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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM No.\_\_\_\_\_\_ s. 2025

ADMISSION TEST FOR INCOMING GRADE 1 SPECIAL SCIENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SSES) LEARNERS AND GRADE 7 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING (STE) LEARNERS

To:

Schools Division Superintendents Division Science Supervisors School Heads of Science-Implementing Schools

1. Cognizant of the curricular reforms for Science and Technology-oriented schools in the Department of Education-Central Office, DepEd CO directed all implementers to observe status quo in the operation of the Special Curricular Programs in Science. As such, this Office provides these guidelines and parameters in the administration and screening in the conduct of Admission Test to Incoming SSES and STE Learners for SY 2025-2026.

2. Admission process for SSES and STE is open to all incoming Grade 1 and Grade 7 learners who will meet the basic requirements below:

Special Science Program	Documentary Requirements	Age Requirement	Other Requirements
SSES	<ul> <li>PSA Birth Certificate</li> <li>ECCD Checklist</li> <li>Kindergarten Progress Report Card</li> <li>Duly accomplished Application Form with ID</li> </ul>	Must follow the age requirement in Kindergarten per DO 20 s. 2018 and DM CI-2020-00223	<ul> <li>Kindergarten completer</li> <li>Proficient in reading</li> <li>must have already their Learner's Reference Number (LRN)</li> <li>must pass the qualifying admission test (oral and written)</li> <li>Average Grade of 85% in Q1 to 3 for ESM and 83% in other subjects for incoming G4 (for new implementers)</li> </ul>
STE	<ul> <li>Certificate of Good Moral Character</li> <li>Grade 6 Form 9 (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Q)</li> <li>Duly accomplished Application Form with ID</li> </ul>	Not more than 12 years old, and not less than 11 year old by June, 2025	<ul> <li>Average Grade of 85% in Grade 6 English, Science, and Math (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Q)</li> <li>Average Grade of 83% in each of the other subjects (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Q)</li> <li>E-portfolio containing learners work/accomplishments in science/mathematics</li> </ul>



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Selection shall be done in three (3) phases to determine the final qualifiers. 3 STE SSES Documentary evaluation Phase 1 Documentary evaluation Admission Test to all Qualified Phase 2 Admission Test to all Qualified Learners (to be given by the CID Learners (to be given by the CID ESM ESM Supervisors) Supervisors) Shortlisting of Top 100 Learners for big schools and Top 60 Shortlisting of Top 60 Learners for small schools Learners (Ave. Grade, Test Score, and e-Portfolio included) Face to Face Interview Phase 3 Face to Face Interview (w/ Reading and Demonstration of Skills)

Ranking of final qualifiers shall be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Equivalent		
	SSES	STE	
Grade 6 Ave Grade	-	15%	
Admission Test Score	60%	50%	
e-Portfolio	-	10%	
Interview	40%	25%	
Total	100%	100%	

4. Only the Top 35 learners will qualify to enter the SSES class (1 section), while the Top 70 learners (35/class) from big schools, and Top 35 for small schools will qualify to enter the STE program.

5. No Registration Fee shall be collected. Expenses relative to the conduct of screening and admission of learners in SSES, Legislated Science High Schools and Bicol Regional Science High School shall be charged to school MOOE.

6. Teachers and non-teaching staff who will render services in the selection and screening process, and supervisors who are involved in the development and checking of test papers during summer break/weekends and holidays shall be entitled to service credits/compensatory leave credits per DO 13 s. 2024, Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Credits for Teachers and as provided for in CSC and DBM Joint Circular no. 2 s 2004, re: Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Services Rendered.

7. The indicative schedule of activities are:

- a. Submission of Application
- b. Phase 1 (Pre-Screening)
- c. Phase 2 (Admission Test)
- d. Phase 3 (Interview)
- e. Ranking of Final Qualified Applicants:
- f. Posting of Results

8. For information of all concerned.

February 17-28, 2025 March 3-14, 2025 March 26 to April 5, 2025 April 21-25, 2025 April 28-30, 2025 May 5-8, 2025

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February 3, 2025

TO: PSDSs/OIC-PSDSs

Secondary School Heads of STE & STEM Schools All Others Concerned

Guidelines and processes relative to the conduct of this activity must be properly observed. The selection process/ entry requirement for STEM shall be based on DepEd Order No. 55, s. 2016. The schedule for the STE/ STEM admission test is found in the attached sheet.

For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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## SCHEDULE OF STE & STEM ADMISSION TEST FOR SY 2025-2026

Date	AM (8:30-12:00) PM (1:30-5:00)	STE & STEM-Implementing Schools	Venue
March 26, 2025	AM	Bulan NHS	Bulan NHS
	PM	Gallanosa NHS	Gallanosa NHS
March 27, 2025	AM	Pilar NHS	Pilar NHS
	PM	Donsol NCHS	Donsol NCHS
March 28, 2025	AM	Salvacion NHS	Salvacion NHS
	PM	Cumadcad NHS Dinapa NHS Castilla NHS	Cumadcad NHS
March 31, 2025	AM	Prieto Diaz NHS	Prieto Diaz NHS
	PM	Gubat NHS	Gubat NHS
April 1, 2025	AM	Sta. Magdalena NHS	Sta. Magdalena NHS
	PM	Matnog NHS	Matnog NHS
April 2, 2025	AM	Barcelona NCHS	Barcelona NCHS
	PM	Bulusan NHS	Bulusan NHS
April 3, 2025	AM	Casiguran NHS	Casiguran NHS
	PM	Juban NHS	Juban NHS
April 4, 2025	AM	Magallanes	Magallanes