



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



October 12, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 457, s. 2026

**9th Division Values Month & Children's Month Culminating Activity
(Child's Right Quiz Bee & BRAM)**

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

1. Presidential Proclamation No. 479 declares the month of November of every year as **Filipino Values Month**, which provides an opportunity to strengthen the promotion and practice of positive Filipino values among learners and other stakeholders. The official theme for the 2026 Filipino Values Month shall be incorporated in a succeeding issuance or addendum upon the release of appropriate national or regional guidelines.
2. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10661, otherwise known as the "**National Children's Month Act**," the month of November of every year is declared as the National Children's Month. The celebration aims to promote awareness of the rights, welfare, protection, and development of Filipino children and to strengthen the commitment of all stakeholders to uphold children's rights and create a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for every child.
3. In line with these two national observances, the Schools Division Office of Escalante City shall conduct a Joint Culminating Activity for the 9th Division Values Month and National Children's Month on **November 20, 2026 at Escalante Central Elem. School. The Opening Program shall commence at 8:30 a.m.** The activity shall feature various contest and activities that promote Filipino values, strengthen awareness of children's right and provide meaningful opportunities for learners to demonstrate their knowledge, talents, skills and positive values.
4. The two Celebrations aim to enable participants to:
 - a.) Provide better understanding on the importance of **GMRC/VE, BRAM Project** and **Children's Right** in transforming a humane society;
 - b.) Demonstrate commitment to support the advocacy of **GMRC/VE, BRAM Project** and **National Children's Month** through healthy and friendly competition; and
 - c.) Enhance knowledge, talents and skills of student-participants and teacher-coaches in the different contests events by promoting the real Filipino values, spreading the Word of God and spreading awareness on the rights of children.
5. The different events for both elementary and secondary levels shall be by cluster are the following:
 - a. Praise Song (Elem & Secondary)
 - b. On the Spot Poster Making (Grade 6 & Grade 9/10)



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- c. Story Telling (Elementary Level Only Grade 3)
Pagsulat at Pagbigkas ng Tula (Secondary Level Only Grade 7)
d. Bible Reading & Memorization (BRAM)
Key Stage 2 – Grade 4
Key Stage 3 – Grade 8
Key Stage 4 – Grade 11/12
6. The schools shall send individual participants for the following contest:
a. Tagisan ng Talino (Grade 5 & Grade 8)
b. Children's Right (Grade 2, Grade 6, Grade 9 and Grade 11/12)
7. It is encouraged that all public and private elementary and secondary schools will participate in these events.
8. Participation to this activity is subject to "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". Schools 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. All participating schools are required to secured a signed Parent's Permit for each learner who will be joining any contest or event. This is to ensure that parents or guardians are fully informed and have given their consent for their child's participation.
10. 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.
11. There will be a registration of Php500/school. Entry Form Guidelines/ criteria of the contest are attached.
12. GMRC/VE school coordinators are required to submit their portfolio on the **"ABCnEsP"** on **November 13 or 16, 2026** at the CID, Division Office for the evaluation on the Best School/ GMRC-VE School Coordinator Implementer .
- ABCnEsP**
- K- Ang Batang Champion na Escalantehanon siya'y may matalinong Pag-iisip
S - Ang Batang Champion na Escalantehanon siya'y aktibong nakikilahok sa Paligsahan
A - Ang Batang Champion na Escalantehanon siya'y may mabuting Pag-uugali
13. Materials and other expenses of participating schools relevant to this competition are chargeable against local funds /school MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
14. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

PETER GALIMBA
OIC-Schools Division Superintendent

A.Sinining/ 10-12-2026
Enclosure : As stated

Reference : Presidential Proclamation No. 479 and Republic Act No. 10661

Allotment : 2-3-5-6-7

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index of the following subjects:

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**Guidelines/Mechanics and Criteria for 2026
Competition**

A. Praise Song (Minus –one)

1. There will be a maximum of two (2) entry per cluster for elementary and secondary. There shall also be one (1) entry per private elementary and secondary school.
2. The song will be in **Tagalog** and must be a song of praise or worship or religious /inspirational.
3. It must be a whole song and not be remixed.
4. The following are the criteria for judging :

Vocal Quality	25%
Interpretation	25%
Diction and Clarity	25%
Dynamics	15%
Audience Communication	10%
Total	100%

5. There will be three (3) winners in this contest. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd will receive medals and certificates.
6. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable.

B. On the Spot Poster Making

1. There will be a maximum of two (2) entry per cluster for elementary and secondary levels. There shall also be one (1) entry per private elementary and secondary school.
2. Contestants are advised to have their own materials :
 - a. ¼ illustration board
 - b. Pencil, pastel/ Cray pass/water color
3. The theme/topic shall given ten (10) minutes before the contest proper. Teacher coaches can still give their final coaching to the participants before the start of the contest.
4. Contestant are given 1 hour and 30 minutes (1 ½ hr.) to finish their work.
5. Lettering and boarders are not allowed as part of the presentation.
6. All entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

Relevance to the theme	40%
Creativity & Presentation	20%
Originality	20%
Overall Visual Appeal	20%
Total	100%

7. There will be three (3) winners in this contest. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd will receive medals and certificates.
8. Decision of judges is final and irrevocable



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C. Story Telling (Elementary Level Only)

1. There will be two (2) entry for elementary per cluster.
2. All contestants must submit a tale or story typed on A4 paper using Times New Roman(14 font size, using English language depicting any Value Focus for the month or appropriate , relevant, contextualized desirable values and attitudes with the contestants name and school during the contest).
3. All the contestants have 3-5 minutes for presentation .
4. Points will be deducted from the total score of the contestants if they are more 30 seconds under time or overtime during delivery.
5. All entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

Content	20%
Clarity of Voice	20%
Skills Eliciting Emotions and Expressions	20%
Voice Projection	20%
Significance of the story	10%
Originality	10%
Total	100%

6. There will be three winners in this contest. 1st, 2nd and 3rd will receive medals and certificates.
7. The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable.

Pagsulat at Pagbigkas ng Tula (Secondary Level Only)

1. May dalawa (2) na kalahok sa bawat cluster ng sekondarya.
2. Makalikha ng isang orihinal na tula gamit ang wikang katutubo.
3. Ito ay may kabuuan sa anim na saknong o higit pang saknong na may apat na taludtod na hindi lalagpas sa **tatlong o apat na minutong** pagtatanghal.
4. Ang paksa ng tula ay may kaugnayan tema na ibibigay sa araw ng patimpalak.
5. Bibigyan ng isang oras sa pagsulat ng tula at kalahating oras sa pagsasanay.
6. Ang tula ay babasahin at bibigkasin sa harap ng madla.
7. May tatlong mananalo sa patimpalak na ito. Ang 1st, 2nd at 3rd ay makakatanggap ng mga medalya at sertipiko
8. Ang desisyon ng mga hukom ay pinal at hindi na mababawi

Pamantayan May original at angkop ang temang ginamit	30%
Kumpas at ekspresyon ng mukha	25%
Kalinawan ng pagbigkas at tindig	20%
Pagkasaulo	15%
Hikayat sa madla	10%
Kabuuan	100 %

D.Tagisan ng Talino (EsP)

1. There will be **one (1) entry** per school in elementary & **one (1) entry** per school for secondary.
2. The learner from **Grade 5** and **Grade 8** will be the contestant for the Tagisan ng Talino.



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3. There will be three (3) rounds namely the Easy (1 pt.), Average (3 pts.), and Difficult (5 pts.)
4. The test questions shall cover items from Term1 to Term 3 of the previous grade level and Term 1 Learning Competencies in the BOW.
5. The quizmaster will read the questions twice and the contestant will be given 10 seconds to write the answer on the answer sheet then wait for the quiz master's signal to raise their answers and to be collected by the facilitators.
6. Judges will evaluate the answers .
7. Scorer and Tabulator records the score.
8. The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the winner.
9. There will be three (3) winners in this contest. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd will receive medals and certificates.
10. In case of a tie , a clincher round will be given.
11. The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable.

E. Child's Right Quiz Bee

1. There will be **one (1) entry** per key Stage of every school in elementary & secondary.
2. The learner from **Grade 2, 6, 9 & 11/12** will be the contestant for the Quiz Bee.
3. There will be three (3) rounds namely the Easy (1 pt.), Average (3 pts.), and Difficult (5 pts.)
4. The test questions shall cover items from **Lesson 1 to Lesson 10 of the COLEGA manual**. (English version)
5. The quizmaster will read the questions twice and the contestant will be given 10 seconds to write the answer on the answer sheet then wait for the quiz master's signal to raise their answers and to be collected by the facilitators.
6. Judges will evaluate the answers .
7. Scorer and tabulator records the score.
8. The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the winner.
9. In case of a tie , a clincher round will be given.
10. There will be three (3) winners in this contest. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd will receive medals and certificates.
11. The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable

F. BRAM (Bible Reading And Memorization) Key Stage 2- Grade 4

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



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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%

BRAM : Key Stage 3 & 4 (Grade 8 and Grade 11/12)

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.



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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	100 %



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ENTRY FORM
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(Child's Right Quiz Bee & BRAM)

Name of School: _____

Name of Participants	Contest	Name of Coach & Cel. No.
1.	A. Praise Song (Tagalog) – by Cluster (Maximum of two (2) entries per cluster for elementary and secondary; one (1) entry per private school)	
2.	B. On-the-Spot Poster Making – (Maximum of two (2) entries per cluster for elementary and secondary) Grade 6 & Grade 9/10	
3.	C.1. Storytelling – by Cluster (Maximum of two (2) participants in elementary - Grade 3) C. 2. Pagsulat at Pagbigkas ng Tula – Maximum of two (2) participants in Secondary - Grade 7)	
4.	D. Tagisan ng Talino (GMRC/VE) – by School (Grade 5 & Grade 8)	
5.1 Key Stage 1	E. Child's Rights Quiz Bee – 1 participant per Key Stage per School (Grade 2, Grade 6, Grade 9 & Grade 11/12)	
5.2 Key Stage 2		
5.3 Key Stage 3		
5.4. Key Stage 4		
6	F. BRAM – Key Stage 2 (Grade 4)	
7	F. BRAM – Key Stage 3 (Grade 8)	
8	F. BRAM – Key Stage 4 (Grade 11/12)	

Note : Submit this entry form on Nov. 16, 2026

Submitted by: _____

GMRC/VE School coordinator/Teacher

Noted: _____
Principal/School Head



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