STANDARDIZED TESTING AS A TOOL TO EVALUATE STUDENT PERFORMANCE

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Have you ever made your own standardized test? Or are you just using standardized tests that are mandated or prepared by others? As teachers, it is important that we know how to make standardized tests and how important it is to our teaching.

Standard testing has been used for a long time now for several generations. Schools are using this to evaluate the student performance. In the Philippines, the most popular standardized test used to assess the student performance is the National Achievement Test (NAT).

What are the advantages of standardized testing?

1. **Standardized tests have positive impact on student achievement.** Research reviews revealed that more than 90 percent of students have found that standardized tests have a positive effect on their achievement.

2. **Standardized tests are reliable and objective.** Aside from this kind of test is reliable and objective because it is not influenced by other factors, it is graded by computers so results cannot be manipulated and this action will not be subject to human bias.

3. **Standardized tests provide a complete evaluation of students.** Since standardized tests allow for equal and equivalent content for all students, there will be a complete evaluation of the students. As teachers, it is required for us to practice honesty and integrity as well. This is how our students look at us. Because
of this, we need to show them that we are always fair even in giving them examination for assessment.

4. **Standardized tests teach us to prioritize our students.** Standardized testing includes questions taken from the lessons in the book that were provide by the department. These questions cover the core subject areas which are also springboards for the other subject areas.

5. **Standardized tests bring out quality teachers.** By means of using standardized tests, the teachers follow a certain trend of quality assessment. Standardized tests are occupied at definite heights, and over that period, educationalists can see the improvement learners have accomplished. They either go into failure or progress terrifically. But whichever the case, educators now have an idea how best they would respond to a child’s education needs. Noble teachers recognize that assessment preparation is not the best way to reassure learning. Replication does not yield test score achievements, but teaching a course that permits learners to discover a topic according to their interests, with the guidance of their teacher, will help them reach their goals. The skills used in taking tests are not that necessary, but instead the way students are exposed to such kind of tests make them used to standards and can adjust to different types of exam in the future.

The way teachers give assessment matters to an education process since it is a very crucial part of the teaching and learning undertaking. It is therefore important that we know how to utilize or create our own standardized tests.

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