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GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE PUBLICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Because of the many benefits derived from the teaching of journalism and publishing of school newspapers, the program has now become an integral part of the secondary school curriculum. For this reason, utmost support and encouragement must be given to this particular student activity in the school campus.

2. In this connection, the following rules and guidelines are hereby prescribed:

- a. Under the guidance and tutelage of a teacher-adviser, the high school student-staff shall publish four issues every school year of an eight-page school newspaper, 12" by 12" newsprint in tabloid form, regularly once in two months starting with the June-July issue and ending with the February-March issue.
- b. The selection of the editor-in-chief of the student-staff shall normally be through competitive examinations, conducted and supervised by a board of judges composed of the school faculty members from the communication arts and the social studies departments. Satisfactory grades or scholarship standing may be prescribed as a pre-qualification requirement for candidates to the chief editorship.
- c. A teacher-adviser should be definitely assigned to manage and supervise the work of the student-staff. The time required for advising the student-staff shall be included in the computation of the teacher's load and given weight proportionate to that of a regular classroom assignment.

- d. An annual subscription fee of twenty pesos (P20.00) shall be collected from each student-subscriber. Proper accounting and auditing of school newspaper funds shall be made regularly by school authorities concerned. It is understood that subscription fees collected from students shall not be used for purposes other than those for which they are intended.
- e. Brothers and sisters attending the same school may be allowed to have one subscription only for the school year.
- f. Expenses relative to the attendance of student-editors and school newspaper advisers in the regional and national secondary schools' press conferences or other forms of in-service programs in journalism should be provided in school budget.
- g. Two issues of the school newspaper shall be submitted for the group contests in the annual National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC); the first issue shall be due on October 30th and the second issue shall be due on December 30th every school year to the Technical Service, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Manila.
- h. Only school newspapers with complete sections - news, editorial, features-literary, and sports - shall qualify for the group contests. Definitely no mimeographed paper will be accepted for the group contests.

3. All other Orders relative to high school newspapers which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby rescinded.

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References:

MECS Orders: Nos. 39, s. 1979 and 57 and 62, s. 1981

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