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## DepEd: Register in January, enrol in June

Department of Education Secretary Jesli Lapus today urged all incoming first year high school students for school year 2009-2010 to register in public or private schools of their choice this January, 2009.

Lapus said the move seeks to monitor the number of graduating Grade 6 pupils who will continue in high school. "This way, the department can take immediate measures to reduce the drop out rate in schools, especially between Grade 6 to first year high school," he added.

The enrolment for school year 2009-2010 remains in June.

DepEd Order No. 62, s. 2008 stipulates that registration should be within the four Saturdays of January 2009.

This clarifies earlier media reports which said that the enrolment of incoming first year high school students has been moved to January.

"Through the early registration scheme, DepEd will be able to identify those graduating from Grade 6 and take action if there are students who are in danger of dropping out from school," Lapus added.

In registering, the graduating Grade 6 pupils have to bring with them their certification from the school principal stating that they are candidates for graduation for school year 2008-2009.

Studies show that out of 100 pupils who enter Grade 1, only 66 graduate in Grade 6 out of which only 58 enroll in high school.

"The early registration program will provide DepEd information that will allow it to introduce appropriate interventions that help lessen the rate of drop out from Grade 6 to high school," Director Yolanda Quijano of the DepEd Bureau of Elementary Education emphasized.

Lapus disclosed that as part of its intervention program, DepEd will absorb dropping out students under the Open High School program. Depending on the situation in a community, the Open High School operates by following various models to suit the needs of the students. One model offers a night shift to accommodate the students. The school may also offer a scheme where students study through learning modules.

Quijano said that if the graduating Grade 6 pupil fails to register during the given period this is already a sign that the he or she may not enroll in high school.

When this happens, the secondary school head will have to check with the elementary school head the reasons for non-registration. School officials will

then have to coordinate with parents and barangay officials to ensure that school-age students are kept in school.

In cases where a public high school is unable to accommodate them, the students may be absorbed in private schools of their choice where DepEd pays for the matriculation fees under the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE).

The division offices of the DepEd will mobilize school communities and use all means of communication in order to reach even those students of high school age who have stopped schooling after completing their elementary education.

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## ***Registration se Enero; Enrolment Hunyo pa din***

Hinikayat ni Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Jesli Lapus ang lahat ng estudyanteng papasok sa first year high school para sa SY 2009-2010 na magpatala sa pampubliko o pribadong high school na balak nilang pasukan.

Ang hakbang na ito ay upang ma-monitor ng DepEd ang bilang ng mga elementary school graduate na magpapatuloy sa high school at mapigilan ang paglobo ng drop out rate.

Sa unang apat na Sabado ng Enero ang registration. Sa Hunyo pa din ang enrolment para sa SY 2009-2010.

Inilabas ng DepEd ang paglilinaw na ito sa kabila ng mga media reports na nagsasabing inilipat na ang enrolment ng high school student sa Enero ng dadating na taon.

**TAPOS**

### **KEY POINTS**

Early Registration for High School Entrants

- What happens on January is that Grade six pupils will register with the public or private high school of their choice
- This is an early registration, not an enrolment. Enrolment will still be done in June.
- The aim of this project is to find out how many of the grade six pupils did not register for high school.
- Those who did not register will be given appropriate interventions or absorbed under the Open High School Program.

- The high school principal will inquire with the elementary school principals for reasons of non-registration
- School officials will also talk with parents and barangay officials as form of intervention
- Those who cannot be accommodated in public schools may be absorbed by private schools through the Government Assistance for Students and Teachers in Private Education or GASTPE
- This will help us apply appropriate interventions to reduce drop outs during the transition from elementary to high school

**OPEN HIGH SCHOOL**

- A flexible program for students that will conform to the situation of the community.
  - Classes may be held during the night for working students or
  - Students may be allowed to study using learning modules

**PRESS RELEASE**

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>ENROLMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On January 2009 (4 Saturdays)</li> <li>➤ For planning and intervention*</li> <li>➤ Requirements:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Certification from Principal that student is candidate for graduation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ On June 2009 (before class opens)</li> <li>➤ For actual admission in school</li> <li>➤ Requirements:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Birth / Baptismal Certificate</li> <li>➤ Form 137</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

\* - Registration does not mean automatic enrolment