



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

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2025-567

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID & SGOD Chiefs
Concerned Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Education Program Supervisors
Concerned Public and Private Secondary School Heads
Concerned Teachers and Students (All Grade Levels)
All Others Concerned

Subject : **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS ORGANIZED BY THE LEAGUE OF INNOVATIVE KNOWLEDGE SEEKERS (LINKS), INC.**

Date : November 5, 2025

This Office hereby disseminates the attached communication from the League of Innovative Knowledge Seekers (LINKS), Inc., a non-stock, non-profit organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC Reg. No. 2025090217205-06), inviting the voluntary participation of schools in the following various Academic Competitions for School Year 2025–2026:

1. National Mathematics Tournament (NMT)
2. National English Tournament (NET)
3. National Science Tournament (NST)
4. National Social Studies Tournament (NSST)
5. National MAPEH Tournament (NMAT)
6. National Scholastic Ability Tournament (NSAT)

These competitions are open for Kindergarten to Senior High School categories and shall be conducted online. A participation fee of Php 400.00 per participant shall cover medals, certificates, trophies, and other operational expenses.

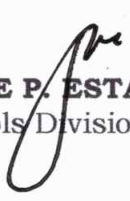
Participation in these activities is strictly **voluntary** and shall be subject to DepEd policies, specifically the provisions of the *No Disruption of Classes* as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2025, entitled “*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.*” Schools must ensure that participation in these competitions shall not interfere with the conduct of regular classes and instructional hours.

Likewise, Schools are reminded to adhere to DepEd’s *No Collection Policy* in accordance with Republic Act No. 5546 (Ganzon Law) and DepEd Memorandum No. 41, s. 2024. No school shall compel students nor require any school-wide collection relative to these competitions.

For further details and coordination, concerned schools may directly communicate with LINKS, Inc. through Contact Number: 0950-755-1403 or via their official Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofInnovativeNationalKnowledgeSeekersLINKS>.

The complete list of LINKS competitions for School Year 2025-2026 and other relevant details, schedules, guidelines, and mechanics are contained in the enclosures for guidance and reference.

For information and dissemination.


MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO **NOV 10 2025**
Schools Division Superintendent 

DepEd Schools Division of Digos City
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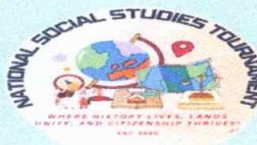
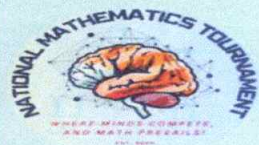


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October 28, 2025

MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI

Schools Division Superintendent

Digos City Division

Digos, Davao del Sur

Subject: Invitation to Participate in National Competitions Organized by League of Innovative Knowledge Seekers (LINKS), Inc.

Dear Ma'am:

Warm greetings from League of Innovative Knowledge Seekers (LINKS), Inc.!

We hope this message finds you well and in excellent spirits.

The League of Innovative Knowledge Seekers (LINKS), Inc., a non-stock, non-profit organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), under registration number 2025090217205-06, is steadfast in its commitment to elevating the quality of Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies and MAPEH education throughout the country.

In pursuit of this advocacy, we are honored to formally invite the schools under your jurisdiction, to take part in the upcoming competitions via online:

1. National Mathematics Tournament (NMT)
2. National English Tournament (NET)
3. National Science Tournament (NST)
4. National Social Studies Tournament (NSST)
5. National MAPEH Tournament (NMAT)
6. National Scholastic Ability Tournament (NSAT)

The competitions cater students from Kindergarten to Senior High School categories. A fee of 400 pesos will be used for medals, certificates, trophies & other expenses. Here is the complete list of LINKS competitions for School Year 2025-2026:

LINKS, Inc. competitions calendar	AUGUST 31, 2025	OCTOBER 26, 2025
	-NATIONAL MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT (Beta Round) -NATIONAL ENGLISH TOURNAMENT (Hyphen Round)	-NATIONAL SCIENCE TOURNAMENT (Hertz Round) -NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES TOURNAMENT (Civitas Round) - SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE - MENTAL MATHSPRINT
	DECEMBER 14, 2025 -National MAPEH Tournament -SciMath History Natl. Challenge -GRAMMAR RACE -National Scholastic Ability Tournament (NSAT)	JANUARY 18, 2026 -NATIONAL SCIENCE TOURNAMENT (Ampere Round) -NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES TOURNAMENT (Lex Round) -Word Quest Challenge -NATIONAL MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT - GAMMA ROUND
	MARCH 7, 2026 NATIONAL MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT(Alpha Round) NATIONAL ENGLISH TOURNAMENT (Apostrophe Round)	MAY 17, 2026 (Final Round) MATHEMATICS ENGLISH SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES MAPEH SCHOLASTIC ABILITY

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These competitions are designed to foster academic excellence, critical thinking, and holistic development among Filipino learners. They are open to both public and private schools, with various levels and categories suited for different grade levels.

We respectfully seek endorsement and support in encouraging participation from the schools within your Division. Furthermore, we humbly request the favorable consideration of your office in allowing schools under your jurisdiction to release internal advisories supporting the voluntary participation of their students in the aforementioned activities. Please be assured that all events are scheduled in such a manner as to ensure no disruption to regular classes or academic operations. The official guidelines, mechanics, and registration details are enclosed for your perusal.

Awardees of Gold, Silver, and Bronze in these competitions will be eligible to compete in the final round next year. For the latest updates and announcements, we invite you to visit our official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofInnovativeNationalKnowledgeSeekersLINKS>. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following: Contact Number 09507551403, or in our official Facebook page.

We deeply appreciate your unwavering support in promoting quality education and academic excellence. We look forward to your favorable response and to the active involvement of your Region in these meaningful academic endeavors.

Thank you very much for your fervent support!

Very truly yours,

SIR RALPH MOSES L. PADILLA

LINKS Mindanao Area Coordinator

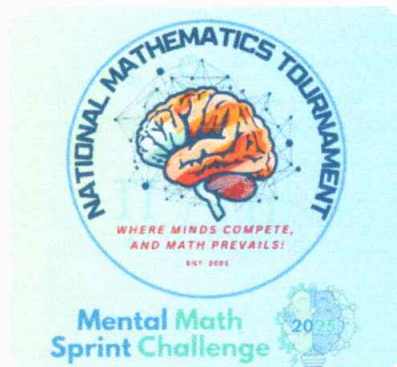
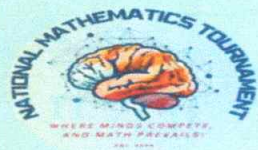
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NATIONAL MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT (NMT)

I. Overview

The National Mathematics Tournament (NMT) is a nationwide academic competition designed to promote excellence in Mathematics among Filipino learners. Open to students from Kinder 1 to Grade 12 enrolled in both public and private schools across the Philippines, NMT aims to provide a platform for young mathematicians to challenge their problem-solving skills, analytical thinking, and mathematical creativity.

II. Objectives

The NMT primarily aims to:

- deepen understanding on Mathematical concepts beyond curriculum
- sharpen problem solving skills (critically, logically, creatively) under pressure
- improve student's performance and boost self-esteem
- prepare for advanced study
- connect students with like-minded peers, mentors, and academic communities

III. Minimum Requirement on Equipment/Gadget/IT Resources

Participants may use any of the following device setups, provided that all options include a stable high-speed internet connection:

- A laptop equipped with a functional camera and audio;
- A desktop computer with a connected digital camera and audio capability;
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IV. Test Format

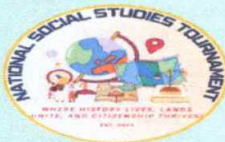
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V. Participant Categorization

Participants will be grouped according to their grade level for School Year 2025–2026. Only students who are officially enrolled in schools within the Philippines are eligible to participate in the competition.

The grade-level categories are as follows:

- Kindergarten 1 & 2
- Grade 1
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- Grade 3
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- Grade 9
- Grade 10
- Grades 11 and 12

VI. Topics Covered

The competition will cover five (5) distinct categories, namely: Algebra, Combinatorics, Geometry, Logical Thinking, and Number Theory.

VII. Awards

The Awards Committee will recognize participants based on their scores/ranking as follows:

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Upper 10%	Gold Medal	Medal and certificate
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Additionally, the coach of the winning student will be presented with a **Certificate of Recognition** as the winning coach and the **TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL** will be given with a plaque of recognition.

VIII. Schedule

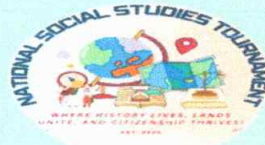
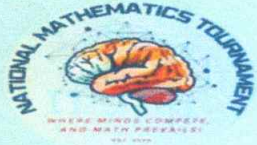
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Registration Period:	On-going
Registration Fee:	P 400.00



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NATIONAL ENGLISH TOURNAMENT (NET)

I. Overview

The National English Tournament (NET) is an online academic competition open to all bona fide students from Kinder 1 to Grade 12 who are officially enrolled in schools across the Philippines for School Year 2025–2026. This competition is designed to strengthen and showcase participants' competencies in the English language, fostering a deeper understanding and mastery of linguistic principles, particularly in the areas of grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing.

II. Objectives

The NET primarily aims to:

- improve language skills (grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing)
- develop communication skills; strengthens both written and verbal expression
- elevate critical thinking skill
- boost self-confidence (public speaking, writing, or performing in front of an audience)
- enhance creativity and build discipline.

III. Minimum Requirement on Equipment/Gadget/IT Resources

Participants may use any of the following device setups, provided that all options include a stable high-speed internet connection:

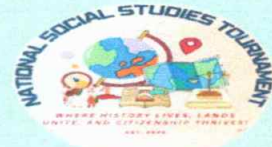
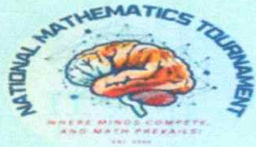
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IV. Test Format

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V. Participant Categorization

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VI. Topics Covered

The contest addresses a comprehensive set of topics essential to the development of language proficiency and literacy skills.

Grammar

Grammar forms the foundation of clear and effective communication. The program offers an in-depth focus on grammatical rules and structures, including:

- Subject-verb agreement
- Verb tenses and usage
- Prepositions and conjunctions
- Punctuation and sentence structure
- Pronouns and their antecedents
- Parallelism and sentence coherence
- Direct and reported speech
- Figures of speech and stylistic elements

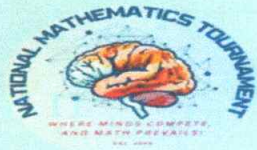
Mastery of grammar is prioritized to ensure both accuracy and fluency in language use.



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Vocabulary

Vocabulary development is essential for effective communication and comprehension. The program provides a comprehensive focus on various aspects of vocabulary, including:

- Synonyms and antonyms
- Context clues for determining word meanings
- Idiomatic expressions and their usage
- Word choice and nuance
- Multiple-meaning words
- Collocations and common phrases
- Academic and high-frequency vocabulary

Building a strong vocabulary foundation is emphasized to enhance both expressive and receptive language skills.

Reading Comprehension

This component cultivates students' ability to understand and analyze texts. Key skills developed include:

- Identifying main ideas and supporting details
- Making inferences
- Summarizing content
- Recognizing tone and mood
- Critical analysis of texts

Through varied reading materials, students enhance their interpretative and evaluative skills.

Writing

Writing instruction focuses on enabling students to clearly and effectively express their thoughts in written form. This includes:

- Organizing ideas logically in sentences and paragraphs
- Applying correct grammar and vocabulary
- Writing for different purposes and audiences
- Focusing on mechanics such as spelling and punctuation

Spelling

Spelling proficiency is fundamental to effective written communication. The program places special emphasis on developing accurate spelling skills through:

- Recognition and correct spelling of high-frequency words
- Understanding of phonetic patterns and rules
- Mastery of common prefixes, suffixes, and root words
- Practice with irregular and challenging word forms
- Application of spelling rules in writing
- Use of spelling strategies such as chunking and syllabication

Emphasis is placed on building learners' confidence and precision in spelling to support overall literacy development.



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VII. Awards

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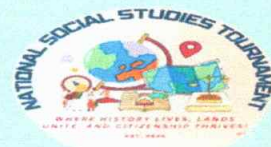
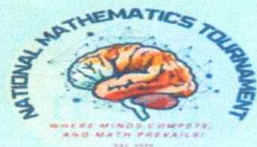
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Registration Fee: P 400.00



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NATIONAL SCIENCE TOURNAMENT (NST)

I. Overview

The National Science Tournament (NST) is a nationwide academic competition that aims to foster scientific curiosity, critical thinking, and research-oriented learning among Filipino students. Open to learners from Kinder 1 to Grade 12 in both public and private schools across the Philippines, the NST provides a dynamic platform for students to explore and demonstrate their knowledge in various scientific disciplines.

II. Objectives

The NST primarily aims to:

- promote deeper understanding of science concepts beyond the classroom.
- encourage logical reasoning, experimentation, and creative solutions.
- provides opportunities for awards, scholarships, and future academic prospects.
- connect students with peers, educators, and professionals nationwide.
- highlight the school's commitment to science education.
- encourage young minds to pursue research, technology, and scientific careers.

III. Minimum Requirement on Equipment/Gadget/IT Resources

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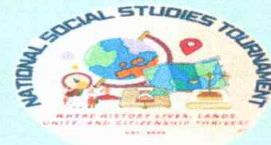
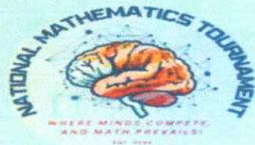
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IV. Test Format

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V. Participant Categorization

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VI. Topics Covered

The topics encompass a broad range of scientific disciplines designed to challenge and develop the analytical and problem-solving skills of participating students. The topics covered include fundamental and advanced concepts in the following areas:

Biology covers topics such as cell structure and function, genetics, ecosystems, human anatomy and physiology, and biodiversity, aiming to deepen students' understanding of living organisms and their interactions within the environment.

Chemistry addresses fundamental concepts including atomic structure, chemical bonding, states of matter, chemical reactions, the periodic table, and solutions, providing a solid foundation in the properties and behavior of matter.

Physics focuses on principles such as motion and forces, energy transformation, waves and sound, electricity and magnetism, and simple machines, enhancing students' grasp of physical laws and their practical applications in everyday life.

Environmental Science examines ecosystems, conservation efforts, climate change, pollution, and sustainable development, fostering awareness of environmental challenges and encouraging responsible stewardship of natural resources.

Astronomy explores celestial bodies, the solar system, stars and galaxies, space exploration, and cosmology, inspiring curiosity about the universe and humanity's place within it.



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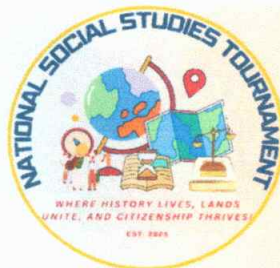
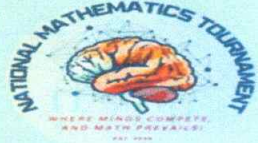
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**Civitas Round
2025**

COMPETITION DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2025 (SUNDAY)

NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES TOURNAMENT (NSST)

I. Overview

The National Social Studies Tournament (NSST) is a nationwide academic competition designed to promote civic awareness, historical understanding, and critical thinking among Filipino learners. Open to students from Kinder 1 to Grade 12 in both public and private schools across the Philippines, the NSST seeks to foster a deeper appreciation of the country's social, cultural, political, and economic heritage within a global context.

II. Objectives

The NSST primarily aims to:

- deepen understanding of history, culture, geography, economics, and current events.
- develop the ability to evaluate issues, form opinions, and solve social problems.
- enhance debating, speaking, and presentation skills.
- strengthen social studies programs and teaching practices.
- inspire students to be socially responsible and engaged citizens.
- promote appreciation of heritage, culture, and values.

III. Minimum Requirement on Equipment/Gadget/IT Resources

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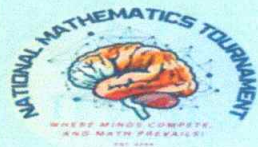
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VI. Topics Covered

The National Social Studies Tournament encompasses a wide range of topics essential for understanding history, culture, government, and society. The competition aims to develop students' critical thinking and analytical skills in social studies through the following core areas:

- Family and Community
- Philippine, Asian and World History and Culture
- Geography
- Government and Civics
- Economics
- Current Events and Contemporary Issues

Participants are challenged to demonstrate their knowledge and application of social studies concepts, fostering a deeper appreciation of the social, political, and economic forces shaping the world.

VII. Awards

The Awards Committee will recognize participants based on their scores as follows:



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