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MEC MEMORANDUM
No. 140, s. 1982

NATIONAL TRYOUT OF NEW GRADE I CURRICULUM

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The Ministry of Education and Culture will conduct a tryout of the new Grade I curriculum in the different regions this coming school year 1982-1983.

2. The main purpose of the tryout is to determine, on a pilot basis, the viability of the Grade I curriculum in the New Elementary School Curriculum (NESC) before its implementation in 1983-1984 as indicated in MEC Order No. 6, s. 1982. The objectives of this tryout are as follows:

- a. Determine the extent of mastery of objectives and content as defined in the learning continuum of each of the subject areas in Grade I in the new curriculum.
- b. Determine the usefulness of the new instructional materials in carrying out the objectives.
- c. Identify the time frame-range (class programs and time allotments) that best allow(s) flexibility and determine the degree to which each contribute to mastery learning.
- d. Gather information about the perceptions of Grade I teachers and school officials on the viability and practicability of the new curriculum in achieving performance levels set.

3. Twelve (12) schools will be involved in the national tryout, nine (9) of which are public schools to be chosen at random in the thirteen (13) regions, plus three (3) private schools representing the Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao areas. In each chosen school, a class of 40 randomly selected pupils shall be organized. Arrangements will be made such that the three sample class programs will be tried out in the schools.

(Inclosure to MEC Memorandum No. 140, s. 1982)

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TRYOUT OF GRADE I NESC

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates</u>
1. Preparation of instructional materials	January-May 1982
2. Preparation and validation of evaluation instruments	May 1982
3. Orientation of school officials and tryout teachers	June 28-July 2, 1982
4. Try out of Grade I NESC	July 5, 1982- March 30, 1983
5. First periodic visits to tryout schools	August-October 1982
6. Administration of achievement tests in non-verbal form for the first semester and pre-tests in verbal form for the second semester	November 1982
7. Second periodic visits to tryout schools	November 1982- February 1983
8. Administration of achievement tests in verbal form for the second semester	March 1983
9. Analysis and interpretation of test results	March-April 1983
10. Preparing the report on the tryout of Grade I curriculum	May 1983