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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads – Secondary & Elementary
All Others Concerned

FROM: LORNA G. BUGAYONG, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: 2023-2024 DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (DFOT)

PARTICULARS

1. The field is hereby informed of the conduct of the Division Festival Of Talents (DFOT) on January 12, 2024 which will be held in Rosales NHS, Rosales, Pangasinan.
2. Prior to the conduct of DFOT, all 33 Districts (Elementary) and 22 Municipalities (Secondary) shall conduct their district/municipal Festival of Talents on December 4-8, 2023. Each district and municipality may opt to award the top ten (10) winners in each event, however, only the **First place winners** in all contest categories shall represent their Districts and Municipalities in the Division Festival Of Talents.
3. For the Elementary level, the categories are:
Grade 3 – Retelling a Story
Grade 6 – Oral Reading Interpretation
4. For the Secondary level, the categories are:
Grade 7 – Spelling Bee
Grade 8 – Essay Writing
Grade 9 – Quiz Bee
Grade 10 – Oratorical Composition & Presentation
Grade 11 – Extemporaneous Speaking
Grade 12 – Spoken Word Poetry
5. Please find attached criteria and guidelines for secondary level. For the elementary level, the same contest categories, guidelines and mechanics in the SY 2022-2023 DFOT shall be used.

APPROVED FOR TRANSMISSION:

ARVIN R. PUDISCA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

6. A registration fee of two hundred pesos (P200.00) shall be collected from each coach and contestant to defray the expenses for judges' honoraria, accommodation, trophies, medals, certificates and other incidental expenses.
7. Registration fees, travel expenses and meals of all participants maybe charged to school's MOOE, local school funds, donations and other resources.
8. For the information and strict compliance of all concerned.


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2023 DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

1. SPELLING

- a. The contest is open to Grade 7 students who won FIRST PLACE in the 2023 Municipal Festival of Talents.
- b. Reference: Ventures in Communication (textbook only)
- c. Coaches should prepare the following:
 1. 3 words for EASY round which is equivalent to ONE (1) point each.
 2. 3 words for DIFFICULT round which is equivalent to TWO (2) points each. DIFFICULT words are those with silent letters and foreign words.
 3. 3 words for CLINCHER which shall be drawn in case there is a tie.
 4. Each word shall be written on $\frac{1}{4}$ of a long bond paper (portrait) cut horizontally using the following order:
 - a. Spelling word with diacritical mark as guide to pronunciation and part of speech identified.
 - b. Spelling word used in a sentence
 - c. Page number
 5. Spelling words shall be written using TIMES NEW ROMAN, font SIZE of 12 in LOWERCASE.
- d. TWENTY (20) WORDS each from EASY and DIFFICULT ROUNDS shall be drawn.
- e. In case of a TIE, 3 CLINCHERS shall be drawn from the words submitted. After these 3 CLINCHERS are given and still no winner is declared, another 3 words will be drawn from the words submitted.
- f. Each word shall be read twice; contestants are given 10 seconds to answer.
- g. Contestants must bring $\frac{1}{4}$ illustration board, chalk and eraser.
- h. Bringing of cellphone in the contest area is prohibited.
- i. Maximum of two (2) coaches is allowed per contest category.
- j. Coaches may stay at the back of the contestants but at least 3 meters away and refrain from talking and/or coaching. Anyone who will not abide will be requested to leave the contest room.
- k. Plain white T-shirt and maong pants (except those contestants who are not allowed to wear jeans due to religious affiliations) shall be worn by the contestants during the event.
- l. Ten winners shall be declared in this category. Top 3 winners will receive a medal and certificate while the rest (4th to 10th) will receive a certificate.

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2. ESSAY WRITING

- a. This contest is open to Grade 8 students who won FIRST PLACE in the 2023 Municipal Festival of Talents.
- b. Contestants are given ONE HOUR to write his/her composition.
- c. Topic shall be given by the judges ON THE SPOT while the title shall be provided by the contestants.
- d. Criteria for judging:
 - Content/Relevance to the topic - 50%
 - Mechanics - 20%
 - Organization of Ideas - 30%100%
- e. Plain white T-shirt and maong pants (except those contestants who are not allowed to wear jeans due to religious affiliations) shall be worn by contestants during the event.
- f. Bringing of cellphone in the contest area is prohibited.
- g. Coaches are not allowed to stay inside the contest area.
- h. Ten winners will be declared in this category. Top 3 winners will receive a medal and certificate while the rest (4th to 10th) will receive a certificate.

3. QUIZ BEE

- a. This contest is open to Grade 9 students who won FIRST PLACE in the 2023 Municipal Festival of Talents.
- b. Reference: A Journey Through Anglo-American Literature 9 (textbook only)
- c. Coaches should prepare the following:
 1. 3 questions for EASY round with 5 choices (a, b, c, d, e), equivalent to ONE (1) point each;
 2. 3 questions for DIFFICULT round with no choice, equivalent to TWO (2) points each.
 3. 3 words for CLINCHER shall be drawn in case there is a tie.
- d. Questions should be encoded on ¼ of a long bond paper (portrait) cut horizontally and encoded in sentence case except for proper nouns and acronyms, TIMES NEW ROMAN, font SIZE 12, long bond paper using the following order:
 1. Question
 2. Choices
 3. Answer
 4. Page number
- e. TWENTY (20) QUESTIONS each from the EASY and DIFFICULT ROUNDS shall be read by the quizmaster.
- f. Folding of entries for the EASY, DIFFICULT, and CLINCHER ROUNDS shall be done by the committee.
- g. Insignificant questions shall NO LONGER be included but shall be replaced.
- h. Each question shall be read TWICE; contestants are given 10 seconds to answer.



- i. In case of a TIE, 3 CLINCHERS shall be drawn from the question submitted. After these 3 CLINCHERS are given and still no winner is declared, another 3 words will be drawn from the words submitted.
- j. Contestants must bring ¼ illustration board, chalk and eraser.
- k. Bringing of cellphone in the contest area is prohibited.
- l. Plain white T-shirt and maong pants (except those contestants who are not allowed to wear jeans due to religious affiliations) shall be worn by contestants during the event.
- m. Maximum of two (2) coaches is allowed per contest category.
- n. Coaches may stay at the back of the contestants but at least 3 meters away and refrain from talking and/or coaching. Anyone who will not abide will be requested to leave the contest room.
- i. Ten winners shall be declared in this category. Top 3 winners will receive a medal and certificate while the rest (4th to 10th) will receive a certificate.

4. ORATORICAL COMPOSITION AND PRESENTATION

- a. This contest is open to Grade 10 students who won FIRST PLACE in the 2023 Municipal Festival of Talents.
- b. Pen and paper shall be provided to the contestants by the TWG during the event. This shall be retrieved after their actual performance.
- c. Contestants are not allowed to bring copy of any speech, costumes, props, musical instrument/accompaniment in the event.
- d. Teacher-coaches and parents shall be allowed to assist their contestants and provide their snacks (30) minutes prior to the start of the event. Afterwards, contestants shall enter the holding area.
- e. Drawing of lots by the participants for their number identifier shall be done 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.
- f. At the event venue, contestants shall be simultaneously provided with the topic or theme for their speech. They shall be given 50 minutes to write on a piece of paper their short speech based on the given topic or theme. Afterwards, the TWG shall collect the written speeches from the contestants. Contestants shall not be allowed to rewrite or revise their speech after it has been collected.
- g. To provide contestants with sufficient time to prepare, they shall receive their speech from the TWG five (5) minutes before their turn for speech delivery.
- h. Contestants shall be called to deliver their speech which shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
- i. Colored flags shall be raised by the TWG to cue the contestants during the event proper. **Green flag** shall be raised to inform the participants on the 'start of their allotted time'; **yellow flag** to signal the remaining '30 seconds,' and **red flag** to signal that their 'time is up.'
- j. Using cellphone or any gadget and/or bringing reference materials/handouts, copy of any story are not allowed inside the event venue.
- k. Plain white T-shirt and maong pants (except those contestants who are not allowed to wear jeans due to religious affiliations) shall be worn by contestants during the event.
- l. Criteria for judging:



Criteria	Percentage
Oral Interpretation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compose short, logical, and coherent speech relevant to the given topic or theme • Deliver the speech in a formal, dignified, engaging, and persuasive manner • Use words that represent own thoughts, feelings, and expressions 	50%
Voice Projection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak clearly, distinctly, and with appropriate and varied pauses, pitch, and tone modulation • Recite loudly enough for the audience to hear 	30%
Stage Presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show confidence and appropriate posture/projection, facial expressions, and gestures • Perform within the allotted time 	20%
Total	100%

- m. Maximum of two (2) coaches is allowed per contest category..
- n. Ten winners shall be declared in this category. Top 3 winners will receive a medal and certificate while the rest (4th to 10th) will receive a certificate.

5. EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- a. This contest is open to Grade 11 students who won FIRST PLACE in the 2023 Municipal Festival of Talents.
- b. Topic shall be given by the judges ON THE SPOT.
- c. Each contestant is given 5 minutes to prepare his/her speech and 3-5 minutes delivery.
- d. Colored flags shall be raised by the TWG to cue the contestants during the event proper. **Green flag** shall be raised to inform the participants on the 'start of their allotted time; **yellow flag** to signal the remaining 30 seconds, and **red flag** to signal that their 'time is up.'
- e. Plain white T-shirt and maong pants (except those contestants who are not allowed to wear jeans due to religious affiliations) shall be worn by contestants during the event.
- f. Criteria for judging:
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| • Content/Relevance to the topic | - 40% |
| • Delivery | - 30% |
| • Organization of Ideas/Reasoning/Analysis | - 20% |
| • Demonstration of sense of confidence and style | - 10% |
| | 100% |
- g. Bringing of cellphone in the contest area is prohibited.
- h. Maximum of two (2) coaches is allowed per contest category.
- i. Coaches may stay at the back of the judges but at least 3 meters away and refrain from talking and/or coaching. Anyone who will not abide will be requested to leave the contest room.
- o. Ten winners shall be declared in this category. Top 3 winners will receive a medal and certificate while the rest (4th to 10th) will receive a certificate.

6. SPOKEN WORD POETRY

- a. This contest is open to Grade 12 students who won FIRST PLACE in the 2023 Municipal Festival of Talents.
- b. Topic shall be given by the judges ON THE SPOT.
- c. Contestants will be given 1 hour to write his/her piece. Copies of their piece will be photocopied for judges' reference.
- d. The piece must be delivered in 3-5 minutes. No background music.
- e. Contestants may read the piece.
- f. Bringing of cellphone in the contest area is prohibited.
- g. Plain white T-shirt and maong pants (except those contestants who are not allowed to wear jeans due to religious affiliations) shall be worn by contestants during the event.
- h. Colored flags shall be raised by the TWG to cue the contestants during the event proper. **Green flag** shall be raised to inform the participants on the 'start of their allotted time'; **yellow flag** to signal the remaining '30 seconds,' and **red flag** to signal that their 'time is up.'
- i. Criteria for judging:
 - Content/ Relevance to the topic - 40%
 - Stage presence, poise and spontaneity - 30%
 - Intonation, poetic expression and a clear insight - 20%
 - Clarity of spoken word and diction - 10%100%
- j. Maximum of two (2) coaches is allowed per contest category.
- k. Coaches may stay at the back of the judges but at least 3 meters away and refrain from talking and/or coaching. Anyone who will not abide will be requested to leave the contest room.
- p. Ten winners shall be declared in this category. Top 3 winners will receive a medal and certificate while the rest (4th to 10th) will receive a certificate.

