



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region II – Cagayan Valley
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TUGUEGARAO CITY

October 17, 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 220, s. 2022

**CALL FOR THE EXPANSION OF SPECIAL PROGRAM IN JOURNALISM (SPJ) IN THE
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
SGOD and CID Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
School Heads
School Paper Advisers
All Others Concerned

1. The Schools Division Office (SDO) of Tuguegarao City, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), calls for the submission of requirements for the offering of Special Program in Journalism (SPJ) in the elementary and secondary levels for the School Year 2022-2023.
2. SPJ aims to:
 - a. strengthen free and responsible journalism in secondary schools;
 - b. identify areas of development in various aspects of journalism;
 - c. formulate concrete plans of action for the pilot implementation of the program;
 - d. orient the participants on the program, its scope, target clientele, implementing guidelines and its learning standards;
 - e. enhance students' and teachers' journalistic skills and competencies;
 - f. promote a spirit of camaraderie, cooperation, and commitment of our youths to contribute to the common good, national unity, and progress; and
 - g. ensure commitment and shared responsibility towards the attainment of program goals.
3. Interested schools shall meet the following criteria/requirements:
 - a. Criteria in the selection of schools
 - 1) Open to all elementary and secondary schools which exemplify performance in English and Filipino.
 - 2) Can provide substitute teachers who shall take over classes of teachers who are on training.
 - 3) Has available classrooms and supporting facilities and equipment (computer laboratory, audio-visual rooms).



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- b. Criteria in the selection of teachers
- 1) Must at least possess a bachelor's degree in English/Filipino/Mass Communication.
 - 2) Has been a permanent teacher for the last three (3) years.
 - 3) Has a performance rating of 'Very Satisfactory' for the last three (3) rating periods.
 - 4) Must not be more than 55 years old.
 - 5) Has been certified by a government physician to be physically and mentally fit.
 - 6) Can communicate proficiently in English and Filipino.
- c. Criteria for class size
- 1) SPJ secondary class must have a maximum of 35 learners.
 - 2) SPJ elementary class must have a minimum of 20 learners for small schools and a maximum of 35 learners for large schools.
- d. Criteria for students
- 1) Admission is open to incoming grade-4 learners for the elementary, who have obtained an average of at least 90% in English and Filipino and a general average of 88%.
 - 2) Incoming grade 7 learners can enroll in SPJ secondary provided that they must have an average of 90% in English and Filipino and a general average of 88% at the end of the school year.
 - 3) Students enrolled must exhibit skills in journalism and have passed the qualifying test and interview conducted by the school.
- e. Interested schools must ensure adherence to the following DepEd Orders:
- 1) DO 5, s. 2015
 - 2) DO 55, s. 2009
 - 3) DO 53, s. 2003
 - 4) DO 84, s. 2003
 - 5) DO 46, s. 2012

4. Interested schools shall submit a letter of intent together with the set of requirements (duly endorsed by the schools division superintendent) to the Office of the Regional Director.

5. Please take note of the following timelines:

Date	Activities to be undertaken
Nov. 2-16, 2022	Conduct of school survey and needs analysis
Nov. 17-30, 2022	School validation and assessment
Dec. 1-14, 2022	Division assessment, validation, and evaluation
Dec. 16, 2022	Submission of the letter of intent and requirements to the Office of the Schools



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	Division Superintendent.
December 17, 2022	Endorsement of the letter of intent and requirements to the Office of the Regional Director

6. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent 
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

References: RM No. 004, s. 2019

*To be included in the PERPETUAL INDEX
under the following SUBJECTS*

SPECIAL PROGRAM CURRICULUM POLICY



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