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ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2013-2014 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (NAT), TEST OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR TEACHERS (TEPT) AND PROCESS SKILLS TEST (PST) IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC), shall administer the National Achievement Test (NAT) nationwide as contained in the enclosure of DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2013 entitled *School Calendar for School Year (SY) 2013-2014* on the following dates:

Date	Grade/Year Level of Examinee
March 5, 2014	Fourth Year high school students of public and private schools (census)
March 11, 2014	Grade 3 pupils of public and Madrasah schools
March 13, 2014	Grade 6 pupils of public and private schools (census)

2. Only private elementary and secondary schools with permit to operate from this Department shall be included in the conduct of the test. However, the following are exempted from taking the NAT:

- a. Classes of behavioral programs and home study programs;
- b. Private schools using the American Standard Curriculum;
- c. Foreign students who are newly-enrolled;
- d. Students with Intellectual Disability and Visual Impairment;
- e. Irregular students with back subjects; and
- f. Students in night classes.

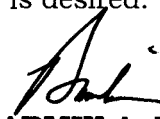
3. Each examinee in NAT (Grade 6) shall be issued with a Certificate of Rating (COR) containing the actual rating per subject area. The COR will reflect the examinee's readiness for high school.

4. The NETRC's authorized forwarder/courier shall deliver the test materials at least two weeks before the test administration, except for the National Capital Region (NCR) divisions, which shall be delivered five days before the test administration.

5. The same forwarder/courier shall retrieve all the test materials one week after the test administration. Hence, all division testing coordinators (DTCs) and private school supervisors (PSSs) are instructed to ensure that the test materials are ready for pick up/retrieval of the authorized forwarder/courier.

6. The Test of English Proficiency for Teachers (TEPT) and Process Skills Test (PST) in Science and Mathematics shall be administered by cluster starting February 1-2, 2014 until May 2014, all Saturdays (post-test) and Sundays (pre-test). The NETRC shall provide the dates, venues and clustering of regions through a DepEd Advisory.

7. The TEPT-PST shall be administered to Grades 1 and 2 public school teachers (post-test) and Grades 5 and 6 public school teachers (pre-test) in 2014.
8. In the conduct of the TEPT and PST, the DTC will serve as Chief Examiner, while the education supervisors and elementary school principals as Room Examineers. On the other hand, teachers who took the test shall be given one day service credit as per DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 entitled *Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*.
9. In relation to this, the NETRC shall conduct the National Conference on the Utilization of the NAT, TEPT and PST Results and Standardized Administration for the purposes of updating information and resolving issues and concerns on testing.
10. The following shall be discussed in the said conference:
 - a. Proper conduct/administration of the test;
 - b. Standard procedure in test administration;
 - c. Security of test materials, delivery, and retrieval scheme;
 - d. Allocation of test materials;
 - e. Information derived from the individual Certificate of Rating (COR);
 - f. Utilization/Dissemination of findings/implications of test results; and
 - g. Financial matters relative to test administration.
11. In addition, the DTCs are required to bring the actual number of permanent public school teachers in Grades 5 and 6 for the allocation of test materials.
12. Moreover, a report on the TEPT-PST result-based trainings conducted to Grades 3 and 4 teachers who took the pre-test in 2013 must also be submitted by the DTCs during the conference. Similarly, interventions at the regional level must also be reported to NETRC by the RTCs.
13. Authorized to attend the activity (in designated venues and dates) are one regional testing coordinator (RTC) from each region, one division testing coordinator (DTC) from each division, and one private school supervisor (PSS) from each division that has at least ten private schools.
14. Only Grades 1 and 2 teachers who took the pre-test in 2011 shall be included in the post-test; hence, an updated number of examinees must be submitted to NETRC during the conference.
15. All participants must attend only on the date and venue where their region is clustered. Conference proper will start at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 5:00 p.m. The participants can be accommodated in the afternoon on a day before the scheduled conference.
16. Traveling expenses and allowable expenses shall be charged to NETRC Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
17. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 10, s. 2013 and 53, s. 2003)
 DepEd Memorandum: No. 228, s. 2012

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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