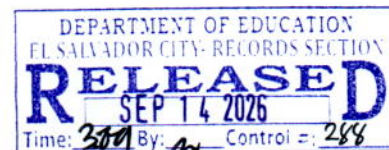




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY



September 9, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 288, s. 2026

DIVISION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Program Supervisor
Education Program Supervisors
Secondary School Heads
Teachers
All Others Concerned

1. The Division of El Salvador City through the Curriculum Implementation Division will conduct the Annual **Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF) 2026** on October 7 and 8, at El Salvador City National High School, Poblacion, El Salvador City.

2. Science and Technology Fair empowers both learners and educators through active engagement in scientific research and innovation. This year's DSTF will hold the following competitions:

Maximum Number of Learner Participants per School	
Life Science Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	maximum of 3
Physical Science Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	maximum of 3
Mathematics and Computational Science Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	maximum of 3
Robotics and Intelligent Machines Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	maximum of 3
STEM Innovation Expo (4)	
Individual	1
Team	maximum of 3
TOTAL	20

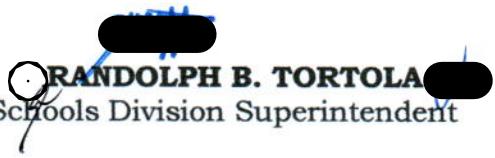
3. Abstracts must be submitted via online to mariejade.cacayan@deped.gov.ph with a subject format: DSTF_SCHOOL_CATEGORY (ex. DSTF_MOLUGANNHS_LS-I) on or before September 21.

4. Schools are to submit three (3) soft-bound copies of color-coded manuscripts, accomplishment reports and winning entries of school level science fair on or before September 23, 2026.



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5. Enclosed are the guidelines for Division Science and Technology Fair 2026 – 2027.
6. The winners in all contest categories shall be recognized based on the sum of rankings given by all three members of the Board of Judges (BOJ). The participant or team with the lowest total ranking across the three judges will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the assigned BOJ for the category shall deliberate to break the tie. The decision of the BOJs is final and irrevocable.
7. Travel and other incidental expenses for the participants and technical working group shall be charged to school MOOE/local funds. Moreover, meals, honorarium of panelist, research grant, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against the Special Education Fund (SEF) subject to subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
8. Participation shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*. The concerned school head is advised to assign teachers to handle the classes of the identified teacher-participant.
9. This Office shall adhere to Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) in the steps undertaken for this purpose. Hence, all decisions and actions shall be based on guidelines set forth, with no discrimination on the account of age, gender, identity, sexual orientation, civil status, disability, religion, ethnicity or political affiliation.
10. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


RANDOLPH B. TORTOLA
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

LEARNING AREA, SCIENCE
CONTESTS

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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. _____ s. 2026

Guidelines on the Division Science and Technology Fair 2026 – 2027

1. The competition is open to Grades 9-12 learners of both public and private high schools who may not reach the age of 20 on or before May 1 of the current school year.
2. Learners may work individually or in team, with 2-3 members from the same school. Each learner is only allowed to submit one (1) research project in one (1) of the four (4) research categories. The project should include no more than 12 months of continuous research and should not include research activities performed before January of the previous school year (e.g. for school year 2024 – 2025 with target opening of classes on August 2024 and ISEF on May 2024 research projects may be accomplished within 1-12 month/s starting from January 2024 to January 2025).
3. The first-place winners in each category at the Division Level shall represent the division to the Regional STF competition.
4. The participation of schools shall be clustered into five categories: Life Science, Physical Science, Mathematics and Computational Science, Robotics and Intelligent Machines and STEM Innovation Expo.

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5. The following are the forms and manuscripts to be submitted in ALL levels of the competition:
- a. Research Plan
 - b. FORMS for all projects
 - i. Student Checklist (1A)
 - ii. Research Plan
 - iii. Approval Form (1B)
 - iv. Regulated Research Institutional/ Industrial Setting Form (1C)
 - v. Checklist for Adult Sponsor
 - c. Project Data Logbook
 - d. Research Paper Format
 - i. Introduction
 - ii. Methods
 - iii. Results
 - iv. Discussions
 - v. Conclusions
 - vi. References
 - e. Abstract (Maximum of 250 words)
The abstract should include the following:
 - i. Title
 - ii. Purpose
 - iii. Procedure
 - iv. Observations/Data/Results
 - v. Conclusion
 - f. Project Evaluation Form