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Region II – Cagayan Valley
Schools Division of Nueva Vizcaya

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 66 s. 2025

SY 2024-2025 DSPC -BEST ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST, SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL PAPER ADVISER, SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING CAMPUS JOURNALISTS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Education Program Supervisor (CID & SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Principals In-Charge of the District
All others concerned

1. The Department of Education Schools Division Office of Nueva Vizcaya through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) announces the **Search for Outstanding School Paper Advisers, Outstanding Campus Journalists** and **Best Elementary and Secondary School Paper**.

2. The conduct of the 2024 Division Schools Press Conference is in accordance with RA 7079 otherwise known as Campus Journalism Act of 1991 and in compliance with DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2010 entitled *Guidelines on Financial Subsidy for the Conduct of National Schools Press Conference (NSPC), its Implementing Rules and Regulations specifically Rule IX of Section 1*.

3. The press conference aims to:
A. recognize the best school papers in SDO Nueva Vizcaya,
B. award outstanding school paper adviser and campus journalists;
C. select the participants to the Regional Schools Press Conference.

4. The **school paper contest** is open to all interested public and private elementary and secondary schools in SDO Nueva Vizcaya. PDF copy of the school paper shall be uploaded through the submission link at <https://tinyurl.com/NVCJA> until February 24, 2025. The evaluation of the school paper contests will start on February 25-27, 2025.

5. For the search for the most outstanding school paper advisers and campus journalists, each district will send entry-portfolio for the following categories until February 24, 2025. The interview will be held on February 28, 2025, 1:00 P.M. at the SDO CID office. The awarding of the MOSPA and MOSCJ winners will be on March 7, 2025 at the SDO conference hall.

- a) Outstanding Elementary School Paper Adviser
- b) Outstanding Secondary School Paper Adviser
- c) Outstanding Elementary Campus Journalist
- d) Outstanding Secondary Campus Journalist



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6. Attached hereto are the contest guidelines and search criteria.
7. For more information and clarification, contact EPS Roger S. Sebastian PhD and EPS Dindo John H. Moreno PhD of SDO-NV CID office.
8. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent





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SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST (in Portable Digital Format)

- A. The School Paper Contest is open to Public and Private Elementary and Secondary schools.
- B. All school papers shall submit the certification of publication and certification in adherence to the anti-plagiarism law, signed by the school paper advisers, certified by the school head, verified by the Public Schools District Supervisor/DIC. It will be uploaded along with the official contest paper at <https://tinyurl.com/NVCJA> until February 24, 2025.
- C. The different SECTIONS/CATEGORIES in the school paper contest both English and Filipino are as follows:
1. News Section / Pahinang Balita
 2. Editorial Section / Pahinang Editoryal
 3. Features Section / Pahinang Lathalain
 4. Sports Section / Pahinang Pampalakasan
 5. Science & Technology Section / Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
 6. Layout and Page Design Category / Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina
- D. The Technical Specifications for both Elementary and Secondary levels are as follows:
1. No. of pages: minimum of 12 and maximum of 20
News Section– at least 3
Sports Section – at least 2
Feature Section – at least 3
Editorial Section – at least 2
Science & Technology Section – at least 2
 2. Process: Digital
 3. Color: All pages in full color
 4. Size: 9"x12" inches (Elementary)
12"x18" inches (Secondary)
- E. The top ten highest pointers both in English and Filipino shall be declared as the best school papers in the division.
- F. Any school paper found to have copied and published texts, images, and other materials without duly acknowledging their sources, the following sanctions shall be applied:

First Offense: Disqualification from the contest.

Second Offense: A formal notification shall be sent to the PSDS, who shall inform the concerned School Head. The SDS shall issue a written reprimand



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to the school paper adviser/s and the school principal. The concerned school paper adviser shall undergo a refresher course on Plagiarism organized by the Division. Accordingly, the School Head shall implement plans and programs on intensifying academic honesty and integrity.

Third Offense: Disqualification from the School Paper Contest for three (3) consecutive years.

- G. The decision of the board of judges in all aspects of the contest shall be deemed final and irrevocable.
- H. Failure to comply with the set guidelines in evaluating school papers will be a ground for disqualification.

Guidelines for the Selection of the Best Sections and Layout and Page Design Categories for the School Paper Contest

A. Editorial Section

1. The section should have at least two pages and should include the following: main editorial, editorial cartoon, columns, letters to the editor, and commentaries. Opinion polls or surveys may be included, but are not required.
2. The treatment of the issues must demonstrate fair and balanced presentation of both sides of the issue tackled, clear moral purpose, logical reasoning, and proper citations/attribution of sources.
3. Topics found in the section should tackle various international, national, or local issues that may directly or indirectly affect the school or the community the school serves.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

B. News Section

1. The section shall consist of at least three pages.
2. The content and scope of the news stories shall cover international, national, regional, community and school-based news stories.
3. The content of the section may include straight or spot news, advance/follow up report, news bits, news feature, news analysis, and in-depth news/investigative news.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

C. Feature Section

1. The section should have at least three pages.
2. The feature articles should display unique and creative presentation of topics, logical organization of ideas and facts, writers' facility of the language and proper citations/attribution of sources.
3. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

D. Sports Section

1. The section shall consist of at least two pages.



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2. The content and scope of the sports articles shall include coverage of international, national, regional, community and school-based sports news stories.
3. The content of the section may include straight or spot news, advance/follow-up report; news bits; news feature/news analysis; in-depth news, features and editorial/column concerning or pertaining to sports.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

E. Science and Technology Section

1. The Science and Technology Section should have at least two pages.
2. The content may include health, environmental, scientific, technological, and innovative stories written in news, feature, or scientific commentary style. This should also include the economic impact of Science and Technology on the lives of the Filipinos.
3. The articles should be well-researched and should observe proper citation of sources, pictures, and graphics.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

F. Layout and Page Design Category

1. This category shall conform to the principles of layout and design.
2. The content (texts and images) should consider a range of stories about the community and the school, including those of international, national, and local significance.
3. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

CRITERIA FOR THE SEARCH OF THE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS AND OUTSTANDING CAMPUS JOURNALISTS (ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY LEVEL)

General Guidelines

1. The Division Office shall conduct the selection for Outstanding School Paper Advisers and Outstanding Campus Journalists for both Secondary and Elementary levels.
2. Each district should have only one entry for every category based on the criteria provided.
3. Candidates shall be ranked based on the total points garnered. The top three (3) shall be given the following equivalent points, for consideration in the computation of the overall standing of the division, to wit:
1st place – 5 points
2nd place – 3 points
3rd place – 1 point
4. The Selection Committee shall be composed of the following:
Chairman: Chief, CID
Members: Education Program Supervisor in-charge
Division Campus Journalism Coordinator,



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President of the Association of School Paper Advisers as needed

5. Submission of MOSPA & MOSCJ portfolio of applicants shall be on February 24, 2025.

CRITERIA FOR THE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS

Basic Qualification:

Must have been a school paper adviser for at least three (3) consecutive years, immediately prior to the search

A. Performance Rating -----5 points

Must have an average performance rating of not lower than Very Satisfactory (VS) for the past three (3) school years:

School Year	Description Rating	Rating
2023-2024	Outstanding	Average Rating in three Years
2022-2023	Very Satisfactory	
2021-2022		

B. Achievement in Journalism Contest (for the past three years)----55 points

1. Individual Contest ----- 20 pts.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
National Level	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
Regional Level	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
Division Level	6	5	4	3	2	1	1

2. School Paper Contest -----20 pts.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
National Level	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
Regional Level	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
Division Level	6	5	4	3	3	2	2

3. Scriptwriting and Radio Broadcasting -----10 pts.

a. Individual Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
National Level	10	9	8	7	6
Regional Level	5	4	3		
Division Level	3	2	1		

b. Group Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
National Level	10	9	8	7	6
Regional Level	5	4	3		
Division Level	3	2	1		





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4. Collaborative Publishing-----5 pts.

a. Group Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd
National Level	5	4	3
Regional Level	3	2	1
Division Level	2	1	1

*In the event that there are several wins, the highest rank/points shall be considered. *Coaching by appointment will not be given points unless competed in the lower level.

C. Leadership Related to Journalism----- **15 pts.**

Position	National	Regional	Division
Association President	15	10	5
Vice President /Asso. Publication Editor/EI	13	7	5
Asst. Editor /Section Editor			
Secretary /Treasurer/other positions	10	5	3

*In the event that there are several positions, the highest shall be considered.

D. Community and Extension Services Related to Journalism----- **10 pts.**

	National	Regional	Division
Organizer/Trainer/Resource Speaker/Committee Chairperson	10	7	5
Facilitator	7	4	2
Committee Membership	4	2	1

E. Published Reading Materials and journalism articles (news, features, etc).
(level- International 5...)

Books/Modules on Journalism --- **5 pts** 1 per article (max. of 5 pts)

F. Scholarship Awards Related to Journalism----- **5 pts.**

G. Panel Interview ----- **5pts.**

Total: 100 points

*Non-appearance of the candidates in the panel interview is not a ground for disqualification in the search.



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**CRITERIA FOR THE SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING CAMPUS JOURNALISTS
(ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY LEVEL)**

1	ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	10 PTS
	With Highest Honors	10 pts
	With High Honors	8 pts
	With Honors	6 pts

1. ACHIEVEMENT IN JOURNALISM AND OTHER RELATED COMPETITIONS FOR THE PAST THREE (3) YEARS ES and 5 YRS for JHS/SHS (All achievements shall be added)

A. Individual Contests

A.1.	National						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
A.2.	Regional						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
A.3.	Divisional						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

B. School Paper Contest

B.1	National						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	20	19	18	17	16	15	14
B.2	Regional						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
B.3	Divisional						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

C. Radio Broadcasting/TV Broadcasting Contests

C.1	National						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	5	4	3	2	1	1	1
C.2	Regional						
Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
	4	3	2	1	1		



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D. TV Broadcasting Contests

D.1 National

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	5	4	3	2	1	1	1

D.2 Regional

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	4	3	2	1	1

Divisional

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd
	3	2	1

E. Collaborative Publishing Contests

E.1 National

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
	5	4	3	2	1	1	1

E.2 Regional

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	4	3	2	1	1

E.3 Divisional

Rank	1st	2nd	3rd
	3	2	1

(Note: All Journalism and literary competitions shall be considered)

2. LEADERSHIP RELATED TO JOURNALISM Maximum 15 PTS

Position	National	Regional	Division	School
President	15	13	11	9
Vice President	12	10	9	7
Sec., Treas. and other Positions	10	8	6	5
Editor in Chief, Section Editor	15	13	11	9
Writer/Researcher/Other Positions	10	8	6	5



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3. EXTENSION SERVICE/CONTRIBUTION TO JOURNALISM

Maximum 10 PTS

Services	National	Regional	Division	School
Organizer, Trainer	10	7	5	3
Resource Speaker	10	7	5	3
Committee Chairperson	10	7	5	2
Facilitator	7	4	2	1
Committee Membership	4	2	1	1

**4. PUBLISHED RESEARCHES, READING MATERIALS, AND ARTICLES
RELATED TO JOURNALISM**

Maximum of 5 PTS.

- Book 5 pts
- Written Articles in Newsletters of Regional Association/
Newspapers/Magazines etc. (1point per article)

Note: Articles in School Publication is not included

5. PANEL INTERVIEW BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Maximum of 5 PTS

(Non-appearance of the nominee in the panel interview is not a ground for disqualification)



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LIST OF THE PANEL OF JUDGES & EVALUATORS IN THE SEARCH OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS & MOST OUTSTANDING CAMPUS JOURNALISTS

CHAIRMAN	ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD, CESO V	Schools Division Superintendent
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MEMBERS	ROGER R. SEBASTIAN PhD	EPS-Filipino
	DINDO JOHN H. MORENO PhD	EPS-English

LIST OF THE PANEL OF EVALUATORS IN THE BEST SCHOOL PAPER CONTEST

1. MERLIE BINAY-AN	Professor, NVSU
2. WRIX VINNLY ARZADON	Senior Engr, FCF Corporation
3. HAROLD GALLO	SSTV PSHS-CVC
4. BEN DOMINGO	Media, Munoz Ecija
5. MA. JULIE GAJES	Instructor, NVSU
6. RAYMOND VELASCO	SST, PSHS-CVC
7. MONALYN JOY ALCANTARA	DENR, Nueva Vizcaya
8. FEDERICA CALAOGAN	Professor, SMU
9. GIDEON ARZADON	Instructor, AC
10. MARISSA TAGUINOD	VPAA, AC