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Department of Education
Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CALBAYOG CITY

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DIVISION ADVISORY

No. 053, s. 2026

PARTICIPATION IN THE 22nd NATIONAL SCIENCE QUEST (NSQ)

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID, and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public School District Supervisors
School Heads (Public and Private)
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Advisory No. 102, s. 2025, this Office hereby informs the field that the Association of Science Educators in the Philippines (ASEP) will conduct the 22nd National Science Quest (NSQ) on February 13–15, 2026, at the Skyrise Hotel and Baguio Teachers Camp, Baguio City. The activity aims to promote academic excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Language and to foster camaraderie, teamwork, and sportsmanship among learners, teachers, and coaches nationwide.
2. Furthermore, the participation of DepEd SDO Calbayog City in this activity is part of the Curriculum Implementation Division's (CID) plan to assess learners' academic performance and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented programs. This engagement provides a valuable opportunity to recognize outstanding learners, showcase the quality of instruction in our schools, and consistently bring distinction and accolades to the division and the entire City of Calbayog. At the same time, it serves as a benchmarking opportunity, allowing our teachers, coaches, and learners to observe and learn from the best practices of other participating regions, particularly in terms of resiliency, confidence, motivation, and morale-boosting strategies. Participation in such prestigious national competitions also fosters learners' critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and sense of responsibility, while reinforcing their pride and commitment in representing their school and community on a national stage.
3. Participation of learners and teachers from both public and private schools in this recognized non-DepEd, off-campus activity shall be **purely voluntary** and shall not hamper instructional time, in accordance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025



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(Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities), DO No. 9, s. 2005 (Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task), and DO No. 66, s. 2017 (Guidelines on Off-Campus Activities).


4. All participating learners and personnel are encouraged to comply with the requirements under Item X (Special Provisions) of DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017, particularly Letter A (Participation Requirements) and Letter B (Travel Insurance Coverage). Participation in the activity is purely voluntary and shall be undertaken with the prior knowledge and approval of the School Head, ensuring that regular classes and official school functions are not affected. School Heads are requested to provide appropriate guidance and supervision to participants and to ensure that the list of participants is properly documented.
5. To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone involved, all participants are likewise requested to secure valid travel insurance or insurance membership, such as Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP), or other recognized insurance providers, covering the entire duration of the activity, including travel to and from the venue, at no cost to the government.
6. This activity is subject to the no-collection policy stipulated under Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 (Ganzon Law), which prohibits the sale of tickets and/or the collection of contributions for any project or purpose from students and teachers of public and private schools, colleges, and universities, as provided in DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008 and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.
7. Student participants shall submit a duly signed Parents'/Guardians' Permit prior to participation. All participants are expected to observe proper decorum, professionalism, discipline, and safety protocols throughout the duration of the activity and while representing DepEd SDO Calbayog City.
8. Participation of teachers, school heads, Education Program Supervisors, and other DepEd personnel from DepEd SDO Calbayog City shall be considered **Official Time**. However, no government funds shall be used for participation in this activity. **All expenses incurred shall be personally borne and shall not be charged against Local, School, or Division MOOE**, consistent with existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.
9. School Heads are reminded of their authority under Republic Act No. 9155, and are further enjoined to observe COA Circular No. 2012-003 (Guidelines on the Prevention of Unnecessary Expenditures), COA-DBM-DepEd Joint Circular No. 1, s. 2019 (Guidelines on the Use of School MOOE), and Division Memorandum No. 027, s. 2026 (Reminder on the Prudent and Judicious Use of School Funds) in relation to this activity.
10. Attached herewith are the official delegation list, the Parents' Advisory, and the template of the Parent/Guardian Consent Slip.

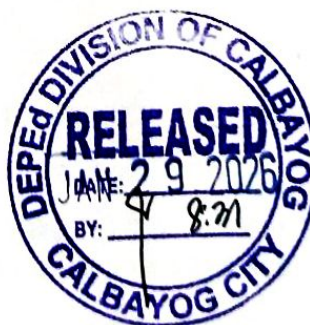


11. This Division Advisory is issued for information and guidance. Travel Authority for the participants shall be issued only upon full compliance with the requirements under Item X (Special Provisions) of DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017, particularly Letter A (Participation Requirements) and Letter B (Travel Insurance Coverage).
12. The focal persons are requested to submit a brief narrative report / and/or documentation of their participation to the Division Office within five (5) working days after the activity.
13. For inquiries and clarifications, concerned individuals may coordinate with the designated ASEP Focal Persons of the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), DepEd SDO Calbayog City.
14. Immediate dissemination, strict compliance, and proper guidance of all concerned are hereby enjoined.

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Officer-in-Charge
S.O. No. 007, dated 01/27/2026



PARENTS' ADVISORY**Participation in the 22nd National Science Quest (NSQ)**

Date: _____

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Warm greetings!

We are delighted to announce that your child, _____ (Learner's Name), is a winner in the Division-District ASEP Quest (Science, Math, and Language). As a result, he/she will represent our school in the 22nd National Science Quest (NSQ), a prestigious national academic competition organized by the Association of Science Educators in the Philippines (ASEP), to be held on February 13–15, 2026, in Baguio City.

This is a remarkable achievement, and we are confident that this experience will be inspiring, memorable, and empowering for your child. Participation is voluntary and requires the School Head's approval and your written consent, in line with DepEd off-campus guidelines.

For safety, learners are encouraged to have valid travel insurance or membership, such as BSP, GSP, or other recognized providers, covering the full duration of the activity, including travel.

Rest assured, this activity follows the DepEd no-collection policy—no fees will be charged by the school.

We are immensely proud of your child and look forward to seeing them shine on the national stage!

For questions, please coordinate with the Coach, Class Adviser, or School Head.

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT SLIP*(Please detach and return to the Coach or Class Adviser)*

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian), give my full consent for my child, _____ (Learner's Name), to participate in the 22nd National Science Quest (NSQ) on February 13–15, 2026, in Baguio City.

I understand that:

- Participation is voluntary, under the guidance of designated teachers/coaches;
- My child is covered by valid travel insurance or membership (e.g., BSP, GSP, or other recognized providers) for the entire duration, including travel; and
- My child will represent our school with pride, responsibility, and good sportsmanship.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Number: _____



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