

[DECS MEMORANDUM NO. 242, S. 2000, May 29, 2000]

IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE PILOT TESTING OF THE SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAM AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL

1. The Special Sports Program will be piloted in fifteen (15) public secondary schools nationwide. The Pilot schools are listed in DECS Memorandum No. 173, s. 2000.
2. For purposes of the tryout, the participating schools are expected to follow strictly the implementing guidelines of the program. The guidelines are presented in detail in the enclosure of this Memorandum.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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1. Curriculum Design

1. The Special Sports Program shall offer a four-year secondary level curriculum patterned after that of a regular high school using the National Secondary Education Curriculum (NSEC), yet flexible, with specialization in athletics and sports.
2. During the first year of the pilot phase (SY 2000-2001) , the following sports events shall be offered, namely: Athletics, Gymnastics, Swimming, Taekwondo, Badminton, Lawn Tennis, and Table Tennis.
3. The subject shall be offered on an 80-minute time-frame, from Monday to Friday.
4. The subject shall be written in the report card with the nomenclature, Physical Education and Sports (P.E.S.) I (name of special sports).
5. It shall be given a credit of 2 units.

Students

Admission to the Program

6. The student -athletes shall be admitted to the program upon compliance

with the following requirements/qualifications:

- They must have potentials/skills in more than one of the school sports offered.
- They must have demonstrated remarkable performance in any sports competition as attested to by the school principal.
- They must pass the physical fitness test and/or skill test in their field of interest.
- They must possess a desirable and healthy attitude towards sports activities.
- They must submit the following documents upon enrollment:
 - Form 137 with a general average grade of not lower than 80
 - Original birth certificate (The applicant should have been born between January 1, 1986, and January 1, 1989)
 - Medical Certificate administered by a government physician
 - Parental consent stating that the student/athlete may undergo rigid training in specialized sports

Retention in the Program

7. The student athletes may be retained in the program upon compliance with the following:

- They should not have any failing grade in any subject.
- They should not have a grade that is lower than 85 in their PE and sports subject.
- They must not have incurred absences of 20% of the total number of school days.
- They should be physically fit and mentally fit.
- They should exhibit good behavior at all times and demonstrate consistent improvement in performance in the area of their specialization.

Evaluation of Students Performance

8. The student-athletes will be assessed/evaluated according to their performance, attitudes and written output.

a. Performance	60%
— Skill test	— 15%
— Progress Chart	— 15%
— Participation or involvement in class activities/sports competition	— 30%
b. Attitude (Attendance, punctuality, sense of responsibility, etc.)	15%
c. Written Output	25%
— Quizzes/unit test	— 10%
— Periodical test	— 15%
