EVERY CHILD IS SPECIAL

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In every classroom, there are no students who are exactly the same. Each and every one varies from each other and shows a unique characteristic. Interests, skills, talents, and knowledge; they may differ in every aspect. This is why special programs are very helpful for the students. They get the chance to focus on their interest, enhanced their skills and talents, and expand their knowledge all at the same time at school. There are a lot of scientific research that proves doing something a person likes or care about gives him/her an opportunity and inspiration to strive harder and push his/her best to reach a goal. This is the exact same thing with the students. According to the 2014 study of Yale Professor Amy Wrzesniewski and American psychologist Barry Schwartz, “Students who follow their passion in school are much more likely to be successful in their chosen careers than those who study thinking only about career.” This statement may be applied in college years when students are choosing desired courses but before that phase, students attend high school and it is actually where the journey in their chosen career starts.

Special programs and curriculums help students focus on certain fields.

The Special Program for Sports (SPS) aims to discover and train the potential of students in the athletic field. This program is for athlete students who have passion in sports and are usually competing in sports competition. The Department of Education address their needs and therefore provide these students with equipment, facilities and even teachers who are specialized in the field of sports. Athlete students’ main challenge, especially when they are on regular class, is coping up with school works and keeping pace with their classmates after a long time of absence due to trainings and
competitions’ schedule. But their hard work and sacrifice give honor to their respective schools after their match and competitions.

If there is a program for dear athletes, there is also one for talented students who have the potential in arts. The Special Program for Arts (SPA) is specifically designed to enhanced students with passion for music, visual arts, theater arts, digital arts, creative writing, and dance.

Aside from these two, Department of Education also introduced Special Curriculum in Science, Technology and Engineering Program. A program which is science and mathematics-oriented and focuses on academic standings. It is supervised by DepEd but is actually piloted in 1994 by DOST.

There is also a special program designed to ensure that students with disabilities to be educated effectively and provide them the educational programs they need to effectively learn. This program is referred as the Special Education Program.

DepEd’s goal is educate the students at the best they can and nurture their gifts while pursuing their academic track. These programs are implemented not to diversify the students, rather, it is made to shape them. And it is today’s generation who can make it happen. Even students who are not part of these special programs has their own potentials.

Because it is indeed true… every child is special.

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