



## CAR First Year Students' NDT Results are Higher Than the National

The results of the National Diagnostic Test (NDT) administered to all first year high school students in the country showed that the percentage of CAR students garnering 50 to 100 percentage total test scores was **13.42** percent, a difference of more than 4 percentage points from the **9.30** percent of the national total. Even to the higher scoring students with 75 to 100 percentage scores, the region fared better though only a slight difference (see Figure 2).

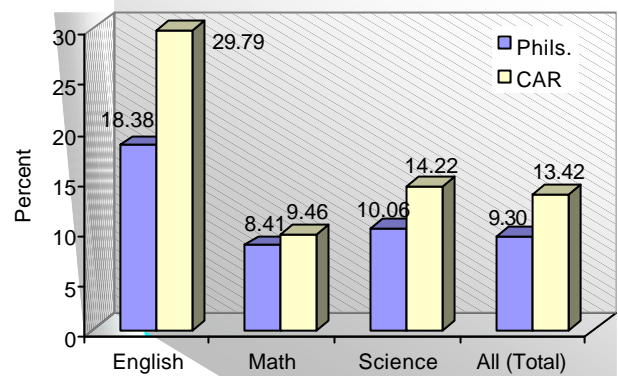
Among the three learning areas the students were tested on, English was evidently the Cordilleran's forte as shown in both the upper 50 percent (see Figure 1) and upper 25 percent (see Figure 2) of the testing population. Although English was also the strong point in all the first year high school students in the country, the region performed much better. This can be an indicator that English teaching in CAR is more effective than in other regions.

Math was the least of the competency of students in CAR and in the country as a whole based on the number of students who got at least half of the correct answers, with only less than 10 percent in CAR and less than 9 percent nationwide.

The NDT was devised by the Department of Education to assess the competencies of students on how far they mastered the three learning areas. This is with the objective of identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the students. The weaknesses will be addressed by re-teaching and remedial work at the school level. The first NDT was administered in July 2002 and the second will be/was administered in July 2004 to the same students who are now third year high school students to evaluate the success of intervention programs.

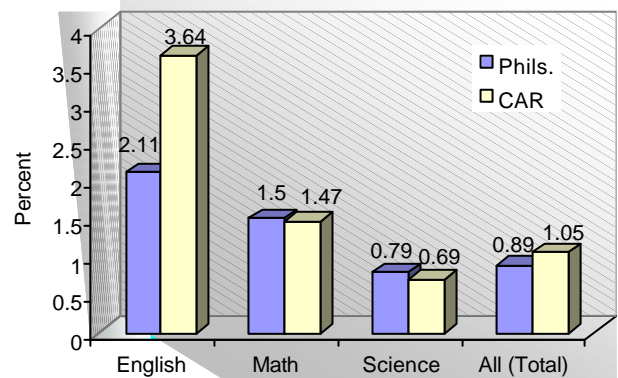
Source of Basic Data: Department of Education, Cordillera Administrative Region

Fig. 1: Percentage of First Year Students with 50-100 Percentage Score in NDT



Source: Department of Education, CAR

Fig. 2: Percentage of First Year Students with 75-100 Percentage Scores In NDT



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