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**AMENDMENT TO DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 37, s. 2004 ON THE  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL READINESS  
TEST (HSRT)**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. In addition to those incoming first year high school students accepted in specialized science high schools, honor students from elementary schools are exempted from taking the HSRT. These include the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Honorable Mention, and Graduates with Distinction.
2. In cases where the expected first year high school enrolment (based on the number of grade six students expressing interest in enrolling in a particular high school) clearly exceeds the absorptive capacity of the high school, the school division superintendent in consultation with the concerned high school principal is authorized to set a maximum number of students who will be allowed to take the HSRT in such schools. The absorptive capacity of the school shall be set on the basis of historical growth patterns of first year enrolment. Priority shall be given to graduates of the elementary schools within the catchment area of the public high school. Excess students shall be referred to other public high schools which are nearer to the students' residences and which can accommodate additional students.
3. Field offices and public high schools are enjoined to disseminate information on the HSRT to those who are currently outside the school system, e.g. out-of-school-youth, dropouts and Balik Paaralan students.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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