OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES

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Technology and Livelihood Education has an extremely important role in the continuous educational reforms in the country. This academic discipline helps students to prove their essence as their pertinent skills were developed. It was divided into four areas which include agriculture, home economics, industrial arts and Information and computer technology. These four areas have specified skills to be developed that would prepare the students to become more productive, globally competitive and competent even at their young age.

According to Acordon (2016), taking courses in TLE Home Economics allow students to acquire necessary skills needed in occupational skills. She also added that TLE/HE introduce students a wide variety of career paths which brings awareness to all their career opportunities. Likewise, Ingal (2015) added that students and parents learn to see the relevance of TLE subject and appreciate the importance of being in the school.

Naturally, TLE provides vocational expertise and develops every student’s critical thinking. However, the absence of TLE equipment, functional room and other facilities hinders the achievement of its goals. Furthermore, teacher’s expertise and skills added to the existing problems in teaching TLE. In her study, Gregorio (2016) found out that the number of secondary teachers who have attended relevant trainings in TLE are greater than the number of technical vocational teachers. She also revealed that general secondary teachers are more than technical vocational teachers who teach TLE subjects which is not their major area of specialization.
From the above-mentioned issues in addition to inadequate school facilities, some remedial measures must be adopted by teachers to cope with these existing problems. Encourage the students to practice the skills they have learned using the available tools at home. Because of budget shortage, seek the parents’ assistance by providing some materials for their children’s use. Teachers must provide concrete ways on how the students learn the skills using technology. Finally, social media could also be of help by soliciting tools and other materials needed in the school.

As the global education becomes more competitive, teachers must learn how to adopt strategies to cope up with the shortcomings of the institution. Despite of the issues and problems in achieving the vision of the K to 12 Education, teachers must do their best to deliver the best possible education.

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