SCHOOLS’ NEW NORMAL: MODULAR DISTANCE LEARNING

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Due to the unprecedented changes in the educational system, the Department of Education is presently implementing the new normal in teaching which started last October 5, 2020. Regardless of the appeals to an academic freeze due to the outbreak of COVID-19, DEPED still believes that education should not be suspended and compromised. Face to face learning engagement within the school of pupils and teachers has been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The outbreak of pandemic became the driving force of the government to urgently implement the Modular Distance Learning and ensure the continuity of education system. The country is in the process of adapting to the new normal situation in education and continuous innovations of teachers and the active involvement of other stakeholders and community in the driving force for its success.

DepEd implements the modular distance learning – a distance learning approach to make sure that learning remains unhindered even though the teachers and pupils are geographically remote from each other during instruction through the aid of printed modules. Delivering the lessons outside the traditional face-to-face setup. Internet connectivity remains a problem for most learners; DepEd provides printed modules for them.

The distributions of SLMs should be in school and distributed to parents following health protocols set by NIATF before the opening of classes. If the parents or guardians of the learners are not available to get the printed modules from schools, there will be a designated area to pick up in their barangays. The distribution of modules is weekly.
Retrieval of printed modules and activity sheets shall be submitted to teachers by parents in school or in designated pick-up points, this kind of setup, poses higher risks of transmission of COVID-19, so the teachers and parents should strictly follow health protocols, by wearing face mask and face shield and observing social distancing.

DepEd coordinates with the authorities or local government units (LGUs) for the distribution of the printed learning modules in every school, especially in high-risk areas. Teachers will still have to retrieve the printed modules in designated pick-up points.

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