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
**THE 1999 ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ALPES) TESTS**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
District Supervisors

1. The 1999 Accelerated Learning Program for Elementary Schools (ALPES) examination will be administered on October 4 – 8. The regions will be notified later of the specific dates of the test administration in the different testing centers. Private schools are not included in the Acceleration Tests.
2. Prospective ALPES examinees from Grades IV and V shall have passed the district and the division screenings following the selection procedures in Inclosure No. 1. Inclosure No. 2 is the certification for acceleration form.
3. The final report of the result of the division screening by test centers shall be transmitted by the regional office to the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) on or before September 10. The schools superintendents shall also furnish the NETRC a copy of the results of its division screening. It is imperative that examinees qualify first in the division screening before they are allowed to take the national acceleration tests.
4. The test centers used during the 1998 Acceleration Tests shall be maintained. Any changes made to this effect shall be communicated to the NETRC not later than September 17. Schools with large rooms shall be considered in choosing test centers.
5. Transportation and other expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the ALPES test shall be borne by the examinees and/or their parents/sponsors.
6. It is required that accommodation be made available for out-of-town examinees and their parents/sponsors.
7. A master list of all pupils who qualified in the national ALPES examination shall be sent to the regional directors on or before October 22 for immediate dissemination to the pupils concerned. Certificates formally recognizing those who qualified for acceleration shall be issued by the NETRC, DECS. The transfer to the next higher grades of these pupils shall be immediately effected.

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8. The regions are requested to monitor the accelerated pupils to find out how they are faring in terms of psycho-social adjustments as well as academic achievements. Case studies may be undertaken on the ALPES qualifiers.
9. Forms 137-E (Permanent Record Form) and the Report Card of the accelerated pupils shall bear the notation: Accelerated to Grade _____
Date _____.
10. It is enjoined that this Memorandum be brought to the attention of all concerned immediately.


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Secretary 

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As stated

References:

DECS Memorandum Nos. 246, s. 1997 and 283, s. 1998

Allotment: 1-3----(D. O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

Under the following subjects:

PROMOTIONS

PUPILS

TESTS

PROCEDURES IN THE SCREENING OF APPLICANTS FOR THE ALPES TESTS

1. In order to ensure the equitable distribution of examinees, the following procedures shall be followed:
 - a. All schools shall select three (3) examinees each from Grades IV and V based on the scholastic rating in the previous grade. In addition, the age, social, emotional and physical maturity of the child shall be considered. A prospective examinee for Grade IV should at least be 9 years old and grade V examinee at least 10 years old at the time of the examination.
 - b. The candidates of the school shall sign a certification that they are willing to be accelerated should they pass the Acceleration Tests. This certification shall be signed by parents/guardians of candidates and shall be duly certified by the school principal. (See Inclosure No. 2).
 - c. The names of the candidates for each school shall be submitted to the District Selection Committee composed of the district supervisor and one (1) representative each from all the schools.

In order to select the examinees for the district, the District Selection Committee shall administer achievement tests in the learning areas covered by the Acceleration Tests. If a mental ability test is available, the same shall be administered, too. The candidates shall be ranked based on the scores in the tests given and the names of the successful candidates shall be submitted to the Division Selection Committee.

The District Selection Committee shall determine the number of candidates based on the number of Grades IV and V classes in the district as follows:

30 and above number of classes	-	5 candidates
20-29 number of classes	-	4 candidates
11-19 number of classes	-	3 candidates
10 and below number of classes	-	2 candidates

The district supervisor shall sign the certification of willingness to be accelerated should they pass the Acceleration Tests. (See Inclosure No 2)

- d. The Division Selection Committee shall conduct further screening of the candidates from the districts. To be included also in the screening are the three (3) candidates each from Grades IV and V from the state colleges and universities and from the special education classes if there are any in the division.

The Division Selection Committee shall administer the Division Achievement Tests on the different subject areas covered by the Acceleration Tests.

Based on their scores all candidates shall be ranked from highest to lowest. Only those belonging to the upper 25% in the division tests shall qualify to take the national acceleration tests.

2. The final report of the result of the division screening shall include the names of all those who underwent the division screening, their scores ranked from highest to lowest, specifying those who qualified, that is those belonging to the upper 25%.
3. This report shall be transmitted to the regional director, who shall transmit the same, by test centers, duly certified, to the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) by September 10, 1999. This report is urgently needed by NETRC on the specified date to determine the number of examiners to be assigned to each testing center and the number of answer sheets and test booklets to be prepared for said centers.
4. The list of examinees and/or additional examinees submitted to the ALPES examiner on the date of examination shall not be honored. Therefore, if the NETRC-DECS does not receive the final report as described in No. 3 above, test administration in the Center shall be cancelled.
5. The candidates copy of certification of willingness to be accelerated should they pass the acceleration tests signed by them, attested by their parents/guardians, duly certified by the school principal, district supervisor and the schools superintendent or his representative (See inclosure No 2 Sample Certification Form) shall serve as their admission slip to the national acceleration tests. Another copy of said certification shall be filed in the test center by the division ALPES coordinator for record purposes. The ALPES examiner shall check the names on the certification against the list submitted by the region.
6. Test administration in Grades IV and V in the different test centers will be scheduled as follows:

A L P E S

Learning Area	Number of Items	Schedule	Time Allotment (in minutes)
Morning Session			
Mental Ability Test	60	8:00 - 8:30	30
Test I	10		5
Test II	10		5
Test III	10		5
Test IV	10		5
Test V	10		5
Test VI	10		5
English	50	8:40 - 9:20	40
Filipino	50	9:30 -10:10	40
Break		10:10 -10:30	20
Science	50	10:40 -11:20	40
Afternoon Session			
Mathematics	40	1:00 - 1:40	40
Hekasi	50	1:50 - 2:30	40
Break		2:30 - 2:50	20
EPP	30	3:00 - 3:30	30
MAPE	30	3:40 - 4:10	30
Total	360		