



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI



SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2025- 746

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID & SGOD Chiefs
Concerned Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Education Program Supervisors
Concerned Public and Private Senior School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject : **PARTICIPATION TO THE NATIONAL COMPETITIONS ORGANIZED BY PHILIPPINE EDUCATION NEXUS (PEN) INC.**

Date : August 27, 2025

Relative to an indorsement from Dr. Allan G. Farnazo, Regional Director, DepEd Region XI, this Office informs the field of the conduct of the National Competitions organized by Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc., a non-stock and non-profit organization registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC Reg. No. 2024070159292-15).

The following competitions are scheduled as follows:

- 2th National Mathletics Challenge – September 7, 2025
- 2nd National Linguistics Challenge – November 16, 2025
- 2nd National Scientific Challenge – February 15, 2026

These national academic competitions provide an excellent platform for learners to showcase their talents in English, Science and Technology, and Mathematics (EnSciMa), engage in intellectual challenges, and gain recognition for their achievements.

Participation in these events shall be voluntary and subject to the policy on "No disruption of classes" as per DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith," no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, also known as "An Act Prohibiting The Collection Of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges, and Universities (Ganzon Law)," and DepEd Memorandum No. 41, s. 2024 entitled "Reiteration of the 'No Collection Policy' in Schools." Also, no government funds shall be involved in this activity.

Attached are the detailed guidelines, mechanics, timelines, and criteria for each competition, as provided by Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc.

For inquiries, schools may contact Bryan Anthony O. Sario, President, Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc. or contact Dr. Ivy F. Solano at 0929-528-5142.

Widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

DepEd Schools Division Office - Digos City

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1st Indorsement
July 14, 2025

Respectfully referred to all Schools Division Superintendents, inviting attention to the attached letter of **Brian Anthony O. Sario, President of Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc.** re: Invitation in National Competitions of PEN. Participation to these activities is at the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendents. Further, the No Disruption of Classes Policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No 9, s 2005, entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, must be strictly observed. Additionally, no government funds will be involved.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

Re: Brian Anthony O. Sario
Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc.

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July 5, 2025



ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Regional Director
Region XI (Davao Region)

Subject: *Invitation to Participate in National Competitions Organized by Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc.*

Dear Sir,

Greetings from Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc.!

We trust this letter reaches you in good health and high spirits.

Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc., a non-stock and non-profit organization officially registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under registration number **2024070159292-15**, is committed to uplifting the quality of English, Science and Technology, and Mathematics (EnSciMa) education across the country. In line with this mission, we are pleased to invite Region XI, as well as all schools under its jurisdiction to participate in our upcoming national competitions aimed at promoting academic excellence and holistic development among Filipino learners.

1. **2nd National Mathletics Challenge** which will be held on September 7, 2025.
2. **2nd National Linguistics Challenge** which will be held on November 16, 2025.
3. **2nd National Scientific Challenge** which will be held on February 15, 2026.

These competitions provide an excellent platform for students to showcase their talents, engage in intellectual challenges, and gain recognition for their achievements.

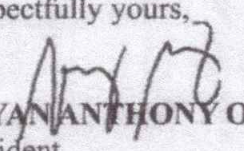
In this regard, we respectfully seek the endorsement and support of the Department of Education Region XI for the conduct of these competitions. We also humbly request that your office allow participating schools to issue advisories permitting **voluntary student participation** in these events. Rest assured that no class disruptions will occur during the conduct of the activities.

Attached herewith are the detailed guidelines for each competition, including mechanics, timelines, and criteria for participation and awards.

We would be truly honored to have the Department of Education's support in furthering our shared goal of improving the educational landscape in the Philippines.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully yours,


BRYAN ANTHONY O. SARIO
President
Philippine Education Nexus (PEN) Inc.



National Mathletics Challenge

A. What is the NATIONAL MATHLETICS COMPETITION?

- I. The **2nd NATIONAL MATHLETICS COMPETITION** is an online national Mathematics competition open to all students enrolled in the Philippines from Grade 3 to Grade 12. It has a clear mission focused on enhancing students' intellectual abilities, particularly in mathematical, logical, and computational skills.
- II. A **strong and stable internet connection** is required during the competition.

III. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT ON EQUIPMENT/GADGET/IT RESOURCES

- (1). Laptop with camera/audio with high-speed internet connectivity, OR
- (2). Desktop computer (with digicam and audio) with high-speed internet Connectivity; OR
- (3). 2 mobile phones with internet connection (1 for online test and 1 for zoom), OR
- (4). Desktop computer (with internet) and mobile phone.

B. Format

There will be a 30-item multiple-choice test lasting for 1 hour. Each item is worth 5 points, making the highest possible score 150 points.

Students can be categorized according to their grade level for the school year 2025-2026. Only students who are enrolled in the Philippines can join the competition.

Level 1 – Grade 3 & Grade 4

Level 2 – Grade 5 & Grade 6

Level 3 – Grade 7 & Grade 8

Level 4 – Grade 9 & Grade 10

Level 5 – Grade 11 & Grade 12

C. Topics Covered

There are five (5) categories namely: Algebra, Combinatorics, Geometry, Logical Analysis, and Number Theory.

D. Awards

The awards committee will recognize the participants in this manner:

Points	Award	Awards Received
130 - 150	Gold	Medal and E-certificate
105 - 125	Silver	Medal and E-certificate
80 - 100	Bronze	Medal and E-certificate
45 - 75	Achiever	E-certificate
25 - 40	Merit	E-certificate
0 - 20	Participation	E-certificate

The winning Coach will be given a certificate of recognition as winning coach.

E. Schedule

Competition Date: **SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

Early Bird Registration: June 20, 2025 – July 20, 2025

Registration Fee: Php. 350.00

Regular Registration: July 21, 2025 – August 21, 2025

Registration Fee: Php. 550.00

Deadline of Registration: August 21, 2025

A. What is the NATIONAL LINGUISTICS COMPETITION?

- I. The **2nd National Linguistics Challenge** is an online competition open to all students from Grade 3 to Grade 12 who are officially enrolled in schools across the Philippines for the school year 2025-2026. The competition aims to enhance and showcase the English language skills of participants, fostering a deeper understanding and mastery of linguistic concepts, grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
- II. A **strong and stable internet connection** is required during the competition.
- III. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT ON EQUIPMENT/GADGET/IT RESOURCES**
 - (1). Laptop with camera/audio with high-speed internet connectivity, OR
 - (2). Desktop computer (with digicam and audio) with high-speed internet Connectivity;
OR
 - (3). 2 mobile phones with internet connection (1 for online test and 1 for zoom), OR
 - (4). Desktop computer (with internet) and mobile phone.

B. FORMAT

There will be a 30-item multiple choice type of question good for 45 minutes. Each item is worth 5 points, making the highest possible score 150 points.

Students can be categorized according to their grade level for the school year 2025-2026. Only students who are enrolled in the Philippines can join the competition.

- Level 1 – Grade 3 & Grade 4
- Level 2 – Grade 5 & Grade 6
- Level 3 – Grade 7 & Grade 8
- Level 4 – Grade 9 & Grade 10
- Level 5 – Grade 11 & Grade 12

C. TOPICS COVERED

The topics covered in the program encompass several areas essential for language development and literacy.

Vocabulary includes lessons on synonyms, antonyms, context clues, and idiomatic expressions to enhance word knowledge and usage.

Language instruction focuses on subject-verb agreement, prepositions, conjunctions, conjunctive adverbs, verb tenses, the order of adjectives, proper use of punctuation, pronouns and their antecedents, parallelism or parallel structures, direct and reported speech, and figures of speech to build grammatical accuracy and stylistic effectiveness.

Reading comprehension skills are developed through activities on making inferences, identifying the main idea and supporting details, summarizing, and determining the tone and mood of passages.

Additionally, **spelling** is emphasized for Grades 3 and 4, helping young learners achieve accuracy in written communication.

D. Awards

The awards committee will recognize the participants in this manner:

Points	Award	Awards Received
130 - 150	Gold	Medal and E-certificate
105 - 125	Silver	Medal and E-certificate
80 - 100	Bronze	Medal and E-certificate
45 - 75	Achiever	E-certificate
25 - 40	Merit	E-certificate
0 - 20	Participation	E-certificate

Winning Coach will be given a certificate of recognition as winning coach.

E. Schedule

Competition Date: **NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

Early Bird Registration: September 21, 2025 - October 11, 2025

Registration Fee: Php. 350.00

Regular Registration: October 12, 2025 – October 31, 2025

Registration Fee: Php. 550.00

Deadline of Registration: October 31, 2025

A. What is the NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE (NSC)?

- I. The 2nd **NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGE (NSC)** is an online competition open to all students from Grade 3 to Grade 12 who are officially enrolled in schools across the Philippines for the school year 2025-2026. The competition aims to enhance and showcase students' scientific ability, critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and overall knowledge in science. It provides a platform for students to apply scientific concepts and analyze data.
- II. A strong and stable internet connection is required during the competition.
- III. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT ON EQUIPMENT/GADGET/IT RESOURCES**
 - (1). Laptop with camera/audio with high-speed internet connectivity, OR
 - (2). Desktop computer (with digicam and audio) with high-speed internet Connectivity; OR
 - (3). 2 mobile phones with internet connection (1 for online test and 1 for zoom), OR
 - (4). Desktop computer (with internet) and mobile phone.

B. FORMAT

There will be a 30-item multiple choice type of question good for 45 minutes. Each item is worth 5 points, making the highest possible score 150 points.

Students can be categorized according to their grade level for the school year 2025-2026. Only students who are enrolled in the Philippines can join the competition.

Level 1 – Grade 3 & Grade 4

Level 2 – Grade 5 & Grade 6

Level 3 – Grade 7 & Grade 8

Level 4 – Grade 9 & Grade 10

Level 5 – Grade 11 & Grade 12

C. TOPICS COVERED

The topics covered encompass several areas essential for scientific literacy and understanding.

Biology includes lessons on cell structure and function, genetics, ecosystems, human anatomy and physiology, and biodiversity to develop knowledge of living organisms and their interactions.

Chemistry focuses on atomic structure, chemical bonding, states of matter, chemical reactions, the periodic table, and solutions to build a strong foundation in matter and its properties.

Physics covers motion and forces, energy transformation, waves and sound, electricity and magnetism, and simple machines to enhance comprehension of physical principles and their real-world applications.

Environmental Science explores ecosystems, conservation, climate change, pollution, and sustainable development to promote awareness of environmental issues and responsible stewardship.

Astronomy delves into celestial bodies, the solar system, stars and galaxies, space exploration, and cosmology to cultivate curiosity about the universe and our place in it.

D. Awards

The awards committee will recognize the participants in this manner:

Points	Award	Awards Received
130 - 150	Gold	Medal and E-certificate
105 - 125	Silver	Medal and E-certificate
80 - 100	Bronze	Medal and E-certificate
45 - 75	Achiever	E-certificate
25 - 40	Merit	E-certificate
0 - 20	Participation	E-certificate

The winning Coach will be given a certificate of recognition as winning coach.

E. Schedule

Competition Date: **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

Early Bird Registration: December 1-31, 2025

Registration Fee: Php. 350.00

Regular Registration: January 1-31, 2026

Registration Fee: Php. 550.00

Deadline of Registration: January 31, 2026