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Department of Education
REGION IV- A CALABARZON
CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 409 s. 2026

**POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE BAGONG PILIPINAS MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP (BPMSP)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the **Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, Series of 2026**, issued by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education (DepEd), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), entitled **Policies and Guidelines for the Bagong Pilipinas Merit Scholarship Program (BPMSP)**, this Office hereby disseminates the said issuance for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. The Bagong Pilipinas Merit Scholarship Program (BPMSP) is a merit-based scholarship program designed to support academically outstanding Filipino students pursuing priority degree programs and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) diploma programs identified by CHED and TESDA.
3. The program aims to assist deserving students, address workforce gaps, and contribute to national development in support of the goals of Bagong Pilipinas.
4. All concerned personnel are requested to ensure the widest possible dissemination of the attached Joint Memorandum Circular among graduating learners, parents, guidance personnel, and other stakeholders.
5. Eligible learners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the program's qualifications, requirements, and application procedures.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, s. 2026

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**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 01

Series of 2026

**SUBJECT : POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE BAGONG PILIPINAS
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (BPMSP)**

Pursuant to Higher Education Act of 1994¹ and TESDA Act of 1994², and in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) have designed a merit-based scholarship program for the best and brightest Filipino students nationwide who demonstrate outstanding academic performance.

The program supports qualified students pursuing highly competitive priority degrees and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) diploma programs identified by CHED and TESDA. These programs aim to address hard-to-fill occupations, bridge critical workforce gaps, and drive national development to achieve the goals of *Bagong Pilipinas*.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (GAA FY 2026), provides funding for the Bagong Pilipinas Merit Scholarship Program. The program's implementation and eligibility requirements shall be governed by joint guidelines issued by CHED, DepEd, and TESDA, in coordination with relevant agencies.

PART I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Section 1
Scope and Coverage**

1.1 The Bagong Pilipinas Merit Scholarship Program (BPMSP) is a merit-based scholarship program for students whose parents or legal guardians have a combined annual gross income not exceeding PhP 2,000,000. The Program shall cover recipients of the BPMSP who may proceed to either of the following tracks:

¹ Republic Act No. 7722, May 18, 1994.

² Republic Act No. 7796, August 15, 1994.

submission of BPMSP applications through any Department of Education (DepEd) Office nearest to the applicant's location, thereby ensuring they are not disadvantaged by technical limitations.

17.6.1.3 Issue a memorandum enjoining all public and private Senior High Schools to timely issue the required certification of academic ranking and other supporting documents to qualified graduates applying for the BPMSP, and shall notify the concerned CHEDRO of any systemic delays, disputes, or constraints affecting the issuance of such certifications to ensure that affected applicants are not prejudiced by matters beyond their control;

17.6.1.4 Encourage Senior High Schools to give priority attention and support to top graduating students in accessing the BPMSP;

17.6.1.5 For DepEd Regional Offices: Coordinate with the concerned CHED regional office and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) regional and provincial offices in the conduct of career guidance, scholarship orientation, and higher education readiness programs for Grade 11 and Grade 12 students prior to graduation period;

17.6.1.6 Submit to CHED reports, data, or feedback relevant to the implementation and promotion of the BPMSP, as may be reasonably requested, within the bounds of law.

17.6.1.7 Provide CHED and TESDA with periodic, updated, and validated data on Senior High Schools and Senior High School learners, including but not limited to:

- (a) official list of public and private Senior High Schools offering Grades 11 and 12, disaggregated by grade level, track/strand, sex, and school year;
- (b) list of graduating learners, including academic ranking (Top 5/Top 10 or honor classification, as applicable);
- (c) data on learners belonging to priority sectors or equity groups, including those in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged and Conflict-Affected Areas (GIDCA) and those identified under the Last Mile Schools (LMS) Program;
- (d) data on Senior High School completion, dropout, and transition rates to higher education or employment;

17.6.2 Roles and responsibilities of public and private Senior High Schools:

17.6.2.1 Senior High Schools shall timely issue certification of academic ranking indicating that the senior high school graduate belongs to the top 5 of their graduating class, with General Weighted Average (GWA) and other supporting documents to qualified graduates applying for BPMSP.





Instruction: Identify the top five (5)/top ten (10) Senior High School Learners and list of Grade 12 SHS (graduated already) for SY 2025-2026 who have obtained 95% and above General Average.

No.	Name of Student	School	G12 General Average (in two decimal places)	G12 General Average (round off to the nearest whole number)
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