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National Achievement Test set in March

The Department of Education (DepEd) is set to administer the National Achievement Test for Grade Three, Grade Six and Second Year high school students in March 2010.

NAT for Grade Six and Second Year shall be administered in both public and private schools nationwide. On the other hand, NAT for Grade Three shall be given to public schools only.

The annual NAT is used to determine what the students know, understand and can do at their level. NAT for Grade Three includes Grammar and Reading Comprehension in English and Filipino, Science and Mathematics.

NAT for Grade Six focuses on five basic subjects, namely, Mathematics, English, Science, Filipino and HEKASI. On the other hand, NAT for Second Year High School includes Mathematics, English, Science, Filipino and Araling Panlipunan.

“By measuring our students’ strengths, weaknesses and achievement levels, we can derive ways on how the present education system can be further improved,” said Education Secretary Jesli Lapus.

DepEd through the National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC) will conduct the NAT for Grade Three on March 3, 2010. For Grade Six, it will be given on March 5 and March 11 for Second Year.

Meanwhile, the department is happy on how the results of NAT have improved.

“From 2006-2009, the percentage increase of 21.36 percent was achieved. This only indicates a steady improvement in primary education in the country’s public school system,” noted lapus.

In 2009 NAT, Mean Percentage Score (MPS) showed a mark improvement of 11.67% or 66.33 percent from 54.66 percent in 2006.

The NAT results guide decision makers in formulating policies relative to progression and promotion of students especially in the public school system. These will also determine the deficiencies of students which need further intervention.

“NAT is just a part of DepEd’s report card and the whole education system. Results of this indicator will help us formulate appropriate interventions aimed at improving the education system. We have to keep the commitment and hard work we put to education,” Lapus said.

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