T.L.E. A BREAKTHROUGH IN K-12 CURRICULUM
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T.L.E. is vital in becoming a productive member of the modern workforce. Choosing a career path and then learning the technology related to that field or industry can be an excellent way to improve the chances of succeeding in a career endeavour.

Livelihood training is simply another term for career training; in order to pursue livelihood training a person must have some idea for general career path they want to take. That is why K-12 is now concentrating in T.L.E. Because they want most of the graduates in Senior High School will be able to work immediately, even before or without seeking a college degree, K-12 will enable students to obtain Certificate of Competency (COC) or National Certificate level I (NC I) or National Certificate Level II (NC II), handed out by TESDA. These are the credentials that people earned in order to be employed by companies. At the end of the Senior High School, a student will have not only a High School Diploma needed for further studies, but also one or more certificates needed for immediate employment.

As stated in the article by Mr. Isagani Cruz (2011), the new curriculum recognizes “the role of co-curricular activities and community service in the holistic development of children.” This means that students will not limit their learning to the classroom. Instead, they will be asked to learn from their communities outside campus. College students are familiar with this way of learning by doing; most of them render community service or undergo On-the-Job Training (OJT). Students in Senior High School will be given a similar opportunity to do OJT, internship, or apprenticeship.

Senior High School (Grades 11 and 12, or New High School Fifth Year and Sixth Year) will be the main vehicle for preparing students for work immediately after graduation. “In Grades 11 and 12,” says DepED, “a student will go through a core of academic subjects and elective subjects of his/her choice.” Those electives will give students enough training for entrepreneurship or employment; those that have decided to go to college rather than work will take electives to prepare them for higher education. So, the graduate of this program will be more prepared to enter the labor force.

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