



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region V
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CONDUCT OF SCREENING EXAMINATION FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM IN JOURNALISM (SPJ) ENTRANTS BEGINNING SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Education Program Supervisors
Division Coordinators
Public Schools District Supervisors/ OIC-PSDSs
Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education's commitment to developing students' journalistic skills and fostering media literacy, the Schools Division Office of Sorsogon through the Curriculum Implementation Division will conduct a **Screening Examination for the Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) for incoming Grade 4 and 7 learners for School Year 2025-2026.**

2. The screening aims to assess students' writing proficiency, communication skills, and aptitude for journalism to determine their eligibility for admission to the program. To accommodate the increasing number of SPJ implementers, the screening will follow the schedule below:

Date		Schools	Test Administrator
March 20	Morning	Cumadcad NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
	Morning	Donsol NCHS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
	Afternoon	Ogod ES Donsol East ES	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
March 21	Morning	Magallanes NVHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Aguada ES ELMCS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
	Afternoon	Juban NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Jose G. Alindogon ES	Sharon A. Vito, EPS



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March 26	Morning	Bulan South CS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Irosin CS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
	Afternoon	Gallanosa NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
March 27	Morning	Sta. Magdalena CS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Sta. Magdalena NHS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
	Afternoon	Matnog CS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
		Matnog NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
March 28	Morning	Prieto Diaz CS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
		Prieto Diaz NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
April 3	Morning	Pilar NCHS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
		Abucay NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
	Afternoon	Pilar I CS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
April 4	Morning	Bulusan HS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Bulusan CS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
	Afternoon	Jaime G. Espena NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Buhang ES	Sharon A. Vito, EPS
April 8	Morning	Barcelona NHS	Maricel M. Dineros, EPS
		Barcelona CS	Sharon A. Vito, EPS

3. The objective test with a weight of 30% will be made, conducted, and checked by the SDO-Sorsogon through the Curriculum Implementation Division. Meanwhile, the respective schools will administer and evaluate other qualifying examinations, including a 40% weight for the on-the-spot written exam and 30% for the interview.

3. Furthermore, to promote awareness and encourage participation in the Special Program in Journalism, schools are encouraged to conduct an advocacy campaign highlighting the importance of journalism, media literacy, and communication skills among students. Schools may utilize various platforms such as social media, bulletin boards, and orientation programs to reach potential SPJ entrants and their parents.

4. For further information and other concerns regarding the SPJ screening, please contact *Education Program Supervisors* Maricel M. Dineros and/or Sharon A. Vito (the Division Focal Persons in Campus Journalism).

5. For the guidance of all concerned.


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