



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

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January 5, 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 005, s. 2026

**ENHANCEMENT OF THE DISTINCT AKLAN CULTURE  
("DepEd Sinaot sa Calle 2026")**

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

1. Section 14, Article IX of the 1987 Constitution stipulates "the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression."
2. The participation of DepEd-Division of Aklan in the Kalibo Sto. Niño Ati-atihan Festival is an annual activity which aims to promote and raise awareness of tradition and preservation of Aklan culture.
3. **January 13 and 14, 2026** have been designated as special dates for DepEd-Aklan to participate in the annual celebration of Kalibo Sto. Niño Ati-atihan Festival.
4. At 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, pupils and students of the Districts of Kalibo I and Kalibo II will join the "DepEd Sinaot sa Calle 2026" (Pupils/Students Group- "Mga Inungang Ati"). For more information, please see or contact Dr. Marcelle I. Briones, PSDS of Kalibo Districts I and II or the District MAPEH Coordinators of the said districts.
5. At 7:30 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, January 14, 2026, teaching and non-teaching personnel will join "DepEd Sinaot sa Calle 2026" (Teaching and Non-Teaching Group- "Mga Magueang nga Ati"). Those who cannot participate due to physical/medical condition, cultural and religious beliefs are excused.



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6. This office highly endorses the said activity on a **voluntary basis**. For the pupil/student participation, **safety measures should be strictly adhered to** by the school authorities concerned e.g. provision of **adult chaperon** preferably **advisers/teachers** and requirement of **parental consent**.
7. Participation of learners in this activity is subject to compliance with the guidelines on off-campus activities as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 66, s, 2017 (IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES.)
8. There will be six (6) presentations at Pastrana Park. These districts will receive Certificates of Recognition.

**Choreographic Presentations:**

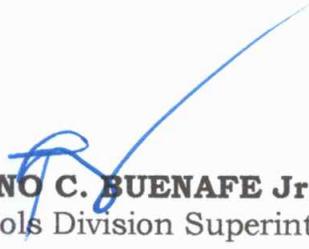
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| 1. Altavas                | 4. Nabas    |
| 2. Balete                 | 5. Malay    |
| 3. Kalibo I and Kalibo II | 6. Buruanga |
9. During the street parade, no choreographic steps and no sound system will be used. **As they approach the front of Kalibo Cathedral, drums and all other instruments shall stop and shout “Viva kay Sr. Sto. Nino! Viva!” (3x)**. Upon arrival at the Pastrana Park, all tribes/groups shall prepare three (3) choreographic steps at 16 measures each excluding the entrance and exit in the tune of **“May Isaeang ka Ati”** composed by Dr. Jesse M. Gomez. A choreographic 3 to 5 minutes presentation by the six (6) districts assigned will be performed during the program.

The following is the order of parade (Teaching and Non-Teaching Group).

1. Schools Division Office-Aklan- Modern Ati
2. Division ALS (Alternative Learning System) Teachers/Personnel- Modern Ati
3. Malinao- Balik Ati
4. Batan- Modern Ati
5. Tangalan- Balik Ati
6. Banga- Modern Ati
7. New Washington- Balik Ati
8. Makato- Modern Ati
9. Lezo- Balik-Ati
10. Numancia- Modern-Ati
11. Libacao- Balik Ati
12. Madalag-Modern Ati
13. Ibajay East and Ibajay West- Balik Ati
- 14. Malay- Modern Ati**

- 15. **Altavas- Balik Ati**
- 16. **Nabas- Modern Ati**
- 17. **Kalibo I and Kalibo II - Balik Ati**
- 18. **Balete- Modern Ati**
- 19. **Buruanga- Modern Ati**

10. Participating tribes/groups must bring placards. They are also advised to observe economy but with creativity in the preparation of costumes through reusing and recycling, by using indigenous materials and, whenever applicable, making these as projects in their EPP/TLE and MAPEH classes.
11. Participants in this activity should be responsible for keeping the area clean and orderly. Costumes made of recycled materials should be disposed properly.
13. Travel and other allowable expenses relative to participation in this activity is chargeable against school MOOE and other funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
14. Immediate and wide dissemination of this **Memorandum** is earnestly desired.

  
**FELICIANO C. BUENAFE Jr., CESO VI**  
 Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosures: Enclosure No. 1: Executive and Working Committees  
 Enclosure No. 2: In-Charge per Station/Judges' Area  
 Enclosure No. 3: Guidelines, Mechanics and Criteria  
 Enclosure No. 4: Awards

Allotment: 1-5 (R.O. 12-94)

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

<b>FESTIVAL</b>	<b>LEARNERS</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<b>TEACHERS</b>
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Chairperson**

Dr. Feliciano C. Buenafe Jr., CESO VI  
Schools Division Superintendent

**Co- Chairperson**

Ramon D. Paras Jr. EdD  
OIC-office of the Asst. Schools Division Superintendent

**Members**

Dr. Dobie P. Parohinog  
Chief Education Supervisor  
Curriculum and Implementation Division

Mr. Michael T. Rapiz  
Chief Education Supervisor  
School Governance and Operations Division

**Event Focal Person**

Mrs. Rebecca R. Ibarreta  
EPS-MAPEH

**WORKING COMMITTEES**

**Program and Invitation**

Chairperson: Ms. Ma. Mia B. Iscala  
Co-chair: Ms. Bobby Rose R. Ricaforte  
Members: Ms. Niña V. Tamayo  
Ms. Frensel Jan R. Castro  
Ms. Shilla May N. Plaga

**Refreshment**

Chairperson: Mr. Randy D. Bagac  
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Ms. Mary May S. Lachica  
Ms. Ma. Daryl B. Ibardolaza  
Ms. Arra D. Robelo  
Ms. Aicel I. Lomugdang

**Stage Decoration/Hall Preparation**

Chairperson: Mr. Jolly A. Cabangon  
Co-chair: Mr. Carlo L. Tropa  
Members: Mr. Florence I. Iman  
Mr. Lym L. Rentino  
Mr. Juan George P. Supranes  
Mr. Christopher James F. Barrios  
Ms. Jerely I. Diaz

**Adjudication, Documentation, Lei**

Chairperson: Ms. Marie Joy D. Donato  
Co-chair: Mr. Lloyd P. Sarabia, Jr.  
Members: Ms. Glorife I. Vernaula  
Mr. Gerald A. Cloma  
Ms. Ida T. Cuadros  
Ms. Nanette M. Sitjar

**Awards/Certificates**

Chairperson: Dr. Juan O. Salazar  
Co-chair: Ms. Joan E. Revicente  
Members: Ms. Ma. Consolita E. Dela Cruz  
Ms. Marie Joy Q. Remola  
Ms. Mary Karen L. Catunao

**Venue and Sounds**

Chairpersons: Mr. Archie I. Iletto  
Co-chair: Mr. Rommel B. Zante  
Members: Mr. Lloyd P. Sarabia, Jr.  
Mr. Alvin F. Isidro

**Marshalls**

Chairperson: Mr. Allan T. Relloto  
Co-chair: Mr. Richard L. Flores  
Members: Selected Teaching and Non-Teaching

**Tabulators**

Chairperson: Ms. Bobby Rose R. Ricaforte  
Co-Chair: Ms. Marie Joy D. Donato  
Members: Ms. Joan E. Revicente  
Ms. Glorife I. Vernaula

Enclosure No.2 to the Division Memorandum No. 005, s. 2026

**PERSONS IN-CHARGE PER STATION/JUDGES' AREA:**

**Station 1** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor PSDS Office of Kalibo II District.

**In-charge** Mr. Gerald Cloma & Ms. Frensel Jan R. Castro

**Station 2** – Corner Magsaysay Park facing Old Division Office.

**In-charge:** Ms. Glorife I. Vernaula & Ms. Ma. Mia B. Iscala

**Station 3** – In-front of the St. Gabriel Hospital

**In-charge:** Mr. Lloyd P. Sarabia, Jr. & Ms. Aicel I. Lomugdang

**Station 4** – corner Pastrana Park across Jollibee Plaza

**In-charge:** Ms. Nanette Sitjar & Ms. Anna Liza Salvador



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**“ENHANCEMENT OF THE DISTINCT AKLAN CULTURE”  
DEPED SINAOT SA CALLE 2026 IT MGA MAGUEANG NGA ATI  
(TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL)**

**GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS OF THE BEST IN STREET PARADE CONTEST  
(MODERN AND BALIK-ATI CATEGORIES)**

1. Members of the tribe are bonafide teaching and non-teaching personnel of DepEd-Aklan.
2. The theme, costume and props must depict the culture, values and tradition of the locality.
3. The composition of the tribe during the mass presentation must be a minimum of **100 dancers excluding drummers**.
4. Use of sound system and choreographed steps are **NOT ALLOWED**.
5. The following are **strictly prohibited**:
  - a. tossing of dancers
  - b. lifting of dancers
  - c. use of flammable materials (fireworks/pyrotechnics)
  - d. live animals as part of the performance
6. The Chairman of the Board of Judges upon presentation by the Chairman of the Board of Tabulators, has the decision in case of deviant scoring.
7. The decision of the judges shall be final and unappealable.

**CRITERIA:**

a. Ati-ati Steps/Spontaneous Movements (Energy and endurance throughout the sad-sad).....	40%
b. Costume and Props .....	30%
(The uniqueness of design, concept, and materials used, craftsmanship and innovation)	
c. Group Discipline (Includes chanting of Viva! Kay Sr. Sto. Nino! Viva!...	20%
d. Overall Visual Impact and Presentation.....	10%
(The total visual impact and audience/judges' impression; harmony of all elements)	
Total .....	100%

**GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS FOR BEST IN PLACARD**

1. The design must be relevant to the theme/event.
2. The actual size of the placard is 3x5 feet-landscape. But with additional design, the maximum size is 4x7 feet. Include the message “Viva kay Sr. Sto. Nino”.
3. Observe economy but with creativity in the preparation of placard
4. The decision of the judges shall be final and unappealable.

**CRITERIA:**

a. Relevance to the theme/event .....	35%
b. Originality .....	30%
(The uniqueness of design, concept, and materials used, craftsmanship and innovation)	
c. Creativity and Presentation .....	25%
d. Overall Visual Impact .....	10%
(The total visual impact and audience/judges' impression; harmony of all elements)	
Total .....	100%

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DepEd Sinaot sa Calle Focal Person

**Cash Awards for DepEd Sinaot sa Calle 2026**

**(Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel-“Mga Magueang nga Ati”)  
Sponsored by KAFEB, LGU-KALIBO**

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<p><b>BEST IN STREET PARADE CONTEST</b></p> <p><b>(BALIK-ATI AND MODERN-ATI CATEGORIES)</b></p> <p><b><u>Balik-Ati Category</u></b>                      First Place 10,000.00                      Second Place 7,000.00                      Third Place 5,000.00</p> <p><b><u>Modern Ati Category</u></b>                      First Place 10,000.00                      Second Place 7,000.00                      Third Place 5,000.00</p> <p><b><u>Best in Placard</u></b>                      First Place                      Second Place 5,000.00                      Third Place 3,000.00                      2,000.00</p>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>P54,000.00</b>

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