

Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education REGION XI

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM CID-2025-475

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 (DAVAO REGION

EDITION) - SEMI- AND FINAL ROUND

Date

September 15, 2025

In reference to Division Memorandum CID-2025-418 and the invitation from Ms. Leslie Pearl M. Cancio-Dy, PSTD, PSTO Davao del Sur, and in alignment with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region XI's initiative, this office directs the following student-qualifier and coach to participate in the 2025 STARBOOKS Whiz Bee (Davao Region Edition) – Semi- and Final Round, to be held at the

Sotogrande Davao Hotel on September 25-26, 2025:

Participant	Designation	Station / School
Angel Lyka B. Ayoc - Stem 12	Student-Qualifier	Digos City
Brandon Ocampo - Special Science Teacher 1	Teacher-Coach	National High School

DOST-STII will cover the hotel accommodation from September 25, 2:00 PM to September 26, 12:00 NN, with full board meals (Breakfast, AM Snack, Lunch, and PM Snacks on September 26) for the participant and coach (refer to the attached letter from DOST STII Starbooks). Confirmation of attendance shall be accomplished through registering in this Google Form: https://forms.gle/ZbkgdQR4P3k57aJcA.

Teacher-Participant shall be granted service credits and compensatory time off under DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2023, entitled: Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers and Compensatory Time-off (CTO) as per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service rendered on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.







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School heads are reminded to implement alternative modes of delivery to ensure that the classes of teacher-participants will continue while they participate in the event 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."

Travel and incidental expenses incurred during this activity shall be charged against local funds and other sources of funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For further inquiries, please coordinate with the STARBOOKS Unit Head, Ella L. Pestaño, at starbooks@stii.dost.gov.ph. You may also reach out to Dr. Ivy F. Solano, Education Program Supervisor in Science, at ivv.solano@deped.gov.ph / 09295285142 for additional assistance.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly enjoined.

For and in the absence of Schools Division Superintendent

PETER JASON C. SENARILLOS Senior Education Program Specialist

Officer-In-Charge



Enclosed: As stated. CID/ifs



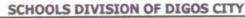






Department of Education **REGION XI**





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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-Dv, 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 sciencerelated 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.



- 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.
- 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.
- 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. Or contact Dr. Ivy F. Solano, Education Program Supervisor in Science, at ivy.solano@deped.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

DECRETE SCHOOLS Division of Digos City

PER DAY SCHOOL

Enclosed: As stated. CID/ifs





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.

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).

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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 accurate and complete.	- Region XI Edition" Registration Form are
I confirm that all listed team men	nbers:
by the completed consentHave been briefed on the	(Name of the School) onsent to participate in the competition (as indicated
The	hiz Bee 2025 - Region XI Edition" and fully
Principal's Signature:	
Date:	

Note: Please email the accomplished forms (Registration, Confirmation and Consent forms) at starbooks@stii.dost.gov.ph, cc: 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-STIL , 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:

Dear Coach Brandon Ocampo:

Congratulations!

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for taking the time and effort to participate in the 2025 STARBOOKS Whiz Bee (Davao Region Edition) – Elimination Round.

After validating the results, we are elated to announce that the following student/s qualified to compete for the Semi-Final Round:

Name of School	Province	Name of Qualifier/s	
Digos City National High School	Davao del Sur	Angel Lyka B. Ayoc	

In line with this, the DOST-Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII) would like to invite you and the qualifiers for the face-to-face Semi- and Final Round, which will be held at Sotogrande Davao Hotel on 26 September 2025.

The DOST-STII will cover the hotel accommodation from September 25, 2:00 PM until September 26, 12:00NN with full board meals (Breakfast, AM Snack, Lunch, and PM Snacks for September 26) of the participant/s and coach.

Kindly confirm attendance no later than Tuesday, September 23 by registering to this Google Form: https://forms.gle/ZbkgdQR4P3k57aJcA

For further inquiries, please coordinate with the STARBOOKS Unit Head, Ella L. Pestario, at starbooks@stii.dost.gov.ph.

Thank you very much and see you in the next round!

Best regards, STARBOOKS Team