



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY

August 17, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 342, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS

To :OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Division Education Program Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2026 titled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-term School Calendar in Basic Education", the schedules of the First Term Examinations will be on **August 28, 2026** and **September 1, 2026**.
2. DepEd Order No. 15, s. 2026 titled "Revised Guidelines on Classroom Assessment, Grading Systems and Awards and Recognition for the Revised K to 12 Basic Education Program", item 26 stipulates that the Term Examination (TE) shall be administered during the final instructional days of the term and shall primarily cover competencies taken after the second Summative Test (ST) while also including selected critical or least-mastered competencies from earlier parts of the term.
3. The number of test items per Key stage are the following: Key stage 1 (20-30), Key stage 2 (40), Key stage 3 (50) and key stage 4 (60), total points may vary based on item type and shall be guided by the Table of Specifications (TOS) provided to schools.
4. The TOS will be floated to schools starting August 18, 2026 in respective Group Chats to facilitate the quality assurance of the teacher-made tests by the School Heads and Learning Area Supervisors.
5. The School Heads shall quality assure the term examination test materials and shall show the MOVs of checking to the Education Program Supervisors during the monitoring of schools.
6. Schools are also reminded to align assessment practices with the goals of quality, equity, and learner-centeredness, an **adjusted transmutation table** shall be adopted for KS2 to KS4 for SY 2026-2027, including Grades 2 and 3 that are still implementing the numerical grading system. The adjusted transmutation table is found on page 37 of DepEd Order No. 15, s. 2026. As part of the transition period, **the descriptive grading system for KS1 shall be implemented beginning SY 2026-2027 for Kindergarten to Grade 1 ONLY**.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is desired.

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Reference: D. O. 9, s. 2026 and D.O. 15, s. 2026

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