**K TO 12 ALS LEARNERS: READY TO FACE LIFE’S CHALLENGES**

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The Philippine government in order to eradicate illiteracy is giving support not only to formal education but also to non-formal education to make sure out-of-school youths and adult learners will not be deprived of basic education. The Department of Education rolled-out its Alternative Learning System for the K to 12 Program. Having these, the ALS learners can now grab this privilege to have that quality education for them to get ready to face and overcome life challenges.

This program of the government is highly appreciated because by including ALS learners in the K to 12 curriculum, they are provided with equal learning opportunities with that of regular K to 12 students. Hence, to help them develop and acquire globally competitive skills and knowledge, thus, given an opportunity to adopt to the fast-changing world and a chance to land job opportunities relevant to today’s modern society.

DepEd said ALS - K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum is expressed in content standards, performances standards, and learning standards. The department is now focusing on equipping students for the challenges that are ahead of them, ALS learners, too should not be left behind.

ALS is a second-chance pass key that enables the out-of-school youth to get basic education in a class outside of the school setting. It aims to even out of the playing field for those, who, for some reason, missed a considerable amount of time out of school. However, the advent of the K to 12 curriculum imposed a challenge of a different nature to these students since those who graduated from ALS are now required to finish Senior High School before being eligible for college.

Mathew Wicks (2010) said that ‘In today’s world, technology is an essential tool. It offers new ways to enrich their students’ learning experiences. It offers students the ability to connect to learning opportunities anywhere, anytime. Technology empowers teacher like never before to support their personal mission of providing the best possible education to their students. But it’s important to remember that technology alone isn’t going to improve students’ achievement. The best combination is great teacher working with technology to personalize the learning experience and engage students in the pursuit of the learning they need.’
ALS learners are trained in school for them to be ready to face life challenges by attaining its objective of providing them enough knowledge and keep them abreast with the new trends in the world of education.

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