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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0880 , s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
School Principals-Private and Public Elementary Schools
All Others Concerned

PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL SCIMATH BATTLE 2026

1. The Philippine Science High School Caraga Region Campus (PSHS-CRC) in Butuan City will host the **Regional SciMath Battle 2026** for Grades 5 and 6 pupils in private and public elementary schools on **September 28, 2026** at the PSHS-CRC Gymnasium, Butuan City.
2. Participation to this activity is voluntary and subject to the provisions of **DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026** titled **Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education**.
3. The Registration Link, Event mechanics and Guidelines and contact person are found in the attached invitation from PHS-CRC.
4. For inquiries and coordination, concerned schools may directly communicate with the DOST-Science Education Institute through its designated focal persons.
5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

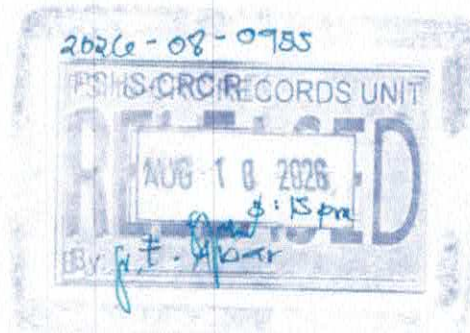
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August 18, 2026

ALLAN G. FARNAZO, PhD, CESO III
 Regional Director
 Department of Education – Caraga Region
 J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City



Dear Director Farnazo:

Warm greetings from Pisay Caraga!

As part of our commitment to discovering and nurturing young scientific and mathematical talent across the region, PSHS-CRC will be hosting the Regional SciMath Battle 2026 at PSHS CRC Gymnasium, Ampaon, Butuan City on September 28, 2026.

The SciMath Battle is the Philippine Science High School System's flagship national quiz show designed to challenge Grade 6 pupils in Scientific Ability, Quantitative Ability, Abstract Reasoning, and Verbal Ability, grounded on DepEd Grade 6 and PSHSS Grade 7 learning standards. This event brings together the brightest young minds in the region to demonstrate critical thinking, fast-paced problem solving, and academic excellence.

In line with this, we respectfully request your good office for an Official DepEd Regional Advisory / Endorsement to encourage and permit the participation of Grade 6 pupils and school coaches from public and private elementary schools across all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) in the Caraga Region.

Key event details are as follows:

Participants	Grades 5 and 6 pupils (Private & Public)
Venue	PSHS CRC Gymnasium, Ampayon, Butuan City
Event Date	September 28, 2026
Registration Link	https://tinyurl.com/SciMathBattle2026REG
Event Mechanics & Guidelines	https://tinyurl.com/SciMathBattle2026
Even Co-Chairperson	Aviel Sheen V. Dumaicos Email: avdumaicos@crc.pshs.edu.ph

We would deeply appreciate the dissemination of this information to all Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs), Education Program Supervisors (EPS) in Science and Mathematics, and School Heads across the region.

For any inquiries or coordination, your office may reach our Event Co-Chair Ms. Merriam Danielle G. Tarre via email mqtarre@crc.pshs.edu.ph.

Thank you very much for your unwavering support in advancing science and technology education in the Caraga Region. We look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely yours,


MELBA C. PATACSIL, PhD
 Campus Director



SCIMATH BATTLE

2026 REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS

GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

OVERVIEW

The PSHS SciMath Battle 2026 is the Philippine Science High School System's flagship national quiz show, held as a major highlight of the 2026 National Science and Technology Week (NSTW). Designed to discover and foster young scientific talent, the contest tests Grade 6 pupils in Scientific Ability, Quantitative Ability, Abstract Reasoning, and Verbal Ability based on DepEd Grade 6 and 7 learning standards. The event brings together top primary school minds across the country to demonstrate critical thinking, fast-paced problem solving, and academic excellence.

The Philippine Science High School Caraga Region Campus in Butuan City will be hosting the Regional SciMath Battle 2026 on September 28, 2026.

DATE AND VENUE

The Regional SciMath battle 2026 will happen on September 28, 2026 at PSHS-CRC in Butuan City.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The quiz show is open to bona fide **Grades 5 and 6** pupils of the current school year as identified by their respective Division offices.
2. Each division shall send two (2) teams from different schools as representatives
3. Each school is allowed to field only **one (1) team**, composed of **two (2) members** (1 grade 5 and 1 grade 6 pupil of any sex or gender)
4. Each participating school shall have one official coach only. If the school has no coach, the privilege shall be given to the principal or any school representative.
5. The coach and the contestants must be in their school uniform and ID during the competition.

REGISTRATION

1. The selected participants shall undergo online registration process to be facilitated by the official coach of the team.
2. The registration can happen once the division office has identified the participating teams.



3. Each of the team per division shall independently register submitting their identifications, team's information, and other relevant information necessary for the competition.
4. The teams shall register via link provided in the resources section of this mechanics and guidelines.
5. The require information and data for registration are as follow:
 - a. Complete Name
 - b. School IDs
 - c. Emails
 - d. Consent Forms
 - e. Division Endorsement
 - f. School Logo

GENERAL MECHANICS

1. The quiz show shall have two stages: the **Regional Eliminations** to be facilitated by PSHS Caraga Region Campus in Butuan City
2. In each stage of the quiz show, there will be three rounds: **Easy, Average, and Difficult**.
3. There will be **10 questions for each round**: multiple choice for the Easy and Average rounds and identification and problem-solving questions for the Difficult round.
4. Each correct answer shall have a **corresponding point**: 1 point for Easy, 2 points for Average, and 3 points for Difficult.
5. Each question for each round must be **answered within the time allocated** for it: 10 seconds for Easy, 20 seconds for Average, and 30 seconds for Difficult.
6. The questions will cover the scope of the National Competitive Examination **Scientific Ability, Quantitative Ability, Abstract Reasoning, and Verbal Ability** and will be based on DepEd's Grade 6 and 7 Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELCs) and the Grade 7 PSHSS Curriculum (the materials can be accessed in the REFERENCES Section)
7. The points, items, and rounds distribution is reflected in Tabel 1

Table 1. Points, Items, and Round Distribution

Particulars	Easy	Average	Difficult	Clincher
Point/s per correct answer	1	2	3	In case of a tie, a sudden-death playoff shall be conducted between or among the teams with equal scores until a winner emerges.
Number of Questions	10	10	10	
Type of Questions	Multiple Choice		Identification and Problem Solving	
Time Limit, seconds	10	20	30	

8. The top 3 teams with the highest points will be declared the winners for each stage of the quiz show.
9. However, only the top 1 team to emerge during the Regional Eliminations shall proceed and be the official representative of the region to the National Finals.



10. In the event that 1 member or both members of the winning team from the Regional Eliminations is unavailable to compete during the National Finals, a replacement shall be taken from the next team in rank.

QUIZ SHOW PROPER MECHANICS

1. Before the quiz show starts, each team will be provided with the following:
 - a. Whiteboard marker;
 - b. Whiteboard
 - c. writing materials (pens, scratch paper, and erasers) for solving/computations
2. The use of calculators or any computing devices is **NOT** allowed.
3. The quiz master shall read each question twice and the time for the team to answer shall start only after the quiz master says "**Go.**" The teams, however, may start already doing their computations/solving while the quizmaster is still reading the question.
4. Before the time is up, the team must key in its final answer on the gadget provided.
5. If the team wishes to change its answer, the former answer should be erased/changed immediately, and the team must key in the correct and final answer within the allotted time.
6. Late answers are not considered for points and will be regarded as 'No Answer'.
7. The quizmaster shall then read the correct answer before acknowledging whether a team gets the correct answer or not.
8. All answers must be formatted correctly to be considered correct. This means that:
9. All answers must be spelled, capitalized (if necessary), and punctuated/marked correctly.
10. If the answer is numerical, it should follow the CORRECT significant figures rules.
11. If the answer is a chemical formula, it should follow the IUPAC rules.
12. If the answer is a scientific name, it should follow the CORRECT capitalizations.
13. If the answer requires a unit, the SI units will be followed.
14. In case of answers that may have alternate versions (e.g., The Pythagorean Theorem for the Pythagoras Theorem; International System of Units for SI Units or *Système International d'unités*), only the Board of Judges may declare the acceptability or correctness of the answer.
15. All general rules regarding spelling, capitalization, SI units, significant figures, IUPAC naming, and scientific nomenclature strictly apply. Alternate versions of answers remain subject to the Board of Judges' final determination.

CLINCHER ROUND

1. The Clincher Round shall be activated strictly in the event of a tie among teams competing for top-ranking positions (specifically to determine the Top 6 qualifiers in the Eliminations or the Top 2 Division Representatives in the Finals).
2. Questions shall follow a sudden-death playoff format using Identification or Problem-Solving questions. Questions may cover any topic within the scope of Scientific Ability, Quantitative Ability, Abstract Reasoning, and Verbal Ability based on the Grade 6–7 MELCs and Grade 7 PSHSS Curriculum.
3. Each Clincher question shall be worth 1 point. No points shall be awarded for incorrect, incomplete, or late answers.
4. Teams shall be given 30 seconds per question to compute/solve and write their final answer.
5. Questions shall be administered one at a time to the tied teams only.
6. The Quizmaster shall read the question twice. Time starts immediately after the Quizmaster says "**Go.**"



7. Teams must write their final answer on the provided whiteboard before the 30-second time limit expires.
8. After the time is up, all participating tied teams must raise their whiteboards simultaneously upon the Quizmaster's command.
9. If only one team answers correctly on a question, that team immediately wins the tiebreak (or secures the higher rank), and the Clincher Round ends for that spot.
10. If all tied teams answer correctly OR all tied teams answer incorrectly, the tie remains unbroken, and the Quizmaster shall proceed to the next Clincher question.
11. Process continues until a definitive winner/ranking emerges.

PROTESTS

1. The duly registered coach or official chaperone of the team is the only person authorized to file a protest.
2. Any protests should be referred to the Board of Judges before the quiz master proceeds to reading the next question.
3. No protests shall be entertained by the Board of Judges after the quizmaster starts reading the next question.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges once declared shall be final.

AWARDS/PRIZES

The top 3 teams/winners in the Regional Eliminations shall receive the following prizes:

	Top 1	Top 2	Top 3
Regional Eliminations	Medals, Plaques, Certificates, And Tokens	Medals, certificates	Medals Certificates

The remaining teams shall receive consolation prizes and certificate of participation.

ADDITIONAL RULES/REMINDERS

1. It should be the responsibility of everyone concerned to protect and maintain the integrity of the competition.
2. Any violation of the aforementioned rules shall cause the disqualification of the team concerned.
3. The PSHS SciMath Battle 2025 organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participants who will not comply with the contest guidelines. They also reserve the right to modify and amend the competition rules.

RESOURCES

The resources in supplement for the SciMath Battle 2026 participation can be accessed below:

Registration Link	https://tinyurl.com/SciMathBattle2026REG
Forms	https://tinyurl.com/SciMathBattle2026FORMS
Review Resources	https://tinyurl.com/SciMathBattle2026RESOURCES
Reviewer	https://tinyurl.com/SciMathBattle2026REVIEWER



PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL
Caraga Region Campus in Butuan City



PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 | 8:00 AM | PSHS CRC GYMANSIUM

PART I | OPENING PROGRAM | SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSONNEL/ GUEST
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Registration	Registration Committee
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Doxology	PSHS – CRC CHORALE
8:15 AM – 8:20 AM	Philippine National Anthem	PSHS – CRC CHORALE
8:20 AM – 8:30 AM	Welcome Remarks	MELBA C. PATACSIL, PhD Campus Director, PSHS CRC in Butuan City
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Intermission Number	SIGALAB Dance Troupe, PSHS CRC in Butuan City
8:35 AM – 8:45 AM	Message	DR. ALLAN G. FARNAZO, CESO III Regional Director, DepEd Caraga
8:45 AM – 8:55 AM	Presentation of Participants and Introduction of the Board of Judges	GRETCHEN MAE B. EMPUESTO, PhD ACIDAA
8:55 AM – 9:05 AM	Event Overview and Reading of Mechanics	AVIEL SHEEN V. DUMAICOS SciMath Battle 2026 CoChair

PART II | QUIZ PROPER | SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

9:05 AM – 10:30 AM	Quiz Bowl Proper	QUIZ MASTERS
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PART III | CLOSING & AWARDING CEREMONIES | SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Awarding Ceremonies	MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
11:15 AM – 11:20 AM	NCE Campaign	KENNETH JEASON B. GARCIA NCE Coordinator
11:20 AM – 11:25 AM	Closing Remarks	MICHELLE B. FERNANDO, PhD ACIDAA
11:25 AM – 11:35 AM	Hymns	AVP

VONNA VEJLE V. AHON & JAY M. MAIQUE
Program Hosts & Quiz Masters