



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

October 26, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 932 s. 2026

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SUBMISSION OF INVESTIGATORY PROJECT MANUSCRIPTS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor (CID)
Public Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026, titled National Science and Technology Fair for School Year 2026–2027, and in preparation for the 2026 Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF), all concerned secondary schools are directed to submit the required investigatory project manuscripts of their qualified entries for evaluation and pre-screening.
2. Each participating school shall submit three (3) printed copies of each investigatory project manuscript to the Schools Division Office through Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), Attention: Mr. Pelagio F. Cardenas and Mr. Peter John A. Frial, on or before November 6, 2026. The manuscripts shall be properly labeled, coded, and placed in the prescribed folder with the corresponding color coding in accordance with the applicable guidelines in DepEd Memorandum No. 058, s. 2026. Schools shall ensure that all required sections and supporting documents are complete and compliant with the prescribed format.
3. The research manuscripts shall adhere to the applicable research paper format, eligibility requirements, research protocols, and other submission requirements stipulated in DM No. 058, s. 2026, including its relevant enclosures. Schools are advised to review the prescribed project labeling and coding, research paper format, abstract requirements, and checklist of required forms and documents before submission.
4. School heads, research advisers, and student researchers shall ensure that all submissions are complete, accurate, and submitted within the prescribed deadline to facilitate the timely evaluation of entries and compliance with the requirements of the 2026 RSTF.
5. For reference, please access DM No. 058, s. 2026, through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DM058s2026>.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As Stated

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. 058, s. 2026

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 010, s. 2024, titled, "Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of the Matatag Curriculum," the Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the **National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF)** as a co-curricular program that promotes scientific inquiry and innovation. In line with its commitment to empowering learners through science and technology, DepEd announces the conduct of the **NSTF** for School Year 2026-2027. The event is scheduled on February 27 to 28, 2027 (exclusive of travel time), at a venue within the National Capital Region.

2. This year's NSTF shall be guided by the theme, "**Leveraging Scientific Innovation for a Sustainable and Progressive Philippines.**" Learners are invited to explore diverse fields of research, including sustainability, environmental innovation, public health, and digital advancements, as the event highlights the vital role of research and innovation in driving national progress and addressing pressing societal challenges.

3. Specifically, the NSTF aims to:

- a. Develop and strengthen the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills of learners through the conduct of research projects that address local, national, and/or global issues;
- b. Provide an avenue for high school learners to communicate research findings and showcase their investigations and innovations to the STEM community and the public;
- c. Foster a culture of creativity and innovation among the youth;
- d. Promote STEM awareness and interest of the learners, teachers, and the public;
- e. Provide an opportunity to establish research networks and collaborations among learners, teachers, researchers, entrepreneurs, scientists, higher education and research

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institutions, government agencies/units, industries, and communities; and

- f. Identify the most creative and innovative learner researchers who shall be the recipients of various awards, as well as the members of the Philippine team who shall participate in international STEM research and innovation fairs.

4. The NSTF shall include the following activities:

- a. **Tuklas** - a STEM research competition with four categories: (1) Life Science, (2) Physical Science, (3) Robotics and Intelligent Machines, and (4) Mathematics and Computational Science—that provides junior and senior high school learners opportunities to showcase their research projects based on their field of interest and/or real-world problems, issues and concerns.
- b. **STEM Innovation Expo** - a STEM innovation competition that aims to recognize the most creative and market-viable project addressing major issues in food safety, water conservation, renewable energy, cyber security, road safety, health, disaster mitigation, agriculture, and environment.
- c. **STEM Academy** - an activity designed to provide teachers, as well as Mathematics and Science supervisors with learning opportunities through various talks promoting innovation, creativity, and excellence in the fields of STEM.
- d. **Agham Bayanihan** - a public community exhibition of the partners in STEM research and innovation showcasing their latest innovative products, technologies, and services offered to the different sectors of the community.

Preliminary Activities at the School, Division, and Regional Levels

5. All secondary schools shall conduct the School Science and Technology Fair (SSTF) as the entry point to qualify for the Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF), Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF), and ultimately the National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF). Preliminary activities from school to the regional level shall be patterned after the activities outlined in item 4 of this memorandum.

6. The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) are enjoined to participate in the NSTF.

7. The Philippine Science High School System (PSHS) shall conduct its own screening process and endorse one (1) project per category to the Scientific Review Committee (SRC). Should entries from the PSHS be chosen as International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) finalists, registration fee, airfare (local and international), board and lodging, visa application fee, and other financial expenses shall be funded by the PSHS, subject to the usual budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

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8. The Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF) shall be conducted during the End-of-Term Block of Term 1 on **September 2 to 4, 2026**, while the Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF) shall be conducted during the End-of-Term Block of Term 2 on **December 9 to 11, 2026**. Field offices may adjust the dates as necessary, provided that the activities are conducted within the End-of-Term Block in compliance with DO No. 9, s. 2005, entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

9. Focal persons, School Heads, Division Mathematics and Science Supervisors under the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), and Regional Mathematics and Science Supervisors under the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) shall lead the conduct of the STF at the school, division, and regional levels, respectively. Expenses incurred during the STF, from the school to the regional level, shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules, regulations, and standards. The subsidy downloaded to each DepEd Regional Office shall be used to support the conduct of the RSTF.

10. The Regional Mathematics and Science Supervisors are requested to submit the complete reports on the conduct of the RSTF to the Bureau of Curriculum Development on or before February 26, 2027, through the email address nstf@deped.gov.ph. Failure to submit the complete report on time shall result in **disqualification** of the region from participating in the National Fair for the current school year.

National Scientific Review Committee

11. Scientific Review Committee screening shall commence on December 21, 2026, and end on January 8, 2027. Official documents for the Scientific Review Committee screening must be submitted as Portable Document Format (PDF) files through the assigned online folder on or before **December 18, 2026**.

12. A maximum of a two-minute video explainer of the research project shall be submitted together with the soft copy of the manuscript of the official entry before the conduct of the National Scientific Review Committee Meeting.

13. The official participants of the NSTF shall be limited to the **Rank 1 Regional Winners** in each individual and team category, as approved by the National Scientific Review Committee (SRC).

14. The official list of finalists shall be released through a separate issuance.

Conduct of the NSTF

15. Each region may send a maximum of 27 official delegates to the NSTF consisting of the following:

- a. **20 learner participants**, comprising one individual and one team of three members for each of the five competition categories: Life Science, Physical Science, Robotics and Intelligent Machines, Mathematics and Computational Science, and STEM Innovation Expo.
- b. **5 adult companions** (i.e. one adult companion for every four participating learners), who may include the Regional Director (RD), Assistant RD, Chief Education Program Supervisor, Regional Education Program Supervisor for

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Science or Mathematics, Division Mathematics/Science Supervisors, and research advisers.

- c. **2 program observers**, who may include Science or Mathematics supervisors and coaches of participating learners.

16. An official endorsement of the participants, including the finalists and other delegates, signed by the RD, shall be presented during the registration.

17. While the event will be officially conducted from February 27 to 28, 2027, delegates may travel on **February 26, 2027**, provided that classes will not be disrupted. The official meal provision will commence with the **PM snack on February 26, 2027**, and conclude with **lunch on February 28, 2027**.

18. In accordance with DepEd Order No. 013, s. 2024 titled, "Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers," teaching personnel who are officially authorized to attend and participate in the NSTF and who render services during weekends, shall be entitled to the corresponding Vacation Service Credits (VSC), subject to existing policies, rules, and regulations.

19. The following enclosures shall guide the regional offices, schools division offices, and schools in implementing and organizing STF:

Enclosure No. 1	Guidelines on the National Science and Technology Fair
Enclosure No. 2	Schematic Diagram of the Flow of STF Activities
Enclosure No. 3	Tuklas Research Paper Format
Enclosure No. 4	Tuklas Project Poster Display Format and Safety Guidelines Sample Abstracts
Enclosure No. 5	STEM Innovation Expo Paper Format
Enclosure No. 6	Checkpoints for SRC Review
Enclosure No. 7	Learners Media Release Consent Form
Enclosure No. 8	Non-Disclosure Agreement Form
Enclosure No. 9	Report of the Conduct of the STF List of Forms and Documents Required for Submission in all Levels of Competition
Enclosure No. 10	Official List of Participants Template
Enclosure No. 11	Project Labeling and Coding
Enclosure No. 12	Board of Judges Terms and Conditions Form
Enclosure No. 13	Scientific Review Committee Terms and Conditions Form
Enclosure No. 14	Review and Recommendation Report
Enclosure No. 15	Project Evaluation Form
Enclosure No. 16	Board of Judges Individual Score Sheet
Enclosure No. 17	Board of Judges Consolidated Score Sheet
Enclosure No. 18	STEM Innovation Expo Evaluation Form
Enclosure No. 19	Project Poster Display Evaluation Form

20. The winners in all contest categories shall be determined based on the sum of rankings given by all three members of the Board of Judges (BOJ), in accordance with the criteria outlined in **Enclosures Nos. 15, 18, and 19**. The participant or team with the lowest total ranking across the three judges shall be declared the

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winner. In the event of a tie, the BOJ assigned to the category shall deliberate to break it. Moreover, the BOJ's decision is final and irrevocable upon announcement.

Awards in the NSTF

21. The following are the award categories in the NSTF:

Special Awards	Best Presenter (1 winner per contest category)
	Best Poster (1 winner per contest category)
	HIRAYA, to be awarded by the Philippine Space Agency
	Other special awards to be given by partners
Best Projects	Best Project (3 winners per contest category)
Grand Award	8 Grand Awards to be selected from the winners of the 3 Best Projects (except from the STEMIE)

22. Travel and incidental expenses incurred by participants or official delegates from each region shall be charged to local funds or other available sources. Meanwhile, all expenses of DepEd Central Office (CO) personnel related to the conduct of the NSTF, including board and lodging of the national technical working group (NTWG), official guests and participants, materials, transportation and communication relative to the activities, prizes and cash awards, and honoraria for the BOJ, and non-DepEd resource persons, shall be charged to the Basic Education Curriculum funds, subject to the usual budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations. Information on the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), including guidelines on funding and other related expenses, shall be communicated through a separate issuance.

23. Funds shall be downloaded to the host region or division to cover the cost of the following:

- a. Board and lodging of NTWG, BOJs, and official delegates;
- b. Meals of official delegates, NTWG, BOJs, and guests;
- c. Rental of venues and equipment;
- d. Payment for utilities;
- e. Supplies and materials;
- f. Tokens, medals, plaques, certificates; and contingency and other related expenses incurred in the conduct of the NSTF.

24. A Statement of Expenditures by the host division or region audited by the local Commission on Audit and noted by the RD shall be submitted to the Chief of Accounting Division of the DepEd CO a month after the activity is conducted.

25. For queries and concerns, please contact the **Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD)**, 3rd Floor Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, via email at bcd.od@deped.gov.ph, and copy furnish Mr. Jios Ver D. Temporal, NSTF Focal person, through email nstf@deped.gov.ph.

26. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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By Authority of the Secretary:

[Redacted Signature]

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Undersecretary for Learning Systems

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As stated

References:

DepEd Order (No. 010, s. 2024; 003, s. 2023; and 9, s. 2005)

DepEd Memorandum No. 016, s. 2025

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