A teacher bears all the hardships just to become one. 4 years of College education is no joke- unending term papers, movie and book reviews, jaw dropping local demonstrations, dark circle around the eyes- producing IMs accomplishment, sanity-withdrawing thesis writing, and 8 long hours of practice teaching were just a few. Graduation is just a steady ladder for another more stressful battle- battle to licensure. The longest quiz that will allow you to put 3 more bold capital letters after your name; LPT- License Professional Teacher plus a Valid ID that is renewable after three years. That how it works. Everything is made purely by sweat, blood and tears.

Passing the board exam means nothing unless you are already employed, and employment is not as easy as teaching A,B,C and 1,2,3. Every LPT dreams of landing a teaching job in a public school. However, getting a permanent item in a government office is like passing through EDSA while you’re driving a 10-wheeler truck- there are lots of vehicles and each one of you wanted to get to his own destination first. “Para kang pumasok sa butas ng karayom” as what they say. For a teacher to be ending in a Public School is an ultimate achievement.

However, not everybody gets the easy chance of getting in. Others, just to get teaching experience join private learning institutions and stayed there until the 2-year contract completion, some get hired at private companies not as teachers but as plain laborers, some as call center agents and others as private tutors. For some it takes, 5-10 years before officially becoming a Public School Teacher.
And after getting in, there are still lots of hindrances to face as a public school teacher; lack of decent and conducive classroom, incomplete learning facilities, insufficient classroom desks, old-outdated books, unshipped references, inconsiderate parents and ill-behaving children are just a few. But these maladies are only maladies that can later be fixed, becoming a public school teacher despite the above mentioned problems is a blessing and a calling for most; because if you really loved what you are doing, teaching in public school is a bliss of joy rather than sacrifice.