IS YOUR CHILD READY TO START SCHOOL?
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As stipulated in DepEd. Order No. 31, s. 2012, a child will start school at the age of 5 years old for the Pre elementary level. As my children are still young, I am asking myself the perennial questions that many parents equally asked to themselves. The question is: How to get your child ready to start school? Are they actually ready to embark on more than 13 years of education?

Still, there are parents who send their children for three years in the preschool before starting kindergarten the child’s age is between the ages of 4 and 5. Some parents are facing tough decision. Should I enroll my child in the preschool, then what do I do to him next year, or he just wait to be moved up to the kindergarten when he is 5 years old.

Many parents decide by assessing what their preschoolers have learned and if the child has mastered them, they assume their children are ready to start kindergarten. Some of the questions in their assessment to the child are: “Does my child already know the different colors? Shapes? Alphabet? Can she count 1 to 20? If so, she may enroll in the kindergarten.

Republic Act 10157, or the Kindergarten Education made kindergarten the compulsory and the mandatory entry stage to basic education. Section 2 of this Act provides that all 5 years old children shall be given equal opportunities for Kindergarten Education to effectively promote their physical, social, emotional and intellectual development, including values formation so they will be ready for school. The Department of Education (DepEd) believes that kindergarten is the transition needed from informal to formal literacy.

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