MODULAR DISTANCE LEARNING, HOW IS IT?

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Individualized instruction that allows students to use self-learning modules in print or digital form is called Modular Distance Learning. The Department of Education (DepEd) will provide and distribute the self-learning modules to every student through their respective schools. Students have ample time to study and assess the modules, with the support of the learning facilitator. Students are expected to complete the task and submit their outputs on time.

Students can also use other resources such as learner’s materials, activity sheets, textbooks and other study materials. Teachers have to deliver appropriate learning materials while students can also access the materials by downloading copies through mobile devices and computers.

Moreover, open communication between teacher and parent is badly needed. This is to ensure and monitor the progress of the learners at home.

But the question is. Is modular distance learning effective?

Absolutely, Modular teaching is more effective compared to ordinary teaching methods because in this approach, students learn at their own pace. Besides, using modules for instruction is the acquisition of better self-study. Learners engage themselves, with the help of their learning facilitators, in learning the concepts and develop their sense of responsibility in accomplishing the tasks.
Modular distance learning allows better evaluation and more focused revision and improvement. Besides, it is easier and more cost effective unlike having online learning in which some students don’t have access on the internet and own a mobile phone.

This modular approach can be implemented and used in other learning needs in all learning areas. We may use it in next succeeding years as review materials and references. Meanwhile, courses that are already in modular format are more flexible and easier to convert.

This pandemic is a non-normative event-so while we are protecting our health, let us not forget to value education. Let us find ways to cope and eventually thrive. As an educator also, we should help our learners, support their development and exemplify the true meaning of education during the time of this kind of challenge and change.

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