



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **379**, s. 2026

**LIVE-OUT COLLABORATIVE COACHING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS QUALIFIERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the region's successful participation in the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT), this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall conduct a **Live-Out Collaborative Coaching and Technical Assistance for the 2026 NFOT Qualifiers** on April 6-7, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., at the Girls Education Center (GEC), DepEd Regional Office VIII, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.
2. The activity aims to:
  - a. enhance the collaborative coaching competencies of SNEd and SPFL coaches to ensure inclusive, differentiated, and linguistically responsive support for NFOT learner-participants engaged in specialized contests;
  - b. strengthen the skills, confidence, and preparedness of SNEd and SPFL learners through hands-on technical assistance, ensuring they can perform contest tasks effectively while receiving appropriate accommodations and language-learning support; and
  - c. Promote inclusive and culturally responsive contest participation by harmonizing strategies between SNEd and SPFL teaching teams, ensuring equitable opportunities.
3. The participants in this activity shall be strictly limited to individuals who are officially designated and involved in contests that necessitate the integrated and collaborative engagement of Special Needs Education (SNEd) and Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL) learners, together with their respective teacher-coaches, as well as the assigned Division Education Program Supervisor/s (EPS) or Division contest focal person/s. Learner-participants shall be required to submit duly signed parental consent prior to their involvement in the activity. Furthermore, teacher-coaches shall be entitled to vacation service credits pursuant to DepEd Order No. 013, s. 2024, or the *Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers*, considering that the conduct of the activity falls within the end-of-school-year (EOSY) period.

4. All **allowable expenses** incurred by the participants in connection with the participation in the said activity shall be charged to Local Funds, School MOOE, or other available and authorized funding sources subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosures: None  
References: DepEd Memorandum No. 019, s. 2026,  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:  
COACHING  
CONTESTS  
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