HOW DOES ALS ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY (A&E) TEST BENEFIT OUR LEARNERS?

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For the longest time, the Department of Education has been trying all efforts in making education accessible and available to all Filipinos. The Department has been launching programs and projects aiming at servicing most of the population with the services available in all our educational institutions.

Schools have been available and accessible even to the most remote barangay in each town, thus making education within every one’s reach.

However, despite such efforts of our government and the Department, years ago, some sectors of our society found it difficult to avail of the formal kind of education where each one should be at school at certain hours during the day with routine assignments and activities to be accomplished. For such difficulty, the Department of Education made all possible means to address such. We then have the Alternative Learning System (ALS) which used to be called the Non Formal Education (NFE).

ALS now has this literacy programs which is directed at preparing the learners for the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test which will determine the level at which they can start continuing up their formal education.

This A&E Test gives the learner the chance to proceed to higher levels of education without the need to go through the process of studying at each grade or year level they left school at. So depending on their capability and learning from their literacy classes and once they pass the A&E Test they can continue to Elementary or Junior High School level. This saves the learners (out-of-school usually) their time, effort and financial resources as they can skip some years or level of their Basic Education since they have gained enough skill and learning in their literacy classes.

It also saves the learner from too much boredom finishing lower levels of schooling since most of the ALS learners are already adult learners and would not anymore enjoy learning in formal school setting with classmate so much younger than they are. It is just hoped that more people will learn to trust and avail of this ALS program.
so that the government and Department of Education, specifically the program of Alternative Learning System (ALS) effort to reach out to more Filipino will not go in vain.

For sure, through the ALS will continue to find ways and means to help our adult learners and out-of-school youth get a fair chance in this fast-changing where competition for survival at work and for a better is very stiff and tough.

Our educational system and institutions will have to provide all the necessary skills and knowledge in order to make our learners and graduates globally competitive and self-productive.

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