



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VIII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CALBAYOG CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 002, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (DFOT) 2026

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools Districts Supervisors
Public/Private Elementary/Secondary School Heads/Principals
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), hereby informs the field of the conduct of the Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) 2026 with the theme, "Youthful Creativity, Cultural Brilliance: Crafting a Bright Future in the Creative Industries". The festival shall be conducted at Carayman Elementary School, Carayman National High School and Bagacay Integrated School, hosted by the **Calbayog 1 and 2 Districts**. The schedule of the Division Festival of Talents will be on September 4-5, 2026. The PSDS may schedule the District Festival of Talents (DisFOT) prior to the Division Festival of Talents (DFOT), provided that the activity does not disrupt regular classes and the delivery of instruction.

2. The 2026 DFOT aims to provide learners with meaningful opportunities to showcase their talents, skills, creativity, and innovation through various competitions; enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, and responsible use of emerging technologies; foster appreciation of Filipino culture, values, and excellence; and inspire learners from public and private elementary, Junior High School and Senior High School as well as those from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Special Needs Education Program (SNED), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) to pursue lifelong learning, demonstrate sportsmanship and become globally competitive, and future-ready citizens.

3. Participants in this activity shall be the First-Place winners from each district in the different contest categories.

4. The categories to be contested are the following:



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TECHNOVATORS	
Arnold M. Jaraba, EPS-EPP/TLE	
1. Techno Fusion (ICT, Extension Cord Assembly, Dish Gardening) (Grades 4-6) Two (2) learner-participants One (1) teacher-coach	
2. Techno Fusion (Table Construction) (TLE/TVE Grades 9-10, SHS-TVL Grade 11/ALS Learner-TVL Track) Two (2) learner-participants One (1) teacher-coach	
3. Bake Cares (TLE/TVE/Tech-Pro Grades 9-11 & LWD) Two (2) typically developing learners under the TLE/TVE/TVL One (1) learner with disability (LWD) One (1) teacher-coach for typically developing learners under the TLE/TVE/TVL One (1) teacher-coach for LWD	
4. Savor D' Flavor (TLE/TVE/TVL Grades 9-11, SPFL-Grades 7-10, Spanish/Korean/Japanese & Non-Graded for Special Program Grades 7-10)) One (1) learner-participant and (1) teacher-coach from TLE/TVE/TVL One (1) learner-participant and (1) teacher-coach from SPFL either Spanish/Japanese/Chinese/Korean One (1) learner-participant and (1) teacher-coach from SNED Transition Program	
5. Cabin Craft (TLE/TVE Grades 9-10 or TVL Grades 11) One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach	
SINING TANGHALAN (Secondary Category) Mercedita S. Garcia, EPS-MAPEH	
6. PinaSayaw (Grades 7-10) Fourteen (14) learner-participants One (1) male teacher-coach One (1) female teacher-coach	
7. Likhawitan (Grades 7-12) Three (3) learner-participants One (1) teacher-coach	
8. CineMunti (Grades 7-12) Six (6) learner-participants One (1) male teacher-coach One (1) female teacher-coach	
HISTOPOP Dr. Josephine M. Gallardo, EPS Designate-Aral. Pan.	
9. PopDev Challenge (Grade 10)	

One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach
10. Reason and Resolve (Grade 11) One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach
TAGISAN NG TALENTO-FILIPINO Dr. Lourdes L. Matan, EPS-Filipino
11. DokyuWento (Grade 10) (3) Mag-aaral (1) Tagapagsanay
READ-A-THON ENGLISH Dr. Erwin Purcia, EPS-English
12. Advocacy Pitch (G7 to 10) Two (2) learner-participants Two (2) teacher-coaches
13. Plot Twisting Challenge (Grade 6) One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach
MUSABAQAH c/o Calbayog East Central Elem School (Elementary) Dr. Josephine M. Gallardo, EPS Designate-Aral. Pan.
14. Harf Touch (Grade 2) One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach
15. Arabic Language Spelling (Imlah) (Grade 4) One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach
16. Quar'an Reading (Grade 6) One (1) learner-participant One (1) teacher-coach
SNED c/o Calbayog City SPED Center Dr. Nelson Bello, EPS-Values
17. Signs and Dots (Grades 7-10) Two (2) Deaf and Blind learners-participant Two (2) teacher-coaches for deaf and blind
STEMazing Dr. Joy B. Saldaña, EPS-Science Joshua Sherwin Lim JD., EPS-Mathematics
18. Elementary (Grades 4-6) (Mathematics) Two (2) learners per team Two (1) teacher-coach

19. Secondary (Grades 7-12) (Science)

Two (2) learners per team

Two (1) teacher-coach

SPFL c/o CCNHS

Dr. Erwin L. Purcia

20. Lingo Stars Quest (Grade 7-10) Spanish/Chinese/Japanese/Korean

(3) learner- participants

(3) teacher-coaches

5. Expenses relative to the conduct of the said activity shall be charged against School MOOE and other available sources of funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Teachers who will serve in the District and Division Festival of Talents shall be granted service credits pursuant to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2023 entitled Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credit to teachers and non-teaching personnel and school heads shall be entitled to Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) in accordance with Civil Service Commission and Department of Budget and Management Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Renumeration for Overtime Service Rendered.
7. Attached in the Memorandum is the DFOT terms of reference, contest matrix, sample program, and contest package/guidelines (e-copy).
8. This memorandum shall serve as **Travel Authority** to the participants.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

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Schools Division Superintendent

For the Schools Division Superintendent:

**JUN-ILOU D. DULFO PhD**
OIC-Asst. Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (DFOT) 2026 CONTESTS/EVENTS
September 4-5, 2026
Hosts: Calbayog 1 & 2 Districts

TECHNOVATORS

1. Techno Fusion (Elem.)
(ICT, Extension Cord Assembly & Dish Garden)
2. Techno Fusion (JHS/SHS)
(Table Construction)
3. Savor D' Flavor (JHS/SHS, SPFL & SNEd)
4. BakeCares (JHS/SHS, & LWD)
5. Cabin Craft (JHS/SHS)

SINING TANGHALAN

1. CineMunti (JHS/SHS)
2. Likhawitan (JHS/SHS)
3. PinaSayaw (JHS)

POPDEV CHALLENGE

1. Pop Quiz (Grade 10)
2. Reason and Resolve (G11)

READ-A-THON ENGLISH

1. Advocacy Pitch (JHS/SHS)
2. Plot Twisting Challenge (Grade 6)

READ-A-THON FILIPINO

1. DokyuWento (Grade 10)

MUSABAQAH

1. Arabic Language Spelling (Imlah) (Elem)
2. Harf Touch (Elem)
3. Qur'an Reading (Elem)

SPFL

1. Lingo Stars Quest (Spanish/
Chinese/Japanese/Korean)

STEMazing

1. Elem. Category (Mathematics)
2. Sec. Category (Science)

SNEd

1. Signs & Dots (Deaf & Blind Learners)

		Contest Admin: Malvin Regulacion Enrico Tomalon Normel Galias Judges Engr. Jordan De Veyra Engr. Wilaon Montes Engr. Paul Anthony Abaigar	
SINING TANGHALAN PinaSayaw Contest Admin: Aldrin B. Cruda Joey A. Catampo Merardo Comayingking Omar Comonical CineMunti Contest Admin: Samuel A. Repelente Langie Boy Enriquez Loidel L. Obinguar Arnulfo L. Abellar Likhawitan Contest Admin: Nelca L. Cababat, Wilma L. Reyes Berly C. Manzanero Danilo M. Mirales	Carayman Covered Court	HISTOPOP PopDev Challenge (Grade 10) Contest Admin: Zarah Allego Marian Cui Emmalyn Tan Alma Rojas Reason and Resolve (Grade 11) Contest Admin: Malvin Regulacion Rowena Oyo-a Danilo Jadulo Maricel Merencillo	
Read-A-Thon Filipino Dokyuwento Contest Admin: Maychie Batulat Cesil Collamar Ma. Teresa Macabidang Leona Lim	Carayman ES	Closing Program	
Read-A-Thon English Advocacy Pitch	Carayman ES		

Contest Admin: Samuel Repelente Carlo Doinog Maricel Alegria Bernie Abing Nerife Eclipse Nimfa Doroja • Story Enders Cup Crisanto Pacho Chona Valenzuela Maximo Pacho Socia Cupla Lourdes Babon Paulette Ayong			
➤ STEMazing (Mathematics)(Elem) Contest Admin: Jaysam M. Casaljay Mary Jean P. Lim Jovie Bido Randy Nable Norman Cabugawan Norman Sagayap Judges: Dr. Normel Manuales Dr. Virginia Millaris Benjie Beduya Lorna T. Tarrayo Dr. Lilia L. Adel Hermenias S. Balanay	Carayman NHS		

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DFOT 2026 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Participants	Host Districts (Calbayog 1 & Calbayog 2 Districts)	Contest Admin./Facilitators	Division Office
1. Coaches and/or contestants will provide their own materials and supplies.	1. Identify and prepare contest venues for every event.	1. Prepare the score sheet (individual and summary)	1. Take charge of Medical Concerns including alcohol and nurses
2. Coaches and/or contestants will provide their own Tools and equipment	2. Provide tables, chairs and other facilities for the participants in the contest venues.	2. Invite judges.	2. Procure Medals & trophies
3. Each delegation shall attend the parade with District Banner	3. Prepare for the following Ceremonials: • Parade • Opening & Closing/Awarding Ceremony	3. Administer or facilitate in the conduct of the contest.	3. Procure Tarpaulin for the stage
4. Participants must wear the district color for the parade.	4. Prepare Stage, sound system & chairs (opening & awarding/closing ceremony)	4. Provide the contest piece & mechanics based on the guidelines.	4. Pack lunch for the Board of Judges
5. Food is in a self-provision mode to coaches and learners.	5. Prepare Program	5. Attend Solidarity meeting with coaches, facilitators and judges.	5. Prepare Certificates: appearance, participation, appreciation & recognition
	6. Coordinate with Brgy. on Security	6. Take charge of specific contest Registration	6. Prepare DepEd Banner
	7. Create TWG who will manage the following committees: • Documentation • Accommodation		7. Create Secretariat who will manage in the collection,

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PROGRAMME

Theme: "Youthful Creativity, Cultural Brilliance: Crafting a Bright Future in the Creative Industries"

Day 1 (September 4, 2026)

Part I. Opening Program

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| 1. National Anthem | AVP |
| 2. Prayer | AVP |
| 3. SDO Calbayog Hymn | AVP |
| 4. DepEd Quality Policy Statement | AVP |
| 5. Acknowledgement of Participants | Arnold M. Jaraba
EPS - DFOT Focal Person |
| 6. Opening Remarks | Nora Capetillo
PSDS, C1 - Host District |
| 6. Rationale | Dr. Renato S. Cagomoc
CID Chief |
| 7. Contest Venue, Schedules, House Rules | Alma R. Caber
PSDS, C2 - Host District |
| 8. Message & Official Declaration
of the DFOT 2026 | Dr. Margarito A. Cadayona Jr. CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent |
| 9. Health Break | |

Part II. Contest Proper

Day 2 (September 5, 2026)

Part III. Closing Program

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| 1. Nationalistic Song | AVP |
| 2. Prayer | AVP |
| 3. Announcement of Results and
Awarding of Winners | By: Learning Area Focal Persons |
| 4. Ways Forward | Dr. Renato S. Cagomoc
CID Chief |

References: NFOT 2026

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects: All learning areas.