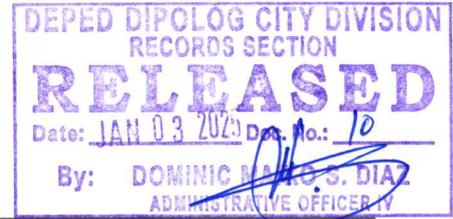




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIPOLOG CITY



January 2, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 10, s. 2025

2025 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with Republic Act No. 7079, otherwise known as the Campus Journalism Act of 1991, and in reference to Regional Memorandum No. 789, s. 2024, the Schools Division of Dipolog City, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), announces the conduct of the 2025 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) on **January 9-11, 2025** that will be held at the host school, **Zamboanga del Norte National High School, Turno Campus**. The conference theme is: **“Talino at Sining ng Pamamahayag: Lakas ng Kabataan para sa Makatarungan at Makabuluhang Pagbabago.”**
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 environmental awareness;
 - 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 2025 DSPC will feature individual and group contests open to campus journalists from public and private elementary and secondary schools, provided they meet the following requirements:
 - a. Participating schools must have a **school publication for the School Year 2024-2025**, presented in at least a **12-page Portable Document Format (PDF) or digital format**, containing the required number of pages per section —news, editorial, feature, science and technology, and sports. Incomplete publications or those from previous school years, whether in print or PDF, will not qualify as entry tickets for the competition.



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- b. Each campus journalist may participate in only **one category**, either an individual or group contest.
- c. Only school paper advisers participating in the DSPC are required to access the provided link and complete the **pre-registration of their contestants and school paper entries** on or before **January 6, 2025**:
<https://tinyurl.com/2025DSPCPre-Reg>
4. This Conference will recognize the top three winners per medium and level in the **individual categories**. For **group categories**, only the 1st placer per level and medium will be awarded with each team comprising seven members, except for online publishing, which will have five members. The top 10 winners per section, medium, and level will also be awarded as winners in the school paper category. These winners will represent the division in their respective categories at the **Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) on February 5-7, 2025, in Zamboanga City**.
5. The **Search for The Most Outstanding Campus Journalist**, and the **Most Outstanding School Paper Adviser** for both elementary and secondary levels require the submission of pertinent papers on or before **5:00 p.m. of January 6, 2025**, at the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) of Dipolog City Schools Division.
6. To uphold Intellectual Property Rights, this Division strictly adheres to rules concerning plagiarism and reiterates its stance on disqualifying school papers found to have copied and published texts, graphs, and other materials without proper acknowledgment of their sources. This qualification applies to all sections of the school paper. School paper advisers are required to submit a **printed copy** of their school paper to the Curriculum Implementation Division. Moreover, the **Turnitin plagiarism results**, their **school paper in PDF**, and a **scanned copy of the Certificate of Circulation** signed by the school head and Schools Division Superintendent should be sent to the following emails on or before **January 6, 2025**:
english.dipolog@deped.gov.ph
filipino.dipolog@deped.gov.ph
7. Participants must submit a **certification of good health** issued by either the division doctor or any government doctor. Medical check-ups with the School Health and Nutrition Personnel will be from **January 6-8, 2025**, at the Division Training Center, Miputak, Dipolog City. In addition, they must obtain **written parental consent** which shall be collected upon registration.



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8. Teaching and non-teaching personnel, including school paper advisers/coaches, resource speakers, judges, DCSPAA officers, and members of the Technical Working Group shall be granted **service credits** or **compensatory overtime credit (COC)** respectively, on days falling on weekends pursuant to DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 re: Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers.
9. Participants, school paper advisers, coaches, and working committees are advised to bring their own school supplies, meals and snacks, for the entire duration of the conference and to observe health and safety protocols. Transportation, meals, snacks and other expenses of contestants and coaches, shall be charged against school MOOE/school paper/journalism funds and other local funds, whichever is applicable, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
10. The guidelines and criteria for judging the different contests shall be based on the attached **Regional Memorandum No. 789, s. 2024** titled “2025 Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC). Please refer to Enclosure 1 for the Program of Activities.
11. For inquiries and clarifications, you may contact EPS Riela Angela C. Josol, the Division Journalism Coordinator at 09306675571 or via email at english.dipolog@deped.gov.ph or EPS Cherry Mae B. Eltanal, the Division Journalism Alternate Coordinator, at 09288410678 or via email at filipino.dipolog@deped.gov.ph.
12. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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