LDM: TYPES AND FUNCTIONS TOWARDS LEARNING AMIDST PANDEMIC

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The traditional type of learning set up has changed because of the current pandemic that the world is facing. Schools were forced to close and physical appearance of students in the classroom has forbidden. Due to this situation, educational experts from Department of Education think of a way to make an alternative solution to this problem. That's why we came up with the different modalities that we are using in today's teaching and learning process. The three most commonly used type of learning modalities are the Modular Distance Learning (MDL), Online Distance Learning (ODL) and the Blended Learning (BL). The DepEd has already issued explanations on how those modalities work and how it should be implemented in schools.

Modular Distance type of learning is through the use of Self-Learning Modules (SLMs). The parents will have to get the SLMs in the schools or drop -off points on the scheduled dates assigned to them by the teacher. SLMs are materials that have the lessons and the activities that need to be answered by students. Most of the students in public schools use this kind of modality because not all of them can afford to buy gadgets and establish good internet connection for their studies. Next, the Online Distance Learning (ODL). Some of the students who have stable wifi connection and gadgets choose this kind of modality. Through this they can have a face to face online class with teachers through social media platforms like Zoom, Google Meet, and etc. Lastly, we have the Blended Learning (BL). It is the combination of Modular and Online Distance Learning. Students will have modules to be answered and they have online classes as well. This type of modality is present in schools who have subjects or classes that need to be done
through modules or needs physical output and subjects which you can do through online platforms.

Now having those kinds of learning modalities, we can say that learning of students can still be possible. It is the decision of both students and parents on what type of modality they are going to choose. The important thing about it is their convenience and that students will learn despite the absence of the face-to-face classes. Learning at home should never hinder a student to continue gaining knowledge but it should be an opportunity to explore more and grow more. The different learning delivery modalities are there to help teachers, students, and also parents to keep the education at its finest.

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