

Guidelines

I. Grade Requirements

- a. General Average of at least 85 (85 and up);
- b. No grade below 80 in all subjects and in all grading periods;
- c. Final grade of 85 (and above) in Science, Mathematics, and English subjects.

II. Document Requirements

- a. School Report Card (School Form 9);
- b. Birth Certificate (preferable PSA-authenticated);
- c. Medical Certificate (optional).

III. Online Document Evaluation

- a. Interested students must fill-in an online application form through: <https://bit.ly/TCNHSSTE2021>
- b. Scanned or photographed copies of the required documents are to be submitted together with the application form. Submitted documents must be clear, readable, and free from unnecessary markings. Uploaded documents must be in one of the following formats: Photo (JPG / PNG) or PDF file.
- c. Application and submission will start on August 2, 2021, and will end on August 11, 2021, at 11:59 PM.
- d. Applications and submissions beyond the deadline will not be entertained and are automatically disqualified.
- e. Any applications done outside/beyond the online document evaluation (e.g. hand carry, mailed documents, etc.) will not be entertained and are automatically disqualified.
- f. Any applications with incomplete documents are automatically disqualified.
- g. A notification will be sent through e-mail and other electronic means after 1-2 days to inform the applicants regarding the results of the evaluation.

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- a. Has successfully passed the online document evaluation.
- b. Has received a notice of examination via SMS/e-mail.
- c. Has reliable internet access via computer or any handheld devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets, etc.) during the exam.

II. Online Qualifying Examination

- a. Only those students who have completed and passed the online document evaluation shall take the exam. A notification will be sent to qualified students informing them of the time, date, and personalized login credentials to access the test.
- b. Only the registered examinee shall take the test. Examinees are directed to access the website <http://lms.tagumcitynhs.ph> via their computers/handheld devices at a specific date and time.
- c. Prior to the examination date, the examinees are given the option to take a **Practice Test** on the website to get acquainted with the platform/system to reduce potential problems during the examination. A separate orientation on how to navigate the website will also be provided.
- d. During the exam, examinees are strictly prohibited to communicate, by any means, to parents, guardians, other family members, friends, and other individuals. Examinees are also prohibited to copy, reproduce, and/or share the test questions in any means. Furthermore, to ensure transparency and honesty, a monitoring camera must be installed to show immediate vicinity of the examinee during the exam. This monitoring camera will be synchronized to the examiners screen via Google Meet, Zoom, or any platform available. Failure to comply with these guidelines corresponds to immediate disqualification from the STE program.
- e. Before taking the qualifying exam, the examinees are required to attest the **STE Honor Code** which affirms their honesty, prudence, and sincerity to take the test. Also, a set of exam instructions will be provided to guide the takers during the exam.
- f. Each examinee is given only **one (1) attempt** to take the test. No other attempts will be given regardless of reason. The test will cover the **Basic Science Process Skills (BSPS)** and **STE Interest Inventory (STEII)**. In total, there will be **180 items (120 BSPS + 60 STEII)** in the test which will only be answered by the examinees for **3 hours and 20 minutes**.
- g. Only the top 100 examinees will qualify for the interview and final exam.
- h. The results of the online qualifying examination are final and irrevocable. There will be **NO REVALIDATION or RETAKING** of the test by examinees who failed during the exam. Results will be announced at least 3-4 days after the test. Each examinee will receive a copy of their exam result.
- i. Any inquiries and clarifications over the qualifying exam must be directed immediately to the exam coordinator before the examination date via email: henry.harabay@deped.gov.ph with the following subject: [RE: Exam Inquiry, Clarification, & Protest](#). Protests during/after the qualifying examination will never be entertained.

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- a. Top 100 in the qualifying examination.
- b. Has received a notice of interview via SMS/e-mail.
- c. Has reliable internet access via computer or any handheld devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets, etc.) during the actual interview.

II. Online Interview

- a. Only the top 100 in the qualifying examination will undergo an online interview. A list of interviewees will be released by the school to inform the general public.
- b. A notification will be sent to the qualifier which contains the details of the interview such as date, time, and means of interview (e.g. Facebook Video Call, Skype, Zoom, Meet, etc.). All interviews must be done through a video conference (or any similar means as deemed reasonable by the interviewer).
- c. Interviewees are expected to be available on the scheduled date and time of interview. If in case the interviewee is not available or has experienced network/signal problems during the interview, the interviewer will conduct a follow-up call twice. After the second follow-up call, should the interviewee be still unavailable, he/she will be deemed as disinterested to the program and will no longer be interviewed. Thus, forfeiting his/her slot, should there be, in the final examination. Furthermore, there will be no rescheduling of interviews.
- d. During the interview, **student-interviewees must be accompanied with their parents/guardian** and must wear proper/decent attire.
- e. After all interviews have been completed, each qualified student will be notified after 1-2 days about the details of the online final examination. These details include the date, time, and personalized login credentials of the test.

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- a. Has completed the online interview.
- b. Has received a notice of examination via SMS/e-mail.
- c. Has reliable internet access via computer or any handheld devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets, etc.) during the actual examination.

II. Online Final Examination

- a. Only those students who have completed the online interview will undergo the final examination. A notification will be sent to qualified students informing them of the time, date, and personalized login credentials to access the test.
- b. Only the registered examinee shall take the test. Examinees are directed to access a website <http://lms.tagumcitynhs.ph> via their computers/handheld devices at a specific date and time. This website will host the examination.
- c. Prior to the examination date, the examinees are given the option to take a **Practice Test** on the website to get acquainted with the platform/system to reduce potential problems during the examination. A separate video tutorial on how to navigate the website will also be provided.
- d. During the exam, examinees are strictly prohibited to communicate, in any means, to parents, guardians, other family members, friends, and other individuals. Examinees are also prohibited to copy, reproduce, and/or share the test questions in any means. Furthermore, to ensure transparency and honesty, a monitoring camera must be installed to show immediate vicinity of the examinee during the exam. This monitoring camera will be synchronized to the examiners screen via Google Meet, Zoom, or any platform available. Failure to comply with these guidelines corresponds to immediate disqualification from the STE program.
- e. Before taking the qualifying exam, the examinees are required to affirm the **STE Honor Code** which affirms their honesty, prudence, and sincerity to take the test. Also, a set of exam instructions will be provided to guide the takers during the exam.
- f. Each examinee is given only **one (1) attempt** to take the test. No other attempts will be given regardless of reason. The test will cover the **basic concepts of core STE learning areas (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Research)**. In total, there will be **100 items** in the test which will only be answered by the examinees for **1 hour and 40 minutes**.
- g. Only the top 70 examinees will be selected to enroll in the STE Program.
- h. The results of the online final examination are FINAL and IRREVOCABLE. There will be **NO REVALIDATION/RETAKING** of the test by examinees who failed during the exam. Results will be announced at least 3-4 days after the test. Each examinee will receive a copy of their exam result.
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Enclosure #5: Timeline of the Screening Process

Activity	Date(s)
Document Evaluation and Screening	August 2-11, 2021
Online Orientation	August 5, 2021
Qualifying Exam	August 16, 2021
Release of Results: Top 100 Students	August 20, 2021
Online Interview	August 21-22, 2021
Final Exam	August 24, 2021
Release of Final Result: Top 70 Students	August 27, 2021

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