K TO 12 CURRICULUM

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Last 2011, a new basic education curriculum called K-12 Educational System was introduced in the Philippines. This curriculum is a program that requires a mandatory kindergarten and additional two years to the present 10-year basic education. This new curriculum gives enough time for Filipino students to master concepts and their skills, so they would be ready for their tertiary education when the right time comes.

With this new curriculum, Filipino learners are expected to have a high quality education that will make them more globally competitive. In which, they will be given a lot of job opportunities not just here in the country but also abroad that will grant them an equal chance to succeed alongside with the international learners.

The K-12 program offers a mandatory one-year kindergarten education, six years of elementary education, four years of junior high school and an additional two-year senior high school education, unlike the former system which only offers a one-year preschool education and ten years of basic education. Two years were added into the secondary education but after completing it, students were given options to either progress to technical education and skills development and to join the workforce right after high school or to enroll in a higher education program to earn a baccalaureate degree.

The implementation of this new curriculum is a major change in the Philippine education system but the objective of this new curriculum is good, since the Philippines is the only Asian country that doesn’t offer a K-12 system of education. This doesn’t only make the Philippines progress so that it will be able to par with the other advanced countries but also to help our country adapt to the developing world. With the help of
this new curriculum, we would be able to produce more promising professionals and skilled workers which can help develop and escalate the economic status of our country. However, the outcome of this change was positive or not remains to be seen.

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