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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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REGIONWIDE SEARCH FOR STEM WIZARDS 2024

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Philippine Science High School - Ilocos Region Campus (PSHS-IRC) shall conduct a Regionwide Search for STEM Wizards 2024 through a Quiz Show as part of its 22nd Foundation Anniversary and the STEM Week Celebration.
2. Interested Grade 5 and 6 learners with their teacher-coaches from elementary schools are invited to participate in this event. Each interested school shall send a team of two (2) Grade 5 pupils and one (1) Grade 6 pupil. The teacher-coach shall be the one to register the school's contestants from January 10 – 23, 2024 thru the link: <https://forms.gle/fjmDhEry7NXYyXpo8>
3. The face-to-face provincial eliminations shall be on January 27, 2024 (Saturday) at 8:00 AM at the following venues:

Province	Venue
Ilocos Norte	Robinsons, Ilocos Norte
Ilocos Sur	PSHS-IRC Gymnasium
La Union	DMMMSU-Mid La Union Campus
Pangasinan	Robinsons, Calasiao

4. The top three (3) teams with the highest scores during the provincial eliminations shall advance to the Regional Finals on February 8, 2024 at 8:00 AM at PSHS-IRC, San Ildefonso, Ilocos Sur. Qualifiers are provided with the option to arrange their accommodation at the PSHS-IRC Residence Hall.
5. Learners and their Teacher-Coaches from public and private elementary schools are invited to participate in the activity on a voluntary basis.
6. Attached is the letter from Dr. Ronnalee N. Orteza, Campus Director of PSHS-IRC, and the detailed guidelines for reference. For more queries, please contact Ms. Michelle B. Ducusin, CID Chief, PSHS-Ilocos Region Campus at ducusinmb@irc.pshs.edu.ph / or 09564810272.
7. For information and guidance.

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Encl.: As stated

Reference: Letter from DOST dated December 19, 2023

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Under the following subjects:

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CLMD/jdcjr/rblj/RM_RegionwideSearchforSTEMWizards2024
January 10, 2024



December 19, 2023

DR. TOLENTINO G. AQUINO

Regional Director, Department of Education - Regional Office 1
 Flores St., Catbangan, San Fernando City, La Union

Dear RD Tolentino:

We hope this letter finds you in good health. As part of our STEM WEEK Celebration and 22nd Foundation Anniversary, our campus proudly presents the **"REGIONWIDE SEARCH FOR STEM WIZARDS 2024."** This quiz show is designed for Grade 5 and 6 students, each school is to enter a team of **two (2) Grade 5 pupils and one (1) Grade 6 pupil.**

Scheduled for **Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 8:00 AM**, the face-to-face provincial eliminations will occur in assigned venues across the province. The top three (3) winners from these eliminations will advance to compete in the Regional Finals on **February 8, 2024, at 8:00 AM**, hosted on our campus.

Enclosed within this communication are the detailed guidelines and registration form. For coordination and assistance with any inquiries, please contact our CID Chief, **Ms. Michelle B. Ducusin**, at ducusinmb@irc.pshs.edu.ph/[09564810272](tel:09564810272).

We eagerly await your favorable endorsement of this invitation. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


RONNALEEN N. ORTEZA, Ph.D.
 Campus Director



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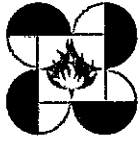
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PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL ILOCOS REGION CAMPUS

THE REGIONWIDE STEM WIZARDS 2024
(Elementary, Grade V and VI)

PRE-REGISTRATION: January 10 - January 23, 2024
(Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/fjmDhEry7NXYyXpo8>)

DATE OF COMPETITION:
Provincial Eliminations: January 27, 2024
Regional Finals: February 29, 2024
8:00-9:00 AM (Attendance and Orientation)
9:00-10:00 AM (Contest Proper)

PROVINCIAL ELIMINATIONS

A. VENUES

Ilocos Norte: Robinsons Ilocos Norte
Ilocos Sur: PSHS-IRC Gymnasium
La Union: DMMMSU-Mid La Union Campus
Pangasinan: Robinsons Calasiao

In the event of a venue change, a notification will be sent to the registered coach via their valid email and phone number as sent through the pre-registration form.

B. PARTICIPANTS

1. The nationwide STEM Wizards 2024 is a quiz for Grade 5 and 6 students.
2. Each school is allowed to field one team composed of duly enrolled two (2) Grade 5 and one (1) Grade 6 pupils.
3. There should only be one (1) designated coach per team, who shall be the one to register the school's contestants.
4. Only contestants duly pre-registered in the designated Google Form will qualify as participants for the STEM Wizards by 5:00 PM on January 23, 2024. Coaches will be notified on January 24, 2024, via their registered email and phone number if their contestants are to be included.

C. FORMAT AND SCOPE

1. The Nationwide STEM Wizards 2024 is conducted in a quiz show format where all the teams are seated and will simultaneously show their answers to the audience through an answer board.
2. There shall be three (3) categories: Easy, Average, and Difficult.
3. There shall be ten (10) questions in each category.
4. The following point system shall apply in the competition:

Particulars	EASY	AVERAGE	DIFFICULT	CLINCHER
Point/s per correct answer	1	2	3	3
Number of Questions	10	10	10	3
Type of Questions	Multiple Choice	Identification, Problem Solving		

5. The accumulated points from the Easy, Average, and Difficult Rounds shall determine the competition's winners.
6. Questions in the competition will come from the following topics:
 - General Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science)
 - Mathematics
 - Computer Science
 - Abstract Reasoning
 - Technology

D. CONTEST PROPER

1. Each question must be answered within the allocated time. The time allotment is as follows:

	Easy	Average	Difficult	Clincher
Time allotment (seconds)	10	20	30	sudden death playoff

2. The quizmaster shall read each question twice, and the time for the team to answer shall start only after the quizmaster says "Go."
3. Before the time is up, the team must write their final answer legibly on the answer board.
4. The final answers should be boxed.
5. The contestants must stop writing and raise their markers and boards when the time limit expires.
6. The proctor/facilitator will signal the status of the team's answer to the quizmaster, the tabulators, and the judges.
7. Computations or scribbles must be erased so that the final answer is clearly emphasized and decipherable.
8. Using calculators or computing devices such as tablets or smartphones is **prohibited**.
9. Each team is given markers, an answer board, scratch paper, and an eraser for official answers.
10. If the team wishes to change their answer, the former answer should be erased immediately, and the team must write the correct answer within the allotted time. The final answer must be boxed.
11. After the time limit has expired, each team must raise the board before the quizmaster reads the correct answer. The proctors shall read and acknowledge to the tabulators whether each contestant's answer is correct.
12. Late and unboxed answers are **not** considered for points and will be regarded as 'No Answer'.
13. All answers must be spelled and punctuated/marked correctly to be considered correct.
14. If the proctor cannot decipher an answer, the Board of Judges must decide.
15. If the answer has any proper noun(s), capitalizing the first letter of the word(s) is also a basis for declaring an answer correct.
16. In case of answers that may have alternate versions (e.g., The Pythagorean Theorem is the same as the Pythagoras' Theorem; International System of Units is the same as SI Units or Système International d'unités), only the Board of Judges may declare the acceptability or correctness of the answer.
17. If the answer is numerical, it should follow the **rules for correct significant figures**. The answer should follow the IUPAC rules if it is a chemical formula. The answer should follow the **CORRECT** capitalizations if it is a scientific name. If the answer requires a unit, the SI units will be followed. The acceptability of alternate answers lies with the decision of the Board of Judges.

E. PROTESTS

1. The duly registered coach of the contestant is the only person authorized to file a protest. The coach may raise a protest after the answer for that item is shown. **The Board of Judges shall entertain no protests after the quizmaster reads the next question.**
2. Any protests should be referred to the Board of Judges before the quiz master reads the next question.
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F. TIE-BREAKING

In case of a tie, a clincher round shall be played. It shall be a sudden-death playoff between or among the contestants with equal scores until a winner emerges.

G. AWARDS

1. The three (3) teams with the highest scores during the Provincial Eliminations shall move on to the Regional Finals.
2. Winners will be given the cash prize, medals, and certificates as follows:

PROVINCIAL ELIMINATIONS

1st PhP 3, 000 + medals + Certificate of Recognition

2nd PhP 2, 400 + medals + Certificate of Recognition

3rd PhP 1, 800 + medals + Certificate of Recognition

***Each of the coaches of the winning contestants will receive PhP 500 + a Certificate of Recognition.

H. OTHERS

1. Any violation of the rules above shall cause the disqualification of the contestant concerned.
2. For queries about the competition, please contact:
 - a. Ms. Elma R. Rapada (09266773911)
 - b. Ms. Ma. Cristina R. Battad (09266419165)

REGIONAL FINALS

A. VENUE:

The **Regional Finals** will be staged at the gymnasium of Philippine Science High School-Ilocos Region Campus, Poblacion East, San Ildefonso, Ilocos Sur, during the **22nd Foundation Day and 2024 SMT Week Celebration on February 29, 2024.**

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Winners of the competition will be awarded cash, medals, and certificates.

1st PhP 6000 + Certificate of Recognition + medal + printer (for the school)

2nd PhP 4500 + medal + Certificate of Recognition

3rd PhP 3000 + medal + Certificate of Recognition

***Each of the coaches of the winning contestants will receive PHP 500 + a Certificate of Recognition.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Learners and their Teacher-Coaches from public and private elementary schools are invited to participate in the activity on a VOLUNTARY basis. In preparation for the Regional Finals, qualified schools are provided with the option to arrange accommodations at the PSHS-IRC Residence Hall. For this purpose, interested schools may coordinate their accommodation requests with **Dr. Mary Grace R. Navarro**, Chief of the Students Services Division, at 09178681327.

**** This is the end of the guidelines****