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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR GROUP CONTESTS

- A. The group contest is open to the Elementary and Secondary schools that belong to the top/ best school papers of each region.
- B. School Paper may be submitted in any of the following format:
- paper-based (print)
 - e-document (pdf)
 - e-publication (with the application of web page design)
- C. The Technical Specifications for both Elementary and Secondary levels are as follows:
- No. of pages: minimum of 12 and a maximum of 20
- News Section – at least 3
 - Sports Section – at least 2
 - Feature Section – at least 3
 - Editorial Section – at least 2
 - Science & Technology Section – at least 2
- Color: monotone/duotone/tri-color
- Process: Offset
- Paper stock: Bookpaper or C2S 60lbs-70lbs
- Color: front and back in full color, inside pages in black and white
- Size:
- 9x12 -18"x12" (Elementary)
 - 12x18 -18"x24" (High School)
- D. The different SECTIONS and category to be judged for the group contest are as follows:
- News Section / Pahinang Balita
 - Editorial Section / Pahinang Editoryal
 - Feature Section / Pahinang Lathalain
 - Sports Section / Pahinang Pampalakasan
 - Science & Technology Section / Pahinang Agham at Teknolohiya
 - Layout and Page Design Category / Kategoryang Pag-aanyo at Disenyo ng Pahina
- E. The requirements for the e-document are the same as of the paper-based entries except that it will be in the portable document format (pdf). E-documents must be placed in a compact disc (cd).
- F. A school is allowed to submit either print, e-document or the e-publication in English and Filipino.
- G. Since the e-publication is on its pilot implementation, the points accumulated for a school paper in this form will not be included in the group contest. However, the schools that will join in this category will be given a special citation.
- H. For the e-publications, schools should submit their URL (Universal Resource Locator) or email to any of these addresses: nspcelementary@gmail.com and nspcbse@gmail.com.
- I. A transitory period of three (3) years (SY 2013 to 2016) is given to schools to adopt the e-publication, after which both the e-document and print shall be phased out.

- J. Each section will be judged according to the guidelines/criteria set for the section/category.
- K. The top seven (7) winners in each section per medium (English and Filipino) will be announced.
- L. Each region will submit a maximum of 15 winners per section and for each medium (English and Filipino) to the Central Office. The list should be duly endorsed by the Regional Director to the respective Bureaus on or before the deadline. Regions are also required to include with the list, the result of the judging for the Group Contest Category to the same offices mentioned.
- M. Only those school papers which have won in all sections and page & design category shall be declared as one of the Best School Papers of the country.
- N. Failure to comply with the set guidelines for evaluating school papers will be a ground for disqualification.