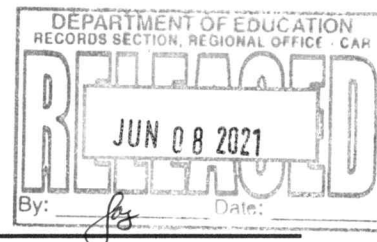




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Regional Memorandum

No. 234-2021

**REGIONAL ONLINE ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST IN ENGLISH AND FILIPINO
 CUM READ TO LEAD PROGRAM – JUNIOR AND SENIOR
 HIGH SCHOOL SERIES**

To: OIC-Assistant Regional Director
 Schools Division Superintendents
 All Others Concerned
 All Divisions

1. Pursuant to the implementation of the BE-LCP and DepEd-CAR's READ TO LEAD Program, this Office conducts the Regional Essay-Writing Contest in English and Filipino – Junior and Senior High School Series.
2. The objectives of this significant endeavor are to:
 - a. Provide an opportunity for grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 learners to demonstrate their writing skills;
 - b. Develop in these learners their critical thinking and ability to express their thoughts clearly and logically;
 - c. Encourage active participation among the learners despite this pandemic.
3. SDOs shall conduct a Division-wide Online Essay Writing Contest following the mechanics stipulated in paragraph 4. First Place winners for each required grade level in English and Filipino shall qualify for the regional level online contest. Each SDO shall submit only four (4) entries or contestants, better visualized through the table below:

Division	CONTESTANTS				TOTAL
	ESSAY WRITING IN FILIPINO		ESSAY WRITING IN ENGLISH		
	Grade 9	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 12	
Abra	1	1	1	1	4
Apayao	1	1	1	1	4
Baguio City	1	1	1	1	4
Benguet	1	1	1	1	4
Ifugao	1	1	1	1	4
Kalinga	1	1	1	1	4
Mountain Province	1	1	1	1	4
Tabuk City	1	1	1	1	4
OVERALL TOTAL	8	8	8	8	32



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4. Please be guided by the Mechanics stipulated for the Essay Writing contest:
- a. Contestants shall choose only one theme from any of the following topics. Content of the essay shall revolve on the chosen topic. The topic shall be different from the title of the essay.
 - English
 - ✓ Overcoming the challenges of distance learning in this pandemic
 - ✓ Maintaining my mental and emotional health amidst this health crisis
 - ✓ My quarantine diaries...a recount of unforgettable events during the lockdown
 - Filipino
 - ✓ Napagtatagumpayan ang mga hamon ng “distance learning” sa panahon ng pandemya
 - ✓ Panatilihin ko ang aking mental at emosyonal na kalusugan maski sa panahon ng krisis sa pangkalusugan
 - ✓ Ang aking talaarawan sa quarantine... kuwentong hindi makakalimutan sa mga pangyayari noong lockdown
 - b. The essay must be encoded in Filipino for grades 9 and 11 and English for grades 10 and 12 following a minimum of 500 words and maximum of 800 words.
 - c. Essay must follow the five (5) paragraph structure: Introduction, 3 body paragraphs and conclusion.
 - d. Lay-out must be guided by the following:
 - ✓ Long-sized document (8.5”x13)
 - ✓ Space between lines= 1.5
 - ✓ Margins: left =1.5”, right = 1”, top =1.5, bottom =1”
 - ✓ Font style: Cambria
 - ✓ Font size: 12
 - ✓ Orientation: portrait
 - e. Criteria for Judging:
 - ✓ 50%: Content (relevance with reference to the theme, there is oneness of thought and there is meaning)
 - ✓ 30%: Form/style/grammar
 - ✓ 20%: Originality and unpublished document
 - f. All participating learners shall receive cash prizes with corresponding amounts based on their ranks:
 - ✓ First Prize = Php 3,000.00
 - ✓ Second Prize = Php 2,500.00
 - ✓ Third Prize = Php 2,000.00
 - ✓ Consolation Prize = Php 1,500.00 each for 4th to 8th placers



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5. Said activity is open to both public and private schools offering Junior and Senior High curricula. Hence, the contest mechanism at the Division level may be open to both.

6. For guidance, the following timeline is presented. SDO schedules on Coaching and Division Selection may be modified depending on each SDO's situation; however, submission of qualified entries to the RO is final.

ACTIVITIES	SUGGESTED SCHEDULES	
	REGIONAL OFFICE	SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE
Information dissemination through Regional Memorandum	June 7, 2021	
Scouting for and virtual coaching of essay writers		June 8 to 25, 2021
Division Selection Mechanism		June 28 to 29, 2021
Submission of Division Entries per Category to the Regional Office	5:00 PM of June 30, 2021 through this link: http://bit.ly/R2L_EssayP2	
Judging of Entries and Consolidation of Winners	July 1 to 12, 2021	
Announcement of Regional Winners through Regional Memorandum	July 14, 2021	

7. To assist the team in judging the essays, the following RO personnel are requested.

NAMES	POSITION/DESIGNATION	OFFICE
For English		
Nover Keithly S. Mente	Educ. Program Supervisor	NEAP, CAR
Cyril Gaye Miranda	Project Officer development II	PAU
Mariane B. Wanson	Accountant II	Finance
Chairman: Patricio T. Dawaton	Educ. Program Supervisor	CLMD
For Filipino		
Leonardo M. Aquino	Educ. Program Supervisor	QAD
Manilyn Botilas	Statistician	PPRD
Kaye Shaira Dizon	Administrative Assistant I	PAU
Chairman: Thelma T. Dalay-on	Educ. Program Supervisor	CLMD

8. Non-compliance with the provisions stipulated in this Regional Memorandum shall be a ground for disqualification.



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9. For inquiries and clarifications, all concerned may contact CLMD Chief Carmel F. Meris at mobile phone 09205929554, EPS Focal Persons-Patricio T. Dawaton, 09122451174 for English Essay and Thelma T. Dalay-on, 09208866918 for Filipino Essay.
10. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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