



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

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013  
this advisory is issued for the information of DepEd, Division of Aklan  
officials and personnel/staff and all others concerned.  
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Attached is a letter received from **Department of Science and Technology, Philippine Science High School Western Visayas Campus**, regarding the **National Competitive Examination (NCE)**, a qualifying examination for graduating elementary students nationwide.

The comeback of NCE this year enjoins to conduct a school-to-school physical campaign and provide learning opportunities to elementary pupils and STEM educators in the region. The campaign is scheduled from June to November 2025.

For your information and guidance.

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August 19, 2025

**DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, CESO VI**

Schools Division Superintendent  
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**Dear Dr. Buenafe:**

The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Science High School System (DOST-PSHS) System offers a special secondary program in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to its young Filipino scholars in preparation for future STEM-related careers. Admission into DOST-PSHS is through the **National Competitive Examination (NCE)**, a qualifying examination for graduating elementary students nationwide.

The comeback of NCE this year enjoins us to conduct a school-to-school physical campaign and provide learning opportunities to elementary pupils and STEM educators in the region. The campaign is scheduled from June to November 2025. As part of our **PSHS NCE 2025 Campaign**, we would like to seek assistance from your office for endorsement to humbly expedite the dissemination of our event to all public and private elementary schools in Aklan. A similar letter but a more generic one was given to **DR. CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III, the RD of DepEd Region 6**, last August 18, 2025.

Furthermore, we would like to request the participation and support of teacher representatives from different schools and pupil participants to be part of the **2025 SCIMATH BATTLE**, a STEM-based quiz bee, on **October 25, 2025 (Saturday)**. Teacher coaches will be provided with STEM Talks from our PSHSWVC faculty representatives.

Finally, we humbly request school principals and/or teacher advisers or coaches of the student contestant for the 2025 SCIMATH BATTLE to ready **(1) certified true copy of Grade 5 report cards (SY 2024-2025), (2) 2 1x1 ID pictures, and (3) completely filled out PSHS NCE application forms** for collection on the day of the STEM Quiz Bee. Please refer to the table given below and the attached STEM QUIZ Bee guidelines.

The details of the 2025 SCIMATH BATTLE and PSHS NCE 2025 Campaign are as follows:

**1. PSHSWVC-Based Tulong-Dunong Enrichment Sessions:**

Open to all elementary schools in the region.  
Each school can send a maximum of five Grade 6 pupils.

Date: October 11 and 18, 2025 (All Saturdays)  
November 8 and 22, 2025 (All Saturdays)

Venue: PSHSWVC, Jaro, Iloilo City

Registration Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yuUXCXd61gb7ZAZ7zR4BhzmDF00NqhVumObsDI61ei4/edit>

**2. 2025 SciMath Battle**

\*The school can only send two (2) student participants and one teacher coach

\*The school can bring as many as 10 students to support their contestants. They are required to submit the PSHS NCE application requirements (same as the contestants).

To join the event, student participant must meet the following criteria:

- He/she must be a Grade 6 pupil from either a public or private school in the region.

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- He/she must be in the top 10% of his/her graduating class.
- He/she must have a grade of 85 or higher in both Science and Math.

Additionally, participant must bring the following documents:

- A certified true copy of their Grade 5 report card (for the 2024-2025 school year).
- Two 1x1 ID pictures.
- A completely filled out PSHS NCE application form.

Date: October 25, 2025

Venue: PSHSWVC, Jaro, Iloilo City

Registration Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12G3d9l1PrX-OE32B5ahwBHXrTyjqwmG5sAcw0FQkoI0/edit>

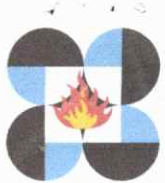
Registration deadline: October 18, 2025

**Note:** To ensure a manageable number of participants, an elimination round will be conducted if the number of contestants in the 2025 SciMath Quiz Bee exceeds the cut-off. This round will consist of a 60-question written exam covering science and math topics. The specific cut-off number will be announced on the day of the competition.

	Program Flow	
7:00 am - 8:00 am	<b>Registration</b>  Collection of PSHS–NCE documents from applicants (1) certified true copy of Grade 5 report cards (SY 2024-2025), (2) 2 1x1 ID pictures, and (3) completely filled out PSHS NCE application forms	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Opening Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- National Anthem</li><li>- Prayer</li><li>- Opening Remarks</li></ul>	
	<b>Student Contestants</b>	<b>Teacher Coaches</b>
9:00am – 10:00 am	*An elimination round will be held if the number of contestants exceeds the cut-off number.  * NCE Campaign and STEM Promotional Videos if number of students are within the set cut-off.	STEM and Humanities Talks for Teacher Coaches
10:15am -11:00 am	Special Topic Lectures on STEM by PSHS WVC Faculty Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Math ( <i>PisayTD Talk 2025</i> )	Special Topic Lectures on STEM by PSHS WVC Faculty Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Math ( <i>PisayTD Talk 2025</i> )

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11:10am – 12:00noon	Planetarium Viewing	Planetarium Viewing
12-00noon – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00pm – 3:00 pm	Announcement of finalist in the final round of 2025 SciMath Battle  2025 SciMath Battle Quiz Bee Proper	
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Awarding and Closing Ceremony	

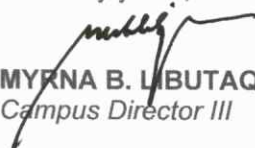
Furthermore, to facilitate the process of coordination and queries, you may get in touch with any of the following:

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Thank you in anticipation of your favorable reply to this request.

Sincerely yours;

  
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