INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS: TEACHERS’ MOST POWERFUL TOOL IN EDUCATION

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As the 21st century starts the needs to transform the traditional methods of teaching-learning process has been observed. The new generation of students have needs and demands that traditional way of teaching cannot provide. In this modern time, a learner-centered instruction is more appropriate because there are many factors that hinder the learning skills of the students. Modern gadgets, online games and social media have become a prominent obstacles that compete for the attention of the students, therefore, teachers are encouraged to make instructional materials that can stimulate the mind of the students. Teachers have to utilize the advantage of computers and other form of multimedia in preparing of these instructional materials. The integration of ICT becomes useful as teachers make power point presentation in executing their lessons to meet the demands of modern learners.

The Department of Education emphasizes that the 21st century skills of the students must be developed in order for them to be globally competitive. This is the reason why some studies in teaching strategies and methods have been reviewed to make the instructions more comprehensive to the students. DepEd is encouraging all the teachers to use different teaching aids such as module, comics, journal or self-learning kit that will stimulate and enhance learning.

Just for an instance, Social Studies is perceived to be one of the most difficult subject because of its long texts and names that students have to remember. This a challenge to Social Studies teachers, on how they will motivate learners to like the said subject. In line with this, Olayinka (2016) proposes that teachers have to create learning
materials that call for senses of the students, stimulate their interest, boost students’ confidence to participate in class discussion and promote quality education.

In addition, Ogaga (2016) exposes that with the help of instructional materials students displayed positive behavior in teaching-learning process. Instructional materials can increase the retention rate of the students making learning lifelong experience.

There are various instructional or learning materials that teachers may use in executing his lessons. Some are ready made via internet or teachers may create that is appropriate to the needs of his students.

Department of Education must exert effort in planning and creating trainings and seminars that will help teachers in making instructional materials which may serve a great engagement tool to capture student’s interest.

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