



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION XI  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 0096 s. 2026

**TIMELINE FOR THE CAMPUS JOURNALISM PROGRAM  
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

To: Chief Education Supervisor-Curriculum Implementation Division  
School Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. **Republic Act No. 7079**, also known as *Campus Journalism Act of 1991*, in its Declaration of Policy stipulates that, *“the State shall uphold and protect the freedom of the press even at the campus level and to promote the development and growth of campus journalism as a means of strengthening ethical values, encouraging critical and creative thinking, and developing moral character and personal discipline of the Filipino youth. In furtherance of this policy, the State shall undertake various programs and projects aimed at improving the journalistic skills of students concerned and promoting responsible and free journalism”*.

2. Pursuant also to DepEd Order (DO) No. 94, s. 1992 titled, *“Promulgating the Rules and Regulations Necessary for Effective Implementation of RA 7079”*, which stipulates the holding of the annual elementary and secondary schools press conferences, the Schools Division of Davao del Norte has been strengthening consistently its advocacy for press freedom throughout the years as demonstrated by its performances in the different levels of journalistic competitions and school paper publications.

3. Given the provisions of RA No. 7079 and the DepEd Order (DO) No. 94, s 1992 and other related memoranda, the Division is set for another school year to empower its culture of journalism with the following timeline:

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Selection of School Editorial Board (English and Filipino) for School Year 2026-2027	March 01, 2026, to June 30, 2026
2	Election among School Editors-in-chief to be District General Officers for Elementary and Secondary levels <i>(One set of district officers for Elementary, combined both English and Filipino Editorial Boards)</i> <i>(One set of district officers for Secondary, combined both English and Filipino Editorial Boards)</i>	June 01, 2026, to July 31, 2026
3	Election among the 11 EIC-District Presidents to be the Division’s General Officers for Elementary and for Secondary levels <i>(One set of Division officers for Elementary, combined both English and Filipino Editorial Boards)</i> <i>(One set of Division officers for Secondary, combined both English and Filipino Editorial Boards)</i>	August 01, 2026, to August 31, 2026
4	School-Based Press Conferences	August 01, 2026, to August 31, 2026
5	Bi-monthly School Paper Competition and Submission (One page per section only)	<i>May to June Coverage Submission</i> (June 30, 2026) <i>July to August Coverage Submission</i> (August 31, 2026)



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		September to October Coverage Submission (October 30, 2026) November to December Coverage Submission (December 18, 2026)
6	District Schools Press Conference (DSPC)	September 01, 2026, to October 30, 2026
7	Submission of Portfolios of the Most Outstanding Campus Journalist and School Paper Adviser, both Elementary and Secondary	October 01, 2026, to December 18, 2026
8	Division Schools Press Conference/School Paper Submission and Evaluation (Over-all RSPC Qualifying School Papers)	October 01, 2026- December 18, 2026,

4. To strengthen further the culture of journalism at campus levels, all teachers across learning areas are encouraged to review the curricula and learning competencies and to integrate (if applicable) journalistic and broadcasting activities such as news writing, editorial writing, feature writing, science and technology writing, sports writing, column writing, photojournalism, cartooning, layout and graphics in ICT subjects, Radio and TV Broadcasting in their lessons.
5. School Paper as the publication of the school is a shared responsibility. Hence, all teachers across learning areas are also encouraged to support the editorial board in producing quality outputs and articles. This is also to emphasize that **No School Paper, No Participation** in the conduct of DSPC.
6. To emphasize, campus journalists as representatives of the schools for any journalistic events from school, community, district, division, regional, and national levels bring honor to the school and district. Hence, they may be credited with points in their academic subjects during their participation. Teachers of other learning areas shall give consideration to the CJs who are participants in related activities and to those who are members of the editorial board/contributors who will work for their school paper publications. The teachers may give additional homework or exercises via blended learning or extension of the projects and requirements for CJs to cope with their academics and mental health.
7. Classes of the teacher-participants who shall attend Campus Journalism related activities shall be arranged accordingly to avoid disruption of classes, adhering to the policy of *"No disruption of classes, pursuant to the provision under DepEd Order (DO) 9 s. 2005, Instituting Measures to Increase/Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith"*.
8. Schools are encouraged to have documentation of the different activities mentioned.
9. Everyone is highly encouraged to continually support and recognize the value of equality and diversity of all personnel while complying with the directives set forth by this office.
10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.



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