



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY



January 6, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 008, s. 2026

9th Division Bible Month Culmination

TO : OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors/Cluster Heads
Elementary/Secondary Private & Public School Heads/TIC's/OIC's
Division Section Heads
All others concerned

1. This office announces the conduct of the **9th Division Bible Month Culmination on January 30, 2026 at Floro T. Bonco Farm School & DEDRES**, Barangay Jonobjonob, Escalante City, **8:30 AM** with the theme: **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”– Ephesians 2:8.**

2. This is pursuant to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s Presidential Proclamation No. 124, declaring January of every year as the National Bible Month and culminates on the last week as the National Bible Week. The Division of Escalante City acknowledges that every person needs God and being Maka-Diyos’ as the top most core value of the DepEd, thereby giving importance to the Word of God as written in the Holy Bible in order to promote value – oriented, morally strong and socially responsible citizenry.

3. This activity aims to:
a. spread the Word of God by making the Bible be known to everyone;
b. mold the pupils/students in spiritual, moral and social aspect; and
c. maintain an environment of wholesome relationship among different sectors of society such as schools, churches, organizations and institutions.

4. The different contest categories are as follows:

Category	Grade level
1. Praise Song Duet English version (Coach & Learner)	Elem – 2 participants/cluster
2. Praise Song Duet English version(Coach & Learner)	Secondary -2 participants/cluster
3. Bible Verse Memorization -Book of John, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians & Ephesians	Kindergarten – (English)1participant/ school
4. Bible verse-(search and reading) New Testament	Grade 1 or Grade 2 (English) -3 participants/cluster
5. Spelling Contest :(words can be found in the bible) :(words can be found in the bible) Name of person, places, and name of event	Grade 3 or Grade -4 (English version) participants /cluster
6. Bible Quiz Bee - Elementary - Book of John, Acts & Romans	Grades 5 or 6 – 1 participant/school
7. Bible Quiz Bee - Secondary- JHS - Old Testament	Grade 7 – 10 -



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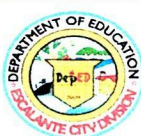
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	1participant/ school
8. Bible Quiz Bee -SHS- New Testament	Grade 11-12 - 1participant/ school
9. Elementary - Bible Character Impersonation	Grade 5 or Gr. 6 – 3 participant/cluster
10. Secondary – Bible character Impersonation	Grade 10 or Gr.12- 3 participant/cluster
11. BRAM Contest : Key Stage 1 -Grade 3 Key Stage 2- Grade 5 Key Stage 3- Grade 8 Key Stage 4-Grade 11	1 participant /school

5. Entry form, Guidelines/criteria of the contest are herewith attached.
6. Both public and private elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to participate in this event. A registration of three hundred pesos (Php. 300.00) per school shall be collected to defray expenses during the division competition such as supplies, medals, certificates and snacks/meals.
7. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, there shall be no discrimination on the account of age, school gender, civil status, disability, religion or other similar circumstances that run counter to the principle of equal opportunities.
8. The participation to this activity is subject to the “No disruption of classes policy” as stipulated in Deped Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled “Instituting Measures to increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith”. The school should take necessary measures to ensure that the teaching load of teacher-participants will be taken care-of and No classes will be missed by the learners.
9. Travel, supplies/ materials and other expenses incurred relative to the said activities are chargeable against Local Funds /School MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
10. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


PETER J. GALIMBA
OIC-Schools Division Superintendent 

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Enclosure : As stated
Reference : Presidential Proclamation No.124
Allotment : 2-3-5-6-7
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index of the following subjects:
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ENTRY FORM
9th Division Bible Month Culmination

Name of School: _____

Name/Participants	Contest	Grade Level	Name of Coach & Cel. #
1. Coach-Learner-Song Title -	1. Praise Song Duet English version (Coach & Learner)	Elem – 2 participants/cluster	
2. Coach-Learner-Song Title -	2. Praise Song Duet English version(Coach & Learner)	Secondary -2 participants/cluster	
3	3. Bible Verse Memorization -Book of John, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians & Ephesians	Kindergarten – (English) 1participant/ school	
4	4. Bible verse-(search and reading) New Testament	Grade 1 or Grade 2 (English) -3 participants/cluster	
5	5. Spelling Contest :(words can be found in the bible) :(words can be found in the bible) Name of person, places, and name of event	Grade 3 or Grade -4 (English version) 3 participants /cluster	
6	6. Bible Quiz Bee - Elementary - Book of John, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians & Ephesians	Grades 5 or 6 – 1 participant/school	
7	7. Bible Quiz Bee - Secondary- JHS - Old Testament	Grade 7 – 10 - 1participant/school	
8	8. Bible Quiz Bee - SHS- New Testament	Grade 11-12 - 1participant/school	
9	9. Elementary - Bible Character Impersonation	Grade 5 or Gr. 6 – 3 participant/cluster	
10	10. Secondary – Bible Character Impersonation	Grade 10 or Gr.12 - 3 participant/cluster	
11.1 11.2 11.3 11.4	11. BRAM Contest : Key Stage 1- Grade 3 Key Stage 2-Grade 5 Key Stage 3- Grade 8 Key Stage4-Grade 11	1 participant /school in each KS	

Submitted by: _____

EsP/GMRC/VE coordinator/Teacher

Noted: _____

Principal/School Head



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Who may join?

1. The contest is open for Kindergarten, Elementary, JHS & SHS from public & private schools learners in the schools/cluster of the Division of Escalante City.
2. **Entry form** must be submitted on **January 23, 2026** or five (5) days before the contest.

Contest Mechanics:

Bible Quiz Bee

1. The Bible Quiz Bee has 2 rounds, 1st the multiple choice with 10 item question with one (1) point each and the 2nd round is 10 item fill-in the blanks test with two (2) points each.
2. Any version of the Bible is considered as long as it has Old and New Testament. (**Elem.** - Book of John, Acts & Romans; **JHS**- Old Testament; **SHS**- New Testament)
3. English is the official language of the contest.
4. The contestant will write their answer in a ¼ sheet of bond paper to be retrieved by the committee and to be given to the judges.
5. The judges will determine the correct answers to be tabulated by the committee.
6. Questions are focused only to who, what, where, and when from the bible.
7. The top 3 winners will receive a medal/trophy and certificate.
8. The quizmaster will read aloud the question twice.
9. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable.

Bible Character Impersonation Contest

1. Characters may be taken from the Bible.
2. Contestant may provide background music, costumes and make-up.
3. Time limit is 5-7 minutes
4. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable.
5. Criteria:

Characterization/Interpretation	35%
Mastery	30%
Diction/Pronunciation	15%
Stage Presence/Costume/Make-up	10%
Audience Impact	10%
Total	100%

Memory Verse for Kindergarten

1. Memory Verse will focus on the **Book of John, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians & Ephesians**
2. The number of memory verses a contestant can give within 3 minutes has a weight of 70%. Memory verses should be delivered and not to exceed 3 minutes. However, (1) point will be deducted for every minute exceeded.
3. The coach/teacher of the contestant shall present/submit the memory verse to the judges (verse must be computerized inside the long folder) before the start of the Memory Verse Contest.
4. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable.

Number of memory verse	70%
Content	10%
Pronunciation	10%
Stage Presence	10%
Total	100%

Spelling Contest (Grade3 or Grade4)

1. The spelling is conducted in one round with 20 items.
2. The word that will be spelled shall be determined by draw- lots as each coach from the 28 schools will contribute one word taken from the bible (name of person, places and name of event) in which the word is used in the sentence.
3. The top 3 contestants with the highest score will be declared as the winner .
4. The words to be spelled in Grade 3 & Grade 4 learners is in English version.
5. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable.

Bible Verse-Search and Reading (Grade 1 or 2)

1. The judges will suggest/determine what Book in the Bible the contestant will search and read the chapter with 1 to 2 verses one at a time per contestant. Grade 1or Grade 2- **New Testament**.
2. Contestant will bring their own Bible (English). Each contestant will be given 5 items to search & read .
3. Each contestant will be given 1 minute to search and read the verses.
4. The contestant who can search and read correctly the verses with in the allotted time will be given 1 point.
5. No point will be given to the contestant if he/she fails to search and read with in the allotted time.
6. There will be 3 contestant per cluster.
7. The top 3 contestants with the highest score will be declared as the winner .
8. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable



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Praise Song Duet English version (Coach & Learner)-Elementary & Secondary

Praise Song Competition Guidelines

1. **Objective** The "Praise Song" competition celebrates the relationship between coaches and students through worship music, encouraging teamwork, devotion, and musical expression in honor of God.
2. **Eligibility** Each entry must be a duet between one coach and one student. Both participants must be from the same school, or organization. Each participant may only perform once in the competition.
3. **Song Selection** The song must be in English. The song must be a praise or worship song dedicated to God. Lyrics must be appropriate, respectful, and uplifting. Songs can be any style (traditional hymn, contemporary worship, gospel, etc.). **Maximum performance time: 5 minutes.** Participants must provide the karaoke or instrumental track in advance if needed, or it can be a live accompaniment.
4. **Performance Rules** Both participants must perform live together on stage; lip-syncing is not allowed. Simple choreography or hand motions may be used, as long as they enhance the worship experience and don't distract from singing. The duet should reflect harmony, expression, and devotion. Participants must arrive at least 30 minutes before their scheduled performance for rehearsal and sound check.

5. Judging Criteria Performances will be judged on the following:
Criteria

Weight Vocal Technique & Harmony	40%
Expression of Worship & Devotion	25%
Creativity & Song Interpretation	20%
Coordination & Teamwork	15%
Total	100 %

6. Judges' decisions are final.

7. **Registration Teams must register / Entry Form** submit a week before the contest. Registration form must include: Names of coach and student School/organization Song title and artist Contact information

8. **Additional Notes** Participants are responsible for costumes, props, and instruments. Inappropriate behavior or content may result in disqualification. Performances may be recorded for promotion or documentation.

BRAM (Bible Reading And Memorization) Key Stage 1- Grade 3

1. Bible Verses to be memorized must be found at the BRAM Matrix
2. Participants in Elementary will pick which specific Month (2 to 4 Bible verses) to be memorized, one participant at a time.
3. Each participant must introduce themselves and mention the book, chapter and verse before reciting.
4. Each participant will be given **one to two minute (1-2 minute)** for the elementary to deliver their recitation.
5. There will be an assigned timer for each recitation. The white flag will be raised if the recitation exceeds from the allotted 2 minute for both elementary and secondary with a less of 2% for every 5 seconds . It means the memorization will go on, but with corresponding points.
6. Reading or prompting from notes, gadgets, or other materials is not allowed.
7. Gestures, voice expressions, and intonations are allowed provided they are appropriate and respectful
8. In case of a tie, the participants will be given a **new Bible Verse** to recite on the spot.
9. The judge's decisions are final and irrevocable.
10. There will be 3 winners in this contest. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and will receive medals and certificates.

Criteria	
Memorized in a given time	35%
Delivery and Expression	25%
Clarity & Pronunciation	25%
Stage Presence	15%
Total	100%



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BRAM : Key Stage 2, 3 & 4

Pick & Expand a Bible Verse

Rationale:

This activity aims to encourage participants to deepen their understanding of God’s Word through personal reflection and sharing. By randomly selecting and interpreting a Bible verse, participants are given the opportunity to express their faith, relate biblical teachings to real-life experiences, and inspire others through their insights. The activity promotes spiritual growth, reflection, and confidence in public speaking while fostering a deeper appreciation of the Scriptures.

Mechanics:

1. Eligibility :

The activity is open to both elementary and high school students who wish to express their faith and understanding of the Holy Scriptures through reflection and sharing.

2. Preparation of Materials :

Several Bible verses shall be prepared beforehand, each written on a separate piece of paper. These will be folded uniformly and placed inside a designated container such as a box, jar, or envelope.

3. Selection of Verse :

Each participant shall draw one (1) Bible verse from the container.

4. Presentation and Expansion The participant shall read the chosen Bible verse aloud to the group or audience. Thereafter, the participant must deliver an explanation or expansion of the verse, which should include:

*The meaning or message of the verse based on personal understanding;

*Its relevance and application in daily life; and

*Insights or reflections drawn from the verse.

5. Time Allotment and Flag Signals Each participant shall be given **two (2) to three (3) minutes** to present and explain the chosen verse. Time will be monitored and indicated using flag signals:

White Flag – Signals the **start** of the presentation.

Yellow Flag – Signals that the participant has **one (1) minute remaining**.

Red Flag – Signals that the **time is up**, and the participant must conclude immediately.

6. Deduction of Points :

Exceeding the time limit will result in a deduction of **1 point for every 30 seconds** beyond the allotted time.

7. In Case of a Tie :

In the event of a tie, the tied participants shall each be given a **new Bible verse** to interpret and expand within a **one (1) to two (2) minutes** time frame. The judges will then deliberate based on the same criteria to determine the final ranking.

8. Finality of Decision :

The **decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable**. No appeals or objections shall be entertained after the announcement of winners.

9. Announcement of Winners After the deliberation of judges, the winners shall be officially announced. Recognition will be given to the **Top Three (3) Participants** as follows: **First Place, Second Place, Third Place**

Judging Criteria Presentation shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Criteria	
Understanding and interpretation of the verse	40%
Depth of reflection and insight	30%
Clarity and confidence in delivery	20%
Creativity or originality of presentation	10%
Total	