



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION V - BICOL



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
 No. 0058 s. 2026

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, and in accordance with its directives, this Office advises all implementers to observe status quo in the operation of the Special Curricular Programs in Science. Accordingly, this Office provides the following guidelines and parameters in the administration and screening in the conduct of Admission Test to Incoming SSES and STE Learners for SY 2026-2027.

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 style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Birth Certificate ECCD Checklist Kindergarten Progress Report Card Duly accomplished Application Form with ID 	Must follow the age requirement in Kindergarten per DO 20 s. 2018 and DM CI-2020-00223	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten completer Proficient in reading must have already their Learner's Reference Number (LRN) must pass the qualifying admission test (oral and written) <i>Average Grade of 85% in Q1 to 3 for ESM and 83% in other subjects for incoming G4 (for new implementers)</i>
STE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Form 9 (up to 3rd Q) Duly accomplished Application Form with ID 	Must be at least 11 years old and not more than 13 years old by June, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average Grade of 85% in Grade 6 English, Science, and Math (1st to 3rd Q) Average Grade of 83% in each of the other subjects (1st to 3rd Q) E-portfolio containing learners work/accomplishments in science/mathematics/research/robotics

3. Selection shall be done in three (3) phases to determine the final qualifiers.



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	SSES	STE
Phase 1	Documentary evaluation	Documentary evaluation
Phase 2	Admission Test to all Qualified Learners (to be given by the CID ESM Supervisors) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortlisting of Top 60 Learners 	Admission Test to all Qualified Learners (to be given by the CID ESM Supervisors) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortlisting of Top 100 Learners for big schools and Top 60 Learners for small schools (Ave. Grade, Test Score, and e-Portfolio included)
Phase 3	Face to Face Interview (w/ Reading and Demonstration of Skills)	Face to Face Interview

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

Criteria	Equivalent	
	SSES	STE
Grade 6 Ave Grade	-	25%
Admission Test Score	60%	40%
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:

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| a. Submission of Application | : | February 9-27, 2026 |
| b. Phase 1 (Pre-Screening) | : | March 2-20, 2026 |
| c. Phase 2 (Admission Test) | : | March 26 to April 5, 2026 |
| d. Phase 3 (Interview) | : | April 6-17, 2026 |
| e. Ranking of Final Qualified Applicants: | : | April 22-24, 2026 |
| f. Posting of Results | : | April 30, 2026 |

8. For information of all concerned.

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February 12, 2026

TO: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors/ Division Coordinators
PSDSs/ OIC-PSDSs
School Heads
All Others Concerned

Please be guided by the contents of this Regional Memorandum No., 0058, s. 2026
For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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