



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**INSTITUTION-BASED SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM (IBSTP)
FOR MULTIGRADE TEACHERS (BATCH 2026-2027)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents of Bayawan City, Cadiz City, Canlaon City, Escalante City, Guihulngan City, Himamaylan City, Kabankalan City, La Carlota City, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Silay City, Sibalay City, Siquijor and Tanjay City
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems on the Institution-Based Summer Training Program (IBSTP) for Multigrade Teachers (Batch 2026–2027).
2. In line with the aforementioned Memorandum, the Negros Island Region (NIR) is allocated fifteen (15) slots for qualified multigrade teacher-scholars who shall participate in the Summer 2026 training to be conducted at West Visayas State University (WVSU), Jaro, Iloilo City, scheduled on May 4–30, 2026.
3. The above-mentioned Schools Division Offices are hereby directed to identify, screen, and nominate qualified multigrade teachers, giving priority to those assigned in last-mile and hard-to-reach schools, and ensuring full compliance with the eligibility criteria stipulated in the attached Central Office Memorandum.
4. The Regional Office shall consolidate and submit the official list of fifteen (15) teacher-scholars to the Bureau of Learning Delivery – Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD), Central Office, on or before April 15, 2026, and shall likewise facilitate the processing of administrative and financial requirements, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Regional Director

Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

TEACHER TRAINING MULTIGRADE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NTG/CLMD-RMWLC- Institution-Based Summer Training Program (IBSTP) for Multigrade Teachers
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MEMORANDUM
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TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
Schools Division Superintendents
Regional and Division Supervisors In-Charge
of Multigrade Program in Philippine Education (MPPE)
Elementary School Heads with Multigrade Classes
All Others Concerned

FROM : **CARMELA C. ORACION**
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SUBJECT : **INSTITUTION-BASED SUMMER TRAINING
PROGRAM FOR MULTIGRADE TEACHERS
(BATCH 2026 – 2027)**

DATE : February 23, 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd) is reinstating the **Institution-Based Summer Training Program (IBSTP) for Multigrade Teachers**. This initiative supports the agency's Five Point Agenda to ensure effective learning and quality education. The IBSTP is specifically designed to equip teachers with effective pedagogical strategies and the essential resources needed to meet the unique challenges of multigrade classes. First launched in 2011, the program executed successfully until 2017 in partnership with selected state universities. However, it was placed on hold from 2018 to 2025 because of procurement challenges and the unprecedented disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Its revival reaffirms the Department's commitment to strengthening the capacity of multigrade teachers, particularly those serving in last-mile schools.

Designed as a comprehensive capacity-building initiative, the IBSTP provides scholars with an opportunity to earn 18-unit credits that can be applied toward any graduate degree program in education at the DepEd partner universities for this program. The training will be conducted for two consecutive summer sessions, scheduled for April–May 2026 and April–May 2027 for a new cohort of scholars. Scholars who successfully finish both training sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Training Management and the Number of Scholars by Region

The training program will be managed by the Bureau of Learning Delivery – Teaching and Learning Division (BLD-TLD), through its Multigrade Program in Philippine



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Education (MPPE), in coordination with the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP). This initiative will be implemented in partnership with three Centers of Excellence (COE) in teacher education, namely, the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman in Quezon City; West Visayas State University (WVSU) in Jaro, Iloilo City; and the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), Obrero Campus, in Davao City.

Below you will find the regional breakdown of teacher-scholars, together with the scheduled training sessions at the respective universities.

Region	No. of Scholars	University	Schedule of Training	
			2026	2027
Luzon Cluster				
I	15	University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman, Quezon City	April 27 to May 29, 2026	To be announced
II	17			
III	12			
IV-A CALABARZON	20			
IV-B MIMAROPA	25			
V	26			
CAR	20			
Visayas Cluster				
VI	25	West Visayas State University (WVSU) Jaro, Iloilo City	May 4-30 2026	To be announced
VII	25			
NIR	15			
VIII	75			
Mindanao Cluster				
IX	25	University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Obrero Campus Davao City	April 27 to May 29, 2026	To be announced
X	25			
XI	25			
XII	25			
CARAGA	30			
TOTAL	405			

Eligibility Criteria and Required Enrolment Documents

Each Regional Office shall nominate teacher-scholars from its divisions, selecting the most qualified candidates. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) They have never received a multigrade scholarship award.
- 2) They are permanent multigrade teachers with at least one year of experience in multigrade teaching.
- 3) They are able to serve as mentors, acting as role models and resource persons for their peers.



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- 4) They commit to teaching in a multigrade school for a minimum of three years after completing the scholarship; a contract will be executed among the scholars with the DepEd Regional Office, and the Schools Division Office concerned.
- 5) They are medically fit to meet the physical and mental demands of training program.
- 6) They are not over 45 years old.
- 7) Female applicants are not pregnant at the time of application.

Scholars must submit the following documents to the university during enrolment:

- 1) Latest Transcript of Records (TOR)
- 2) Honorable Dismissal (Luzon- and Mindanao-based scholars only)
- 3) Medical Certification
 - Luzon and Mindanao scholars will avail the certification from the university clinic, while those from Visayas may present a certification from any licensed physician.
- 4) Birth Certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

Scholarship Allowance

A training allowance will be provided to scholars. Each scholar will receive a stipend of *eighteen thousand pesos (P18,000)* to cover meals and accommodation expenses for the entire summer training period. In addition, a one-time round-trip travel allowance will be provided to defray travel costs to and from the assigned university, using the most economical means of transportation. The allowance will be downloaded from the DepEd Central Office to the Regional Office.

To ensure a smooth preparation process, the Regional Office will handle all logistical and administrative procedures. Scholars will have to receive a cash advance that will cover both the stipend and travel allowance, and they will be supplied with all required documents, including a Travel Authority before reporting to the university. All expenses are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Deadline of Submission for the Official List of Scholars

Each Regional Office must submit the official list of scholars certified by its Regional Director by April 15, 2026 to the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Teaching and Learning Division through either bld.tld@deped.gov.ph or multigrade@deped.gov.ph

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