

Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS**  
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**GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING GRADE/YEAR PLACEMENTS OF STUDENTS FROM  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES SEEKING ADMISSION TO PHILIPPINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

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

1. Commencing with the school year 1993-1994, the following criteria for determining the grade/year level placements of students who have studied abroad and who are seeking admission to Philippine high schools shall be observed:

(a) Those who have completed the Sixth or Seventh Grade abroad are eligible for admission to the First Year of High School; however, graduates of a five-year elementary curriculum such as those of Iran and certain other Middle East countries are eligible only for admission to Grade VI.


(b) Those who have completed the Eighth Grade abroad are eligible for admission to the Second Year of High School, but shall take Filipino I and Social Studies I (Philippine History and Government).

(c) Those who have completed the Ninth Grade abroad are eligible for the Third Year of High School, but shall take Filipino I and Social Studies I and then take Filipino II in the Fourth Year of High School.

(d) Those who have completed the Tenth Grade abroad are eligible for the Fourth Year of High School, but shall take Filipino I and Social Studies I. They need not take Filipino II, III or IV in order to graduate.

(e) Those who have completed the Eleventh or Twelfth grades abroad may be eligible for admission to the tertiary level, depending on the course they will pursue. In case they opt for baccalaureate degree courses, they will have to qualify in the National College Entrance Examination (NCEE) for as long as such is still required by law.

2. All other DECS issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby rescinded.

  
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Secretary