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Department of Education
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

13 January 2026

SCHOOLS DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 014, s. 2026

**DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)
SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schoolheads
All Others Concerned

1. This Office announces the Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) School Paper Contest on February 6, 2026 at MNHS Annex.
2. This activity aims to select the school papers that will participate in the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC).
3. The submission of school papers will be on or before February 5, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Late entries will no longer be included in the contest. Winners will be announced through a Schools Division Memorandum.
4. This contest is open to all public and private elementary and secondary schools but is required to all public schools.
5. Relative to this, enclosed are the contest guidelines.
6. For queries, please communicate with Dr. Aileen G. Mactal- Education Program Supervisor in English and/ or Dr. Mary Queen P. Orpilla, Education Program Supervisor in Filipino.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: as stated
Reference: NSPC Guidelines

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

DSPC Final Round Campus Journalism School Paper Contest

CID/AGM/DSPC Final Round
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Enclosure No. 1 to Schools Division Memorandum No. 14, s. 2026

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST
(in Portable Digital Format)

- A. The School Paper Contest is open to all public and private Elementary and Secondary schools.
- B. Top five per section per category will be awarded as winners.
- C. The following sanctions shall be imposed to the school upon finding that the school paper has copied and used text, images or other materials without duly acknowledging their sources, and unauthorized use of AI software not approved by the school:

First Offense: Disqualification from the contest.

Second Offense: Disqualification from the contest. A formal notification will be sent to the school head. The SDS will issue a written reprimand to the school paper adviser/s and the school head.

Third Offense: Disqualification from the School Paper Contest for three consecutive years.

- D. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the contest is final and irrevocable.
- E. For the 2026 DSPC, each school must upload the entire school paper in PDF through the GDrive to be shared by the Division Education Program Supervisor in charge of Journalism.
- F. The various **SECTIONS/CATEGORIES** in the school paper contest both English and Filipino are as follows:
 1. News Section / Pahinang Balita
 2. Editorial Section / Pahinang Editorial
 3. Features Section / Pahinang Lathalain
 4. Sports Section / Pahinang Pampalakasan
 5. Science & Technology Section / Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
 6. Layout and Page Design Category / Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina



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G. The Technical Specifications for both Elementary and Secondary levels are as follows:

1. No. of pages: minimum of 12 and maximum of 20
News Section- at least 3
Sports Section - at least 2
Feature Section - at least 3
Editorial Section - at least 2
Science & Technology Section - at least 2
2. Process: Digital
3. Color: All pages in full color
4. Size: 9"x12" (Elementary) 12"x18" (Secondary)

J. Failure to adhere to the set guidelines when evaluating school papers will result in disqualification.



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**GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE BEST SECTIONS AND LAYOUT
AND PAGE DESIGN CATEGORIES FOR THE SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST**

A. Editorial Section

1. The section must consist of at least two pages and should include the following: main editorial, editorial cartoon, columns, letters to the editor, and commentaries. Opinion polls or surveys may be included but are not mandatory.
2. The discussion of issues should demonstrate a fair and balanced presentation of both sides of the issue, a clear moral purpose, logical reasoning, and proper citations/attribution of sources.
3. Topics featured in the section should tackle various international, national, or local issues that may have direct or indirect impact on the school or the community it serves.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

B. News Section

1. The section must consist of at least three pages.
2. The content and scope of the news stories should cover international, national, regional, community, and school-related news stories.
3. The content of the section may include straight or spot news, advance/follow-up reports, news bits, news features, news analysis, and in-depth news/investigative news.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

C. Feature Section

1. The section must consist of at least three pages.
2. The feature articles should display unique and creative presentation of topics, logical organization of ideas and facts, writers' facility of the language, and proper citations/attribution of sources.
3. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

D. Sports Section

1. The section must consist of at least two pages.
2. The content and scope of the sports news should cover international, national, regional, community, and school-related sports news stories.
3. The section may contain straight or spot news, advance/follow-up reports; news bits; news feature/news analysis; in-depth news, features and editorial/column related to sports.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.



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E. Science and Technology Section

1. The Science and Technology Section must consist of at least two pages.
2. The content may cover health, environmental, scientific, technological, and innovative stories presented in news, feature, or scientific commentary style. This should also discuss the economic impact of Science and Technology on the lives of the Filipinos.
3. The articles should be well-researched and should observe proper citation of sources, pictures, and graphics.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

F. Layout and Page Design Category

1. This category must conform to the principles of layout and design.
2. The content (texts and images) should consider a variety of stories about the community and the school, including those of international, national, and local significance.
3. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.



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