



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

**Office of the Schools  
Division Superintendent**

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**CELEBRATION OF THE 2021 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY AND  
NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Senior Education Program Specialists/Education Program Specialists  
Public Schools Districts Supervisor/Districts-In-Charge  
Public Elementary/Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education celebrates the 2021 World Mental Health Day and National Mental Health Week week on October 11-16, 2021 with the theme, “Mental Health Care For All: Let’s make it a Reality”.
2. In line with the occasion, this Office through the School Health Section will conduct a Spoken Word Poetry Competition on October 22, 2021 via Zoom. For the guidelines and mechanics of the contest, please see enclosed.
3. The Public Schools District Supervisors/District-In-Charge and School Heads are hereby directed to ensure full participation of the aforementioned activities.
4. For queries and concerns about this activity, please contact the Mental Health Focal Person, Miss Amalia Barot, with contact number +639190985049.
5. Widest dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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**2021 DepEd Negros Oriental Spoken Word Poetry Competition for World  
Mental Health Day Awareness  
General Guidelines and Mechanics**

1. Spoken Word Poetry is a performance art that is word based. It is meant to be spoken or recited with emotion to an audience. It is an oral art that focuses on the art of word play, rhythm, improvisation, intonation, and voice inflection.
2. The contest is open to all bonafide Senior High School students of the Schools Division of Negros Oriental for School Year 2021-2022. There will only be **ONE representative per District**.
3. The spoken word poetry piece must be an original composition, written in Filipino, Mother Tongue, or English but not in Taglish. Use of foul language is **NOT ALLOWED**. The contest piece should not also be political.
4. The piece must be related to this year's theme, "Mental Health Care For All: Let's make it a Reality".
5. The author of the piece may opt to choose someone to deliver his/her composition. He/she must also be a bonafide Senior High School student of this current School Year.
6. The PSDS/School Head must appoint a coach to overlook the participant. He/She must facilitate the participant's registration through this link,
7. The spoken poetry may be delivered from memory or with a copy at hand.
8. Each contestant must submit a PDF copy of the piece **on or before October 20, 2021** through email, [depedhealthsection@gmail.com](mailto:depedhealthsection@gmail.com).
9. Each contestant will be **given 3 to 5 minutes to deliver the piece**, including intro and extro. The delivery of the piece, however, will be done virtually via **Zoom on October 22, 2021 from 9:00 in the morning to 12:00 noon**. A link will be sent to all contestants via email or messenger a day before the competition.
10. A one-point deduction will be deducted from the contestant's final score every minute of undertime and overtime.
11. The sponsoring district or school must assist the contestant. In the event that contestant has no internet connection, the district/school shall provide a prepaid home Wi-Fi, laptop with camera and functional speaker, and earphones or headphones.
12. Consistent with the protocols imposed by the Local Inter-Agency Task Force, the delivery of the contest piece will be done at home. **No contestant shall deliver the contest piece in school.**
13. All contestants must wear decent costumes/clothes during the competition.
14. Sounds, instruments, or musical background is allowed to complement the delivery. No deduction shall be made if the contestant opts not to have a musical background.
15. Winners will receive a cash prize, medal and certificate of recognition:



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- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 1,500.00 + Gold Medal + Certificate of Recognition  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 1,000.00 + Silver Medal + Certificate of Recognition  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 500.00 + Bronze Medal + Certificate of Recognition

All participants will be given a certificate of participation

16. The judges' decision is FINAL and IRREVOCABLE.

### **Criteria for Judging**

- a. Content - 40%
  - o The content of the spoken piece is relevant to the theme.
  - o The piece has a powerful and meaningful message to the audience.
- b. Delivery and Performance - 30%
  - o The spoken piece is delivered from the heart.
  - o Facial expression, hand and body gestures that emphasize the different elements of the performance.
  - o Enunciation is clear. Audience can understand what is being spoken.
  - o Words are pronounced distinctly and correctly.
- c. Originality - 20%
  - o The piece must be an original composition by the contestant.
- d. Overall Impact - 10%
  - o The performer's physical appearance, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, and evidence of understanding all seem on target and unified to breathe life into the piece.
  - o Total success of the performance, the degree to which the performance has become more than the sum of its parts.
  - o Positive online comments and or reactions solicited from viewers.



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