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GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING GRADE PLACEMENTS
OF STUDENTS FROM FOREIGN SCHOOLS SEEKING
ADMISSION TO PHILIPPINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
President, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

1. In view of the numerous students from schools abroad seeking admission to Philippine secondary schools, this Office has deemed imperative to establish a set of guidelines for determining their grade placements.

2. Commencing with the school year 1979-1980, the following criteria should serve as the bases for determining grade placements of students from foreign schools seeking admission to Philippine secondary schools:

- a. Those who have completed a six-year elementary education are eligible for admission to First Year in Philippine secondary schools, but are for admission to Grade Seven in private schools that require a 7th grade to complete elementary education. Students who have completed elementary education in countries with a five-year elementary education, such as Iran and other Middle East countries concerned, are to be classified as 6th graders.
- b. 7th graders are eligible for admission to First Year; they need not take any back subject. In instances, however, when enrollment is sought in a school which offers a seventh grade, such a student is classified as a seventh grader.

- c. 8th graders are eligible for admission to Second Year; they shall start with Pilipino I and progress to Pilipino II and III in the Third and Fourth Years, respectively.
 - d. 9th graders are eligible for admission to Third Year; they shall take Social Studies II (Philippine History and Government) as back subject and start with Pilipino I, and take Pilipino II in the Fourth Year.
 - e. 10th graders are eligible for admission to Fourth Year; they shall take Social Studies II (Philippine History and Government) as back subject and start with Pilipino I. They need not take Pilipino II, III and IV to graduate.
 - f. Students who have completed the 11th and 12th grades in their previous school may qualify for admission to the tertiary level, provided they pass the National College Entrance Examination as required by P.D. 146 if they are to pursue a degree course, and provided further, they meet with the admission requirements of the college of their choice.
3. Strict compliance with the foregoing criteria shall be observed by all concerned.

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Reference:
None

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