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**REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

## **DIRECTIVE ON THE ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS AND USE OF METAL TRUNKS AND WOODEN CHOP BOXES IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Management of the Ghana Education Service (GES) has received reports that some Senior High Schools and Senior High Technical Schools (SHS/SHTS) are turning away newly admitted students or refusing to accommodate them because they report to school with metal trunks, wooden chop boxes or other personal storage containers.

These practices may impose unnecessary financial burdens on parents and guardians who may be unable to afford alternative storage containers prescribed by individual schools.

All students admitted to boarding accommodation should be treated fairly and accommodated without discrimination based on their economic circumstances or the ability of their parents or guardians to purchase particular brands or types of personal effects.

Consequently, Regional Directors are kindly requested to inform all Heads of Schools to desist from turning away, refusing admission or denying accommodation to duly admitted students solely on the basis of the type of trunk, chop box or personal storage container they bring to school, provided the item is reasonably sized, safe and does not pose a risk to the health, safety or welfare of other students.

Any reported case of a duly admitted student being denied accommodation or turned away solely because of the type of trunk, chop box or personal storage container brought to school should be investigated and same reported to Management.

Any Head of SHS/SHSTS who flouts this directive shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable standards, regulations and laws of the Service.

Management counts on your usual cooperation and support.

  
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