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DECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 334, s. 2000

NATIONAL POPQUIZ 2000

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), through the Bureau of Secondary Education, shall conduct the National Population Quiz (POPQUIZ) for SY 2000-2001 with the theme "Pamilyang Nakaplanano, Panalo" on October 26, 2000 in DECS Region III.
2. The aims of the contest, the participants timetable, mechanics and management of the contest at various levels are indicated in the enclosure.
3. Travel and board and lodging expenses of the regional contestants, coaches, regional POPED coordinators and BSE staff shall be charged to BSE funds while their transportation expenses shall be charged to local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The POPCOM delegates shall charge their transportation and board and lodging expenses to POPCOM local funds.
4. The Division POPED coordinators, principals and others joining the delegation shall charge their board and lodging in the amount of One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Pesos (P1,950.00) and their travel expenses to school/division funds.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

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under the following subjects:

~~/~~ CONTESTS  
~~/~~ POPULATION EDUCATION

## POPQUIZ 2000

### 1. Aims

The contest aims to:

- 1.1 sustain among in-school youth, community influentials and the general public awareness of and interest in population issues and matters;
- 1.2 convey adolescent reproductive health concepts/messages to students, knowledge of which is considered essential for making informed decisions on reproductive health issues that concern them; and
- 1.3 promote, among in-school youth, values supportive of reproductive health education.

### 2. Participants

2.1 The contest is open to all fourth year high school students of public and private schools as well as laboratory schools of state colleges and universities nationwide.

#### 2.2 Official delegation

The members of the regional delegation to the national contest are the following:

- 2.2.1 the regional contestants
- 2.2.2 the official coach of the regional contestants
- 2.2.3 the DECS Regional PEP Coordinators
- 2.2.4 Chief/Assistant Chief of Secondary Education Division
- 2.2.5 the Regional POPCOM Officer (RPO)
- 2.2.6 the DECS Division POPEL Coordinators
- 2.2.7 Principals

Members of the official delegation are expected to register at the venue a day before the contest.

### 3. Management

- 3.1 At the national level, the activity shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of officials from DECS and cooperating agencies such as POPCOM, CHED, TESDA, DOH, NEDA, DILG, PIA/KBP and others. This committee shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group composed of selected BSE staff and selected POPCOM staff shall oversee

program implementation at all levels. To ensure the success of the activity, the regions are encouraged to set up a structure of similar composition.

3.2 In the context of institutionalization, the divisional and regional level contests shall be the responsibility of the divisions and regions concerned while the national level contest shall be the responsibility of BSE.

#### 4. Timetable

The POPQUIZ 2000 shall be conducted according to the following timetable:

- School level - between July and August 15, 2000
- Division level - between August 16 and September 15, 2000
- Regional level - between September 18 and October 13, 2000
- National level - October 26, 2000

#### 5. Contest Guidelines

##### 5.1 Selection and Elimination

###### 5.1.1 Schools/Division/Regional Level Contest

5.1.1.1 The regional committee shall determine the mode of conduct and contest mechanics at these levels.

5.1.1.2 The regional winner shall represent the region at the national level contest.

###### 5.1.2 National Level Contest

5.1.2.1 A national champion shall be declared from among the competing regional participants.

##### 5.2 Contest Questions

5.2.1 Local contest committees shall prepare the questions that shall be used in their respective contest levels in accordance with general test construction principles.

5.2.2 The content of questions shall be based on the Population Education Core Messages/Key Concepts as follows:

5.2.2.2 Family life and Responsible Parenthood

5.2.2.2 Gender and Development

5.2.2.3 Population and Reproductive Health

5.2.2.3 Population, Environment, Resources and Sustainable Development

5.2.3 Review materials shall be provided by DECS/POPCOM.

6. Rules and Mechanics – National Level

- 6.1 Contestants shall be provided with pen, numbered and color coded writing sheets for their use during the contest. Writing sheets shall be collected by the monitor after every round.
- 6.2 English and Filipino shall be used as the official languages in the conduct of the quiz.
- 6.3 There shall be a total of twenty (20) questions to be given, 6 of which are “easy questions”, 7 are “average” and 7 are “difficult”.
- 6.4 Each question shall be read twice by the quizmaster. Count down shall start after the question has been read the second time.
- 6.5 Contestants shall be given a maximum of twenty (20) seconds to answer the question. However, questions that do not require computations shall only be given five (5) seconds.
- 6.6 Should a contestant wish to change an answer that he/she has written down, this answer should be crossed out with one horizontal line and the new answer written clearly above the crossed out answer. A contestant is allowed to change his/her answer within the time allotted to a particular question.
- 6.7 Points for every correct answer shall be:
  - One (1) point for an “easy” question
  - Two (2) points for an “average” question
  - Three (3) points for a “difficult” question
- 6.8 A national champion shall be proclaimed based on a cumulative scoring system.
- 6.9 All ties shall be broken by tie breaker questions from the “difficult” category.
- 6.10 The following procedures shall be observed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings.
  - 6.10.1 Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

6.10.2 The protest or inquiry shall be addressed orally to the Chairman of the Board of Judges who shall recognize the protest or inquiry.

6.10.3 Decisions resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairman of the Board of Judges at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

7. Board of Judges: National Level

The Board of Judges shall be composed of three experts in population and other development concerns. A chairperson shall be selected from among the members of the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

8. Contest Prizes

8.1 National Level

Champion - P10,000.00 and a trophy

Other contestants (non-winners) - P2,000.00 and a plaque of recognition

8.2 Regional Level

The first prize winner shall be awarded an institutional trophy from the Population Commission.