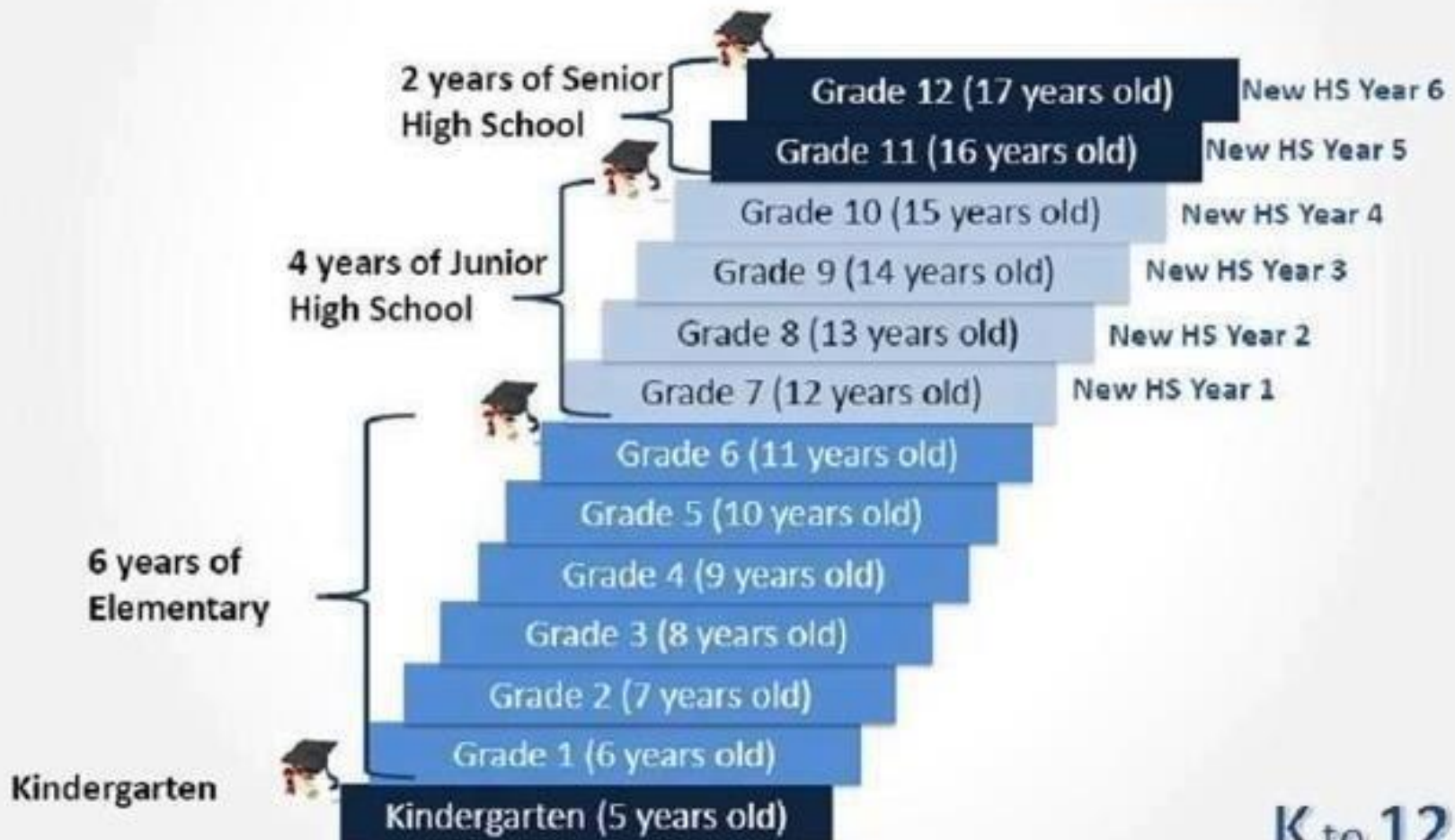

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Enclosed: as stated

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K to 12 is Kindergarten and 12 years of Basic Education.



THE K TO 12 GRADUATE

The K to 12 program will produce holistically developed graduates with 21st century skills.

1



Information, Media
and Technology Skills

2



Learning and
Innovation Skills

3



Effective
Communication Skills

4



Life and
Career Skills



HIGHER EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT



ENTREPRENEURSHIP