



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

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026-222

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 CID Chief
 Education Program Supervisors
 Public Schools District Supervisors
 School Heads
 Teachers
 All Others Concerned

Subject : **PILOT ADMINISTRATION OF THE LITERACY AND NUMERACY KNOWLEDGE (LiNK) TESTS**

Date : June 15, 2026

In reference to Regional Memorandum CLMD-2026-241, this Office through the Curriculum Implementation Division directs the select schools, Pedro V. Basalan Elementary School for Key Stages 1-2 and Igpit National High School for Key Stage 3 for the Pilot Administration of the Literacy and Numeracy Knowledge (LiNK) Tests.

The LiNK Tests are designed to establish clear linkages across Grade Levels and competencies. The pilot test aims to generate comparable evidence on foundational skills that can be interpreted across contexts and basis for targeted support for learners.

The participating schools shall administer the LiNK Tests in lieu of Comprehensive Rapid Literacy Assessment (CRLA), Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI), Rapid Math Assessment (RMA). The link to the materials shall be provided upon submission of the identified schools. **Non-participating schools shall still administer the CRLA, Phil-IRI and RMA for BoSY 2026-2027.**

Key Stage 4 LiNK Test shall be administered in lieu of SHS Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (LNA) conducted last EOSY to all Senior High School Learners. The assessment toolkits containing guidelines, test materials, and submission templates, can be accessed through these links:

Assessment	BoSY Toolkit Links
Key Stage 4 – Literacy	https://tinyurl.com/ks4link26lit
Key Stage 4 - Numeracy	https://tinyurl.com/ks4link26num

Schools are required to complete the submission of the results of these assessments on or before July 31, 2026.

The identified schools shall uphold the integrity and confidentiality of the assessment materials by restricting access exclusively to authorized personnel responsible for test administration and results processing.

Other details of the Memorandum are found in the enclosure.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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June 8, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2026-241

SELECT SCHOOLS FOR THE PILOT ADMINISTRATION OF THE LITERACY AND
NUMERACY KNOWLEDGE (LiNK) TESTS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisor, CLMD

1. In reference to DM-OULS-2026-221 titled Pilot Administration of the Literacy and Numeracy Knowledge (LiNK) Tests, this Office directs the Schools Division Offices to submit the recommended pilot schools and details through <https://tinyurl.com/linkpilot>. List of schools is attached.

2. The LiNK Tests are designed to establish clear linkages across Grade Levels and competencies. The pilot test aims to generate comparable evidence on foundational skills that can be interpreted across contexts and basis for targeted support for learners.

3. The participating schools shall administer the LiNK Tests in lieu of Comprehensive Rapid Literacy Assessment (CRLA), Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI), Rapid Math Assessment (RMA). The link to the materials shall be provided upon submission of the identified schools. **Non-participating schools shall still administer the CRLA, Phil-IRI and RMA for BoSY 2026-2027.**

4. Key Stage 4 LiNK Test shall be administered in lieu of SHS LNA to all Senior High School Learners. The assessment toolkits, containing guidelines, test materials, and submission templates, may be accessed through these links:

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Key Stage 4 – Literacy	https://tinyurl.com/ks4link26lit
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5. SDOs and schools shall uphold the integrity and confidentiality of the assessment materials by restricting access exclusively to authorized personnel responsible for test administration and results processing.

6. Other details of the Memorandum are found in the enclosure.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Enclosure.

SELECT SCHOOLS FOR PILOT ADMINISTRATION OF LINK TESTS

Divisions	Key Stages 1 and 2	Key Stage 3
1. DAVAO CITY	Davao City Special School	Doña Carmen Denia National High School
2. DAVAO DE ORO	Compostela Central Elementary School SPED Center	Compostela National High School
3. DAVAO DEL NORTE	Sto. Tomas Central Elementary School-SPED Center	Kapalong National High School
4. DAVAO DEL SUR	New Cebu Elementary School, Sulop	Molopolo National High School
5. DAVAO OCCIDENTAL	Mariano Peralta Elementary School	Tubalan Comprehensive National High School
6. DAVAO ORIENTAL	Cateel Central Elementary School	Cateel National Agricultural High School
7. DIGOS CITY	Pedro V. Basalan Elementary School	Igpit National High School
8. IGACOS	Penaplata Central Elementary School SPED Center	Samal National High School
9. MATI CITY	Paterno Madanlo Matiao Central Elem. School	Badas National High School
10. PANABO CITY	Panabo Central Elementary School SPED Center	Cagangohan National High School
11. TAGUM CITY	Suaybaguio Riña Elementary School	Magdum National High School



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MEMORANDUM
DM-OULS-2026-221

FOR : Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
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Chief, Curriculum and Learning Management Division
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FROM : Carmela C. Oracion
CARMELA C. ORACION
Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : PILOT ADMINISTRATION OF THE LITERACY AND NUMERACY
KNOWLEDGE (LiNK) TESTS

DATE : June 5, 2026

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) remains steadfast in its commitment to strengthening student learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy. In support of this, DepEd is advancing a more coherent and system-wide assessment approach that aligns classroom-based, national, and international assessments to better support teaching and learning. Central to this shift is the development of a harmonized diagnostic assessment system that enables clearer interpretation of learner performance across grade levels and comparability across assessments, providing more meaningful evidence to guide instruction and intervention. This effort also seeks to streamline assessment processes and reduce duplication, thereby easing the workload of teachers while ensuring clearer information on learner progress.
2. In this regard, DepEd will pilot the **Literacy and Numeracy Knowledge (LiNK) Tests** to operationalize a more integrated and harmonized approach to assessment. The LiNK Tests are designed to establish clear linkages across grade levels and competencies, with literacy and numeracy assessments aligned within a common framework to allow consistent interpretation of learner performance over time. By harmonizing assessment design, administration, and reporting, the pilot aims to generate comparable evidence on foundational skills that can be meaningfully interpreted across contexts and used to inform targeted support for learners.
3. Accordingly, all Regional Offices (ROs) shall identify **one (1) pilot elementary school to participate in the LiNK Tests administration for Key Stages 1 and 2 learners, and one (1) pilot junior high school for Key Stage 3 learners**, for each Schools Division Office (SDO), in accordance with the selection criteria and guidelines provided in the **Enclosure**. The Key Stage 4 assessment shall be administered to **all senior high schools and all Key Stage 4 learners**.



4. For participating schools, the LiNK Tests shall be administered in lieu of the Comprehensive Rapid Literacy Assessment (CRLA), Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI), Rapid Math Assessment (RMA), and Senior High School Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (SHS LNA).
5. All SDOs shall submit the names and details of their pilot elementary and junior high schools through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/linkpilot> on or before **June 9, 2026**.
6. Access to the assessment toolkits for Key Stages 1 to 3 shall be provided upon submission of the identified pilot schools, to uphold test integrity and ensure proper administration in accordance with established protocols on the use of assessment materials.
7. The assessment toolkits for Key Stage 4, containing guidelines, test materials, and submission templates, may be accessed through the following links:

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9. These diagnostic assessments shall be administered at the Beginning of School Year (BoSY) consistent with the approved school calendar, as provided in DepEd Order No. 009 s. 2026 [Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education]. All concerned offices shall ensure timely completion and submission of required outputs in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. The guidelines for the submission of results and End of School Year protocols shall be released through separate issuances.
10. For purposes of this pilot, coverage of fund utilization in DM-LS-2026-15 [Guidelines in the Utilization of Funds for the Printing and Administration of Diagnostic Assessments] is extended to include Key Stage 4 (KS4). All expenses incurred in the conduct of this pilot administration shall be charged against the Program Support Funds directly released FY 2025 (R.A. 12116) Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Funds and/or other available local funds, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.
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Enclosure

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