



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
**REGION XI**  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY**



OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2025- 418

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
CID Chief  
Concerned Public Schools District Supervisors (Secondary)  
Concerned Education Program Supervisors  
Public and Private School Principals and Teachers (Senior High School)  
All Others Concerned

Subject : **PARTICIPATION TO THE STARBOOKS WHIZBEE 2025 – REGION XI EDITION**

Date : September 15, 2025

Relative to the invitation letter from **Ms. Leslie Pearl M. Cancio-Dy**, PSTD, PSTO Davao del Sur, and in line with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region XI's initiative, this Office informs the field of the conduct of STARBOOKS WhizBee 2025 – Region XI Edition, a quiz competition that celebrates Science, Technology, and Innovation through the use of STARBOOKS (Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station).

This competition aims to promote science and technology learning, inspire students to pursue science-related careers, and foster teamwork and critical thinking among Senior High School students. It will be held in multiple rounds, culminating in the final round during the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) in Davao City.

Each Senior High School is encouraged to nominate up to **five (5) student participants**, along with one (1) coach. Schools without a physical STARBOOKS kiosk can still participate by creating STARBOOKS Online accounts for their students, ensuring equitable access for all.

The following dates of activities and registration details must be considered for participation:

- **Preliminary Round:** September 18, 2025 (Online via Zoom and quiz platform)
- **Semi-Final Round:** September 26, 2025 (Face-to-face in Davao City)
- **Final Round:** September 26, 2025 (Face-to-face in Davao City during the RSTW)

Registration Details:

- Please ensure that registration forms are submitted to the DOST-STII by **September 15, 2025**.
- Attached are the **Registration Forms**, **Consent Forms**, and official guidelines for your reference.
- It is important that **parental consent** is obtained for each participating student prior to registration.

In alignment with the guidelines provided by the **Department of Education**, this Office only allows participation under the following conditions to ensure compliance with DepEd policies. These include ensuring that the activities do not disrupt regular class schedules and that they are conducted in a manner that respects the diverse backgrounds of our learners. The following conditions must be met to proceed with the program:

1. **Voluntary Participation:** Participation in the activities must be voluntary, with no learner compelled to join. Written consent from parents or guardians must be secured prior to participation.
2. **Non-Disruption of Classes:** The activities should be scheduled in consultation with the school heads to ensure that they do not interfere with regular class hours or instructional time.



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3. **Inclusivity and Respect:** The activities must be inclusive, considerate in all kinds, and ensure that no learner feels excluded or pressured.
4. **Coordination with School Heads and Department :** All activities must be conducted with the approval and guidance of the School Principals or School Heads.
5. **Adherence to DepEd Protocols:** All activities must be compliant with DepEd basic protocols.
6. **No Collection Policy:** In accordance with **Republic Act No. 5546 (Ganzon Law)** and **DepEd Memorandum No. 41, s. 2024**, no contributions or fees shall be collected from students or teachers for these activities.
7. **No Government Funds:** It is understood that no government funds will be involved in the execution of this program.

Should you have any inquiries regarding the competition or need further assistance with the registration process, please contact DOST XI Provincial Science and Technology Office of Davao del Sur at (082) 333-0233, (+63) 945-336-0403, (+63) 932-757-1024 or via email at [psto.davaodelsur@region11.dost.gov.ph](mailto:psto.davaodelsur@region11.dost.gov.ph). Or contact Dr. Ivy F. Solano, Education Program Supervisor in Science, at [ivy.solano@depd.gov.ph](mailto:ivy.solano@depd.gov.ph) or via mobile at 09295285142.

All Senior High Schools are encouraged to actively participate in this wonderful opportunity.

Relevant details and other information are found in the enclosures.

The widest dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

  
**MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosed: As stated.  
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12 September 2025

**DR. MELANIE P. ESTACIO, CESO VI**

Schools Division Superintendent  
Department of Education – Schools Division Office of Digos City  
Digos City, Davao del Sur

Dear **Dr. Estacio**:

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region XI, in partnership with the DOST Science and Technology Information Institute (STII), would like to seek your support and endorsement of this invitation to the schools under the Department of Education Schools Division of Digos City to take part in the **STARBOOKS WhizBee 2025 – Region XI Edition**, a quiz competition that celebrates science, technology, and innovation through the use of **STARBOOKS** (the Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station).

Each participating Senior High School is encouraged to **nominate up to five (5) students**, together with one (1) coach, to represent the school in the competition. **The registration deadline will be on September 15, 2025.**

The STARBOOKS WhizBee aims to:

- promote science and technology learning through STARBOOKS content;
- inspire students to pursue careers in science and related fields;
- foster teamwork, camaraderie, and critical thinking; and
- build confidence and nurture a culture of scientific inquiry among the youth.

**Competition Rounds:**

1. **Preliminary Round** – September 18, 2025 (Online via Zoom and quiz platform), up to 1,000 participants.
2. **Semi-Final Round** – September 26, 2025 (Face-to-face in Davao City, venue TBA) – top 50 semi-finalists.
3. **Final Round** – September 26, 2025 (Face-to-face in Davao City, venue TBA) – top 5 finalists during the **Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW)**.

All five finalists will receive **certificates, medals, and prizes**, together with their respective coaches.

We also wish to highlight that **Senior High Schools without a physical STARBOOKS kiosk may still join**. Students simply need to create their own accounts in **STARBOOKS Online**, ensuring equitable access to knowledge resources in preparation for the competition.

Anent to this, we warmly enjoin the schools to endorse their chosen student representatives to participate in this exciting event. Attached are the registration forms and official WhizBee guidelines for your reference.

For inquiries, please contact the **DOST XI Provincial Science and Technology Office of Davao del Sur** at (082) 333-0233, (+63) 945-336-0403, (+63) 932-757-1024 or via email at [psto.davaodelsur@region11.dost.gov.ph](mailto:psto.davaodelsur@region11.dost.gov.ph).

We sincerely look forward to your affirmative response on this endeavor that champions science, technology, and innovation for the youth of Region XI.

Very truly yours,

**Leslie Pearl M. Cancio-Dy**  
PSTD, PSTO Davao del Sur



## PARTICIPANTS' REGISTRATION FORM

Please type or write legibly in Black or Blue ink (to be accomplished by the Coach).

SCHOOL DETAILS	
School Name	
School Address	
Contact Number	
COACH'S INFORMATION	
Name	
Contact Number	
Email Address	
Designation / Subject Area	
NAME/S OF STUDENT PARTICIPANT/S (up to 5 representatives from SHS level)	
Student #1	
Student #2	
Student #3	
Student #4	
Student #5	

### Team Agreement:

School representatives will compete individually.

By submitting this registration form, the coach and the student participants agree to the following:

- We have read the DOST-STII Privacy Policy posted on DOST-STII website (<https://www.stii.dost.gov.ph/transparency/about-us/stii-privacy-policy>)
- We have read and understood the guidelines for "**STARBOOKS Whiz Bee 2025 - Region XI Edition**" posted on the STARBOOKS website (<https://www.starbooks.ph/whizbee2025>);
- We will abide by all contest rules and regulations; and
- We attest that the information provided in this form are accurate and truthful.

Coach's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student #1's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student #2's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student # 3's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student # 4's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student # 5's Signature: _____	Date: _____





## **SCHOOL'S CONFIRMATION FORM**

By signing below, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Principal of  
(Name of the Principal)  
\_\_\_\_\_, verify that the information provided on this  
(Name of the School)

**"STARBOOKS Whiz Bee 2025 - Region XI Edition"** Registration Form are accurate and complete.

I confirm that all listed team members:

- Are currently enrolled students at \_\_\_\_\_;  
(Name of the School)
- Have parental/guardian consent to participate in the competition (as indicated by the completed consent forms); and
- Have been briefed on the contest guidelines and understand the expectations for responsible and respectful conduct during the event.

The \_\_\_\_\_ grants permission for this team to  
(Name of the School)  
participate in **"STARBOOKS Whiz Bee 2025 - Region XI Edition"** and fully supports their efforts in representing the school.

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please email the accomplished forms (*Registration, Confirmation and Consent forms*) at [starbooks@stii.dost.gov.ph](mailto:starbooks@stii.dost.gov.ph), cc: [psto.davaodelnorte@region11.dost.gov.ph](mailto:psto.davaodelnorte@region11.dost.gov.ph) on or before **15 September 2025**.



## CONSENT FORM

Please type or write legibly in Black or Blue ink.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to the Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Consent:

- I understand that participating in the contest may entail certain risks. I hereby release the Department of Science and Technology - Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII), and all contest organizers, sponsors, and their representatives from all liability resulting from any injuries, damages, or losses sustained by my child arising from or related to participation in the contest.
- I grant the contest organizers permission to use my child's name, image, and likeness in connection with promoting the contest. We understand this permission is freely given and may be withdrawn upon written notification to the contest organizers.
- I understand the contest organizers will collect and store personal information about my child, such as name, school, and contact details. This information will be used strictly for registration purposes, communication regarding the contest, and potentially for future outreach from DOST-STII.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Name of the Parent / Guardian) (Name of the Student)

hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the "STARBOOKS Whiz Bee 2025 - Region XI Edition" on the following schedules:

- Elimination Round: **18 September 2025**, 9:00 AM via Zoom Meeting
- Final Rounds: **26 September 2025**, 8:00 AM in Davao City

The Top 50 finalists from the elimination round and their coaches will be invited to a face-to-face Whiz Bee competition  
(Venue: to be announced)

I have read and understood the contest guidelines and consent to my child's participation under the terms outlined in this form.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_