



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 481, s. 2025

**CAMPUS JOURNALISM GENERAL GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE OF  
ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Senior/Education Program Specialists  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Principals and Head Teacher-In-Charge of the District  
Heads of Public/Private Elementary/Integrated/Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. The Schools Division of Aklan issues the following General Guidelines and Schedule of Activities in the conduct of the Schools Press Conference for School Year 2025-2026.
2. The recommended schedule of activities is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Schools Press Conference	September 2025 to December 2025
District Schools Press Conference	
Division Schools Press Conference	January 2026
Regional Schools Press Conference	Not yet scheduled
National Schools Press Conference	April 27-30, 2026, and May 1, 2026, based on DepEd Order No. 12, s. 2025, titled: Multi-year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities

3. The Division Schools Press Conference shall be participated in by 19 districts, both public and private, from Elementary and Secondary Schools, including the Special Needs Education (SNEd) mainstreamed learners and Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners who are bona fide members of the School/District Paper Association.
4. The participants of the school and district level contests can be participated in by the schools even without the published school paper. This is to give a chance to everybody to participate in the lower conferences. On the other hand, for the next School year and the succeeding school years, no school paper no participation starting at the District level will be observed.

5. As a general rule, NO School Paper NO participation in the Division Level Contests. Only the Top Five (5) winners of the contest categories in the District Level per medium per level shall participate in the Division level for the individual contest. It is only the Top 1 for group contests per medium per level.

6. The 2025 National Schools Press Conference guidelines will be followed except for some revisions that the School, District, and Division will adopt through a meeting of the School/District Campus Journalism Focal person together with the School Head/Public Schools District Supervisor/Principals-In-Charge of the District/Head Teacher-In-Charge of the District for the school and District level. For the Division Level revisions, all the District Campus Journalism focal persons together with the Education Program Supervisor In-Charge of the Campus Journalism, Education Program Supervisors in English and Filipino, and the Chief Education Supervisor with the approval of the Schools Division Superintendent.

7. Participation in Campus Journalism activities shall be subject to the no disruption of classes policy pursuant to DO No. 09, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

8. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, there shall be no discrimination on account of age, school, gender, civil status, disability, religion, or other similar factors/personal circumstances that run to the principles of equal opportunity.

9. Expenses incurred by the campus journalists, coaches, resource speakers, judges, and DepEd officials/personnel relative to this activity are chargeable against local funds or to any other sources of funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

10. Participants are entitled to service credits where it applies in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers and Compensatory time off (CTO) shall be given to non-teaching and teaching-related personnel involved in the activity as per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No 2, s. 2004 or Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered. This covers all other Schools' Press Conferences before the issuance of this Memorandum.

11. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: as stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 039, s. 2025

Regional Memorandum No. 250, s. 2025

To be included in the Perpetual Index  
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