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DepEd Order  
No. 45s. 2002

**READING LITERACY PROGRAM IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

To : Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Principals/School Heads

1. One of the main thrusts of the 2002 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) is to ensure that every child is a successful reader at the end of Grade III.
2. Concomitant to this thrust, the Department of Education, shall enforce the policy "Every Child A Reader" beginning School Year 2002-2003. It is expected that no pupil will be promoted to the next higher grade unless he/she manifests mastery of the basic literacy skills in a particular grade level. All possible means of assistance and encouragement shall be extended to enable the child to read.
3. In this connection, all schools are enjoined to develop a School-Based Reading Program that includes the conduct of an inventory of the children's reading ability, a diagnosis of those who need further reading instruction and appropriate measures to improve reading comprehension.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.

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Reference:

DepEd Orders: Nos. 25 and 43, s. 2002

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

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

CURRICULUM  
Learning Area, READING  
PROGRAMS