



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (DFOT) 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Functional Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Cluster Heads
Elementary and Secondary School Administrators
Public and Private Schools
This Division

1. The Department of Education, Schools Division Office of Tacurong shall conduct the **Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) 2026** on October 17, 2026, at Tacurong Pilot Elementary School, City of Tacurong.
2. The Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) 2026 aims to:
 - a. provides opportunities for learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools as well as those from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous Peoples Education (IPed), Special Needs Education (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) to showcase their talents and skills; and
 - b. strengthens teachers' and learners' knowledge and skill set as they listen to the invaluable insights by the panel of experts; and
 - c. application and transfer of learning from competencies mastered in the classroom to authentic and meaningful contexts.
3. Participants in the DFOT are learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools who will showcase their talents and skills at different events.
4. Participation in the DFOT 2026 is voluntary. It shall not, in any way, affect the on-task of teachers as this activity's target learning standard and competencies are already embedded in teachers' actual teaching and assessment process.



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5. The events will be conducted in-person. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all the participants, strict observance of minimum health protocols and safety drills should be implemented.
6. All Schools/Clusters are hereby directed to conduct their respective Schools/Cluster-level competitions and establish appropriate mechanisms for the selection of contestants who will represent their School/Cluster at the division level.
7. There shall only be one entry per event per school/cluster except Lingo Stars. The learner participant/s shall be certified by the school head as bona fide learners and officially enrolled for the year 2025–2026.
8. The School shall take care of their own provisions for contest materials, supplies, food, travel, and allowances of their participants. Participants shall wear plain white T-shirts without collar during the competition, except for Musabaqah participants where they can wear their Muslim attire.
9. A registration fee of Two Hundred Pesos (PhP 200.00) shall be charged to each participant and coach to cover certificates, medals, trophies, administrative expenses, honoraria, and the food and accommodation of judges. The food of delegates, to be managed by the School/Cluster, as well as transportation and other related expenses of participants, shall be charged against the School's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), local or school Special Education Fund (SEF), School Campus Journalism Fund, or other available funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The deadline for Registration submission of names of DFOT qualifiers and payment at the Cashier's Office, DepEd SDO Tacurong, shall be on October 15, 2026.
10. To prepare for the said event, the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) team will hold a coordination meeting with All School/Cluster FOT Focals on October 06, 2026, 1:00 pm at the Division Conference Room.
11. The RFOT guidelines are available on this link: <https://surli.cc/mqbjqy> for guidance and reference. These guidelines shall remain subject to modification upon the issuance of updated guidelines by the Central Office (CO) or the regional Office (CO).



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12. For queries and clarifications, contact Romulo C. Ventura, Jr. DFOT Focal Person through romulo.ventura@deped.gov.ph.
13. For information and guidance of all concerned, immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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