

[DECS MEMORANDUM NO. 283, s. 1998, June 29, 1998]

THE 1998 ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ALPES) TESTS

1. The 1998 Accelerated Learning Program for Elementary Schools (ALPES) examination will be administered on October 5-9. The regions will be notified later of the specific dates of the test administration in the different testing centers. Private schools are not included in the Acceleration Tests.
2. Prospective ALPES examinees from Grades IV to V shall have passed the district and the division screenings following the procedures in Inclosure No. 1 Inclosure No. 2 is the certification for acceleration form.
3. The final report of the result 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 14. The School superintendent shall also furnish the NETRC a copy of the results of its division screening. It is imperative that examinees qualified in the division screening before they are allowed to take the national acceleration tests.
4. The test centers used during the 1996 acceleration tests shall be maintained. Any changes made to this effect shall be communicated to the NETRC not later than September 18. Schools with large rooms shall be considered in choosing test centers.
5. Transportation and other expenses incurred in connection with the ALPES test shall be borne by the examinees and/or their parents/sponsors.
6. It is required that the accommodation be made available for out-of-town examinees and their parents/sponsors.
7. A master list of all pupils who qualified in the national ALPES examination shall be sent to the regional directors on or before October 23 for immediate dissemination to the pupils concerned. Certificates formally recognizing those who qualified for acceleration shall be issued by the NETRC, DECS. The transfer to the next higher grades of these pupils shall be immediately effected.
8. The regions are requested to monitor the accelerated pupils to find out how they are faring in terms of psycho-social adjustments as well as academic achievements. Case studies may be taken on the ALPES qualifiers.
9. Form 137-E (permanent record form) and the Report Card of the accelerated pupils shall bear the notation: Accelerated to Grade _____ Date _____.

10. It is requested that this Memorandum be brought to attention of all concerned.

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Attachment

Procedures in the Screening Applications 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 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 10 years old and Grade V examinee at least 11 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 to by the school principal. (See Inclosure 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 examinee for the district, the District Selection Committee shall administer achievement test in 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 district supervisor shall sign the certification of willingness to be accelerated should they pass the Acceleration Tests. (See Inclosure No. 2)

d. The Division Selection Committee shall conduct further screening of the candidates from the district. To be included also in the screening are the three (3) candidates each from Grade IV and V from the state