MANAGING DISTANCE LEARNING AT HOME

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Today's health crisis brought many changes, especially in education. Many of us need to adjust and cope up in the present situation. The Department of Education (DepEd) takes this as a challenge and did not let the flow of learning stops. The department conducted surveys and offered different modalities that can be used to deliver instructions to children. One of these is distance learning.

Berg (2016) defines distance learning as a sort of education during which the most elements include physical separation of teachers and students during instruction and therefore the use of varied technologies to facilitate student-teacher and student-student communication. Meanwhile, according to the Oxbridge academy, distance learning, also known as correspondence education or home study, is a form of education where there is little or no face-to-face interaction between students and their instructors. Distance learning students usually study from home, rather than attending physical classes. This means the cooperation of parents is very important.

In this kind of setting, the DepEd offers online learning, Television Based-instruction, Radio-Based instruction, and modular instruction. But still, this different modality is new to parents and pupils. This will bring confusion and worries to many parents since they need to guide their children at home.

To lessen the worries of parents regarding this, Terry Heick (2020), gives learning tips for parents. Here are some: (1.) Set a schedule. It is important that you set schedule where your children will start to study. (2.) Make sure they have any materials necessary to complete all assignments. Provide the needed materials like notebooks, papers, pencils
or pens that they will use in studying their lesson. (3.) Provide an environment conducive to learning. Children can learn better if their workplace have good ventilation and lightning or free from noise. (4.) Create a daily plan. Observe your children while studying. Take notes of the unnecessary things that may distract their learning and makes plan regarding these. (5.) Don't teach—help them understand. Let them learn by letting them to think what the answer is after you explain what is unclear to them. (6.) Make sure all work is completed. Don’t let them work little by little. (7.) Help them check messages and communicate with school. Guide them in communicating with their advisers. (8.) Keep in mind that it’s about the child, not the work. Let’s think of the welfare of our children. Don’t get tired of them. (9.) Learn to identify the barriers. Be keen observer. Try to know what’s wrong with their actions. (10.) Use school resources. If they have books, use it.

These learning tips can be of great help to parents and children to adjust to the new norm of learning. Since learning takes place at home parents with the help of teachers can deliver instruction smoothly.

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