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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 305, s. 2000

**THE 2000 ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS (ALPES) TESTS**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The 2000 Accelerated Learning Program for Elementary Schools (ALPES) tests will be administered on October 2-6, 2000. Specific dates of the test administration in designated testing centers in various regions will be announced later. As in the past, private schools are not included in the Acceleration Tests.
2. Prospective ALPES examinees from Grades IV and V shall undergo the district and division screening prior to the national acceleration test as embodied in Enclosure No. 1. Enclosure No. 2 is the certification for acceleration form.
3. The final reports of the results of the division screening shall be transmitted by the regional office, by test centers, to the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) on or before September 8, 2000. The schools superintendents shall also furnish the NETRC a copy of the results of the division screening highlighting those qualified to take the national tests. It is imperative that all prospective examinees must have qualified in the division screening before they are qualified to take the national acceleration tests.
4. All test centers used during the 1999 ALPES administration shall be maintained. Any changes made to this effect should be communicated to the NETRC not later than September 12, 2000. Schools with large rooms must be primarily considered on the designation of test centers.
5. Transportation and other expenses incurred in connection with the ALPES test shall be borne by the respective examinees and/or their parents/sponsors.
6. It is advised/required that appropriate measures be adopted to ensure the availment and/or availability of accommodation for out-of-town examinees and/or their parents/sponsors.
7. A masterlist of all pupils who shall have qualified in the national ALPES test shall be sent to the Regional Directors on or before October 20, 2000 for immediate dissemination/guidance to all pupils and school authorities concerned respectively. Certificates for acceleration shall be issued by the NETRC-DECS and all ALPES qualifiers shall immediately be accelerated.

8. Regional offices concerned are enjoined to monitor the psycho-social adjustments and academic progress/achievements of their accelerated pupils. Case studies about ALPES qualifiers could be undertaken by guidance officials.

9. Prescribed annotations on Forms 137-E and 138 (Permanent Record/Report Card) shall be indicated by the school registrar/admissions officer.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Encs.:

As stated

Reference: DECS Memorandum: No. 268, s. 1999

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

PUPILS
 TESTS
 PROMOTIONS

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 Enclosure 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 candidates shall sign the certification of willingness to be accelerated should they pass the Acceleration Tests. (See Enclosure 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, 2000. 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 Enclosure 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:

ALPES

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
Hekas	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		

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Date

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I am willing to be accelerated to Grade _____ if I qualify in the
Acceleration Tests for Grade _____ to be administered on October _____, 2000.

Signature of Pupil

Attested by:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Certified true and correct:

School Principal

District Supervisor

Schools Superintendent
Representative