



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CO-CURRICULAR CULMINATING ACTIVITIES ALIGNED WITH THE CAMPUS JOURNALISM PROGRAM OF SDO BULACAN FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
DEPS in English and Filipino
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Heads of Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the implementation of Republic Act (RA) No. 7079, otherwise known as the *Campus Journalism Act of 1991*, and DepEd Order No. 94, s. 1992, which institutionalized the conduct of the annual elementary and secondary schools press conferences, this Office announces the **Co-Curricular Culminating Activities** under the **Campus Journalism Program** of the Schools Division Office of Bulacan for School Year 2026-2027. Anchored on **Project SPCJ (Sustaining Performance in Campus Journalism)** of SDO Bulacan, these activities aim to further strengthen the division's culture of excellence in campus journalism, nurture learners' journalistic competencies, and sustain the Schools Division of Bulacan's outstanding performance in regional and national journalism competitions.
2. This series of co-curricular culminating activities aims to:
 - 2.1 enhance and develop the writing skills of the campus journalists;
 - 2.2 demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms such as print, broadcast, and online;
 - 2.3 produce winnable learner-contestants and school papers, considering the quality and quantity aspects of preparation and training; and
 - 2.4 identify the entries for the 2026-2027 Regional Level Press Conference (RSPC).
3. Enclosure No.1 contains the composition of the Division Technical Working Core Group Chairs and Members. Complete details regarding the timeline of Co-Curricular Culminating Activities and other reminders related to Campus Journalism for the School Year 2026-2027 will be discussed during consultative meetings with the PSDSes, elementary and secondary public and private School Paper Advisers (SPAs), and coordinators.
4. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*," all Campus Journalism activities, trainings, and competitions shall **not be conducted during the Instructional Block Time** to ensure that learners and teachers devote their time to uninterrupted teaching and learning engagements during the prescribed instructional hours.
5. Accordingly, all School-Based, District, EDDIS, Division, and Provincial Level elimination rounds, simulation and intensive training and workshop sessions, coaching and mentoring activities, school paper preparation and production, consultative meetings, assemblies, and all other related Campus Journalism activities may be conducted **outside class hours, weekends**, or during **other non-instructional periods** in accordance with existing DepEd policies.



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6. Elementary and secondary, including private, schools are likewise encouraged to **integrate** Campus Journalism writing workshops and related learning activities into appropriate Written Works (WWs), Performance Tasks (PTs), and Summative Assessments (SAs), where applicable, to enrich learners' competencies while ensuring that regular learning episodes are not disrupted.
7. Moreover, all Campus Journalism activities conducted outside regular class hours or on Saturdays shall require a **written consent of parents or legal guardians** through a duly accomplished **Parents' Consent Form**, signifying their approval for the voluntary participation of their children in such activities. Schools and District Offices may organize additional Campus Journalism programs and related initiatives as deemed necessary, provided that these activities strictly comply with existing DepEd policies and **shall not compromise the prescribed Instructional Block Time or the delivery of quality classroom instruction**.
8. In the conduct of campus journalism activities, the latest guidelines and contest rules for both individual and group categories, as well as school paper contests outlined in DepEd Memorandum No. 021, s. 2026, can be downloaded from this link: <https://www.deped.gov.ph/2026/03/19/march-19-2026-dm-021-s-2026-2026-national-schools-press-conference/>.
9. School heads are reminded of DepEd Order No. 9, S. 2005, "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith." Henceforth, classes must remain uninterrupted, and there must be substitute teachers for those School Paper Advisers (SPAs), and coaches attending the Campus Journalism (CJ) activities.
10. Service credits or Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) shall be granted to the participants and personnel for activities that will fall during weekends, holidays, or end of each Term. This is in accordance with DepEd Order Nos. 013 s. 2024 titled "Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers," and 53, s. 2003, DBM-CSC Joint Circular No. 002, s. 2015, and DepEd Memoranda Nos. 65 & 67, s. 2021.
11. There will be separate Division Memoranda to be released for the specific dates and prerequisites on individual writing and group categories, including the specific guidelines for the Search for Best School Papers in the public and private elementary and secondary schools.
12. Public Schools District Supervisors, in coordination with the CID Chief and Division Education Program Supervisors, in English and Filipino, are tasked to provide necessary assistance for the smooth and intensive implementation of the Press Conference activities and contests at the school, district, EDDIS, and Provincial Levels. They are the ones who will facilitate proper coordination with the Municipal Government executives for the Local School Board financial assistance and pertinent support.
13. Strictly, **no mandatory fees** shall be directly taken from the parents and learners. Instead, all expenses to be incurred in the conduct of these activities shall be charged to Local School Board (LSB) Funds/Campus Journalism Funds/Student Development Canteen Funds/MOOE/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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14. This Memorandum serves as travel authority for the persons involved during the conduct of the Campus Journalism activities.
15. Strict compliance and wide dissemination of this Memorandum are desired.



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References:

Republic Act (RA) No.7079;
DepEd Order Nos.009, s.2026; and 94, s.1992;
DepEd Memorandum No.026, s.2026; and
Regional Memorandum No.092, s.2025.

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

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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. 317 s. 2026

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YEAR 2026-2027**

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