



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI - Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 489, s. 2026

**CAMPUS JOURNALISM PROGRAM GENERAL GUIDELINES AND
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Office of the 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 and 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 development and promotion of Campus Journalism program—Schools Press Conference for School Year 2026-2027.
2. The recommended schedule of activities is as follows:

Activity	Date
Schools Press Conference and District Schools Press Conference	September 2026 to October 2026 (after class hours, Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays)
Division Schools Press Conference	November 14-15, 2026
Regional Schools Press Conference	December 13-18, 2026, tentative schedule based on the Regional Meeting with the Campus Journalism Focal Person dated July 31, 2026
National Schools Press Conference	April 19-23, 2027 based on DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026, titled: Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education



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3. The Division Schools Press Conference shall be participated in by the learners and coaches/school paper advisers from the 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/Division School Paper Advisers/Campus Journalist Association.
4. The participants of the school level conference and contests can be participated in by all learners to give chance to everybody to participate. As agreed last year, this 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 2026 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.



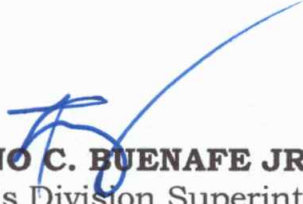
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10. Participants are entitled to service credits where it applies in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers and Compensatory time off (CTO) shall be given to non-teaching and 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 conducted before the issuance of this Memorandum from April 2026 to August 2026.
11. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: None

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 021, s. 2026

Regional Memoranda Nos. 028 and 112, s. 2026

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