



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NORTHERN SAMAR

January 16, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 024, s. 2025

2025 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals in-Charge
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Paper Advisers, both Public and Private Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7079, also known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, this Schools Division hereby announces the conduct of the **2025 Division Schools Press Conference on January 29 - 31, 2025 at San Isidro 1 and 2 Districts, San Isidro, N. Samar**, with the theme, "Chronicling the Nation's Odyssey, Nurturing the Filipino Legacy".
2. The conference aims to:
 - a. Demonstrate understanding of journalism through skillful execution in various platforms (i.e. print, broadcast, online);
 - b. Recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and nation building;
 - c. Promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - d. Foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and,
 - e. Provide learners opportunities to use the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.
3. The participants of this activity are the pupils and student-writers/campus journalists, school paper advisers/coaches, district heads, division journalism coordinators, education program supervisors, and members of the Technical Working Group.
4. The 2025 DSPC activities shall include the following:
 - a. **Individual Contests (English and Filipino, Elementary and Secondary)**
 - i. News Writing
 - ii. Features Writing
 - iii. Editorial Writing



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- iv. Sports Writing
- v. Copyreading and Headline Writing
- vi. Science and Technology Writing
- vii. Photojournalism
- viii. Editorial Cartooning
- ix. Column Writing

b. Group Contests

- i. Radio Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
- ii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary)
- iii. Online Publishing (English and Filipino, secondary only)
- iv. TV Scriptwriting and Broadcasting (English and Filipino, secondary only)

5. The 2024 NSPC Contest Guidelines for individual and group contests shall be the basis in the conduct of the 2025 DSPC to include the criteria in judging the different contest categories.

6. A campus journalist, from public and private elementary and secondary schools (junior high school and senior high school), can participate in only one (1) event, either individual or group category, English and Filipino media.

7. The top five (5) winners in all contest events to include the school paper category shall be recognized; however, only the top one (1) or first place winner in every contest category shall represent the Division to the 2025 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) on February 9-12, 2025 to be hosted by the Schools Division Office (SDO) and Local Government Unit (LGU) of Borongan City.

8. All participating schools are directed to present a copy of their school paper to be presented by the student writers/campus journalists during the contest proper which shall then be collated by the contest facilitator or TWG.

9. Should the school decide to participate in the best school paper contest category, submission of entries either soft or hard copy is on or before January 27, 2025. For the hard copy, submission will be at the CID office; whereas, for soft copy through cidnorthernssamar@gmail.com.

10. A preregistration link shall be accomplished by all participants through <https://bit.ly/Pre-registrationformDSPC2025> on or before January 24, 2025. The responses will determine the basis of billeting classrooms, contest materials, and other logistical preparations.

11. A registration fee of Fifty Pesos (P50.00) for each school paper adviser/coach and student-writer shall be paid in advance, preferably on or before January 27, 2025, by the participating schools through the DepEd Northern Samar Schools Division's Cashier's Office to defray the expenses in the conduct of the DSPC. The registration fee, travelling expenses and other incidental expenses relative to this activity shall be charged against school MOOE/local funds/journalism fund/special education fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

12. The DSPC 2025 shall kickoff with a motorcade to be participated in by select delegates coming from the 24 municipalities of the province on January 29, 2025 at

7:00 AM, assembly area at San Isidro Port, Poblacion, San Isidro, N. Samar. Upon arrival at San Isidro Agro-Industrial School, a grand entrance of all the delegates, wearing their respective Press Northcanaan T-shirts or school uniform, signals the opening program.

13. A virtual planning meeting on the conduct of the 2025 Division Schools Press Conference to be attended by the PMT contest facilitators, members of the Technical Working Group, and NSESPAA and NSSSPAA officers is scheduled on January 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM via <https://meet.google.com/tud-sndd-abj>.

14. Classes that will be affected due to the participation of the learners and advisers and those of the host schools shall be subject to alternative delivery mode or modular approach. Moreover, District Heads and School Heads should provide all learner-contestants who are attending the DSPC due recognition in accordance with the applicable DepEd policy on awards and assessment to make up for class performance, projects, assignments, quizzes, and other requirements that the participants have missed.

15. Since this is a face-to-face activity, parental consent shall be obtained for all student/learner-contestants to be secured by advisers or delegation heads. Said document shall be submitted to the TWG assigned in the Registration Committee upon arrival at the venue.

16. Beddings and provisions for food shall be prepared by all participants/delegations for the duration of the activity.

17. Attached are the Contest Mechanics in School Paper Category, Matrix of Activities, Registration Form, List of Officers of Northern Samar Elementary School Paper Advisers Association (NSESPAA) and Northern Samar Secondary School Paper Advisers Association (NSSSPAA), Program Management Team and Technical Working Group.

18. This Memorandum shall serve as Travel Order of the NTWG and Program Management Team.

19. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


GAUDENCIO C. ALJIBE JR., PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

DepEd Northern Samar
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Enclosure: As Stated
Reference: DepEd Order 003, s. 2024
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

SCHOOL PAPER

JOURNALISM

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By: AK
DSPC
Date: 1-20-25



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SCHOOL PAPER CATEGORY CONTEST MECHANICS

1. The School Paper Contest Category, Elementary and Secondary levels, shall be adjudged using the 2024 NSPC Guidelines per section per medium, to wit:

ENGLISH	FILIPINO
News Section	Balitang Pahina
Editorial Section	Pahinang Editoryal
Features Section	Pahinang Lathalain
Sports Section	Pahinang Pampalakasan
Science and Technology Section	Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
Layout and Page Design Category	Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina

2. Submission of School Papers in every category shall be duly certified to be widely circulated, properly screened for plagiarism, and endorsed by the School Head, noted by the District Head.

3. Top five school papers per category and medium shall be declared as winners.

4. The schools and school paper advisers with winning entries shall receive certificates of recognition. Should there be more than one school paper advisers listed in the publication, only the first school paper adviser mentioned shall receive the certificate.

5. The members of the Technical Working Group who will facilitate the evaluation of the school papers are hereto listed as follows:

Jayrol I. Cabagtong	Julien Tiza Madronic
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MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES

Day 0, January 28, 2025			
TIME	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	VENUE
1:00 pm	Arrival	All delegations	San Isidro Agro-industrial School
Day 1, January 29, 2025			
6:00 am	Assembly and Preparation for the Motorcade	Select Delegations by Municipality (to be led by the District Heads)	San Isidro Port, Poblacion, San Isidro, N. Samar (assembly area)
7:00 am	Motorcade	Select Delegates	Town Proper
8:30 am	Grand Entrance	All delegations with the Management and Guests	Entrance of San Isidro Agro-Industrial School
9:00 am	Opening Program	All delegations with the Management and Staff	San Isidro Agro-Industrial School Grounds/L&D Hall
10:00 am	Solidarity Conference	All coaches, school paper advisers, and management	San Isidro Agro-Industrial School L&D Hall
11:00am	Preparation of Contest Materials and Paraphernalia	Management and TWG	
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch Break		
12:30-2:00pm	Individual Contests (English & Filipino) - NEWS WRITING - FEATURE WRITING - EDITORIAL WRITING	Contestants (Elementary and Secondary) Coaches Facilitators and TWG	San Isidro Agro-Industrial School
2:00-3:30pm	Individual Contests (English & Filipino) -SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WRITING -COPYREADING AND HEADLINE WRITING - COLUMN WRITING		
3:30 - 5:00	-EDITORIAL CARTOONING -SPORTS WRITING -PHOTOJOURNALISM		



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Day 2, January 30, 2025			
7:30 am	Group Contests - Collaborative Desktop Publishing - Radio Scriptwriting (elementary) - TV Scriptwriting (Secondary only) (Simulation of Broadcast/ Newscast)	Contestants Facilitators and TWG	San Isidro Agro-Industrial School
	Group Contests -Online Publishing (Secondary only) -Radio Scriptwriting (secondary) (Simulation of Broadcast/ Newscast)	Contestants Facilitators and TWG	San Isidro Central Elementary School San Isidro Covered Court
Day 3, January 31, 2025			
9:00 am	Wrap-up, Awarding and Closing Ceremony	All delegations with the Management	San Isidro Agro-Industrial School



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Dr. Alex B. Rejuso – Contest Supervisor
Dr. Nelida M. Lobos- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Emily M. Adrayan- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Lucila R. Balondo- Contest Supervisor
Dr. Manuel I. Lipata- Contest Supervisor
Omar Ty – Contest Supervisor
Isagani E. Licas- Contest Supervisor
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Maribel Formaran - Contest Facilitator
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REGISTRATION FORM

District: _____
 School: _____

Name (Student-Writers)	Contest-Category	Amount Paid
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Teacher-Adviser/Coach		
1.		
2.		
3.		
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS =	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	

Note: Please add lines for the rest of your contestants/coaches

Prepared by:

 Signature over Printed Name of Delegation Head

