

## DIFFERENT HATS TEACHERS WEAR (THE DIFFERENT ROLES TEACHERS PERFORM)

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We all know teachers are the one who teach learners from Kinder up to college. We call them in different honorifics like Teacher, Sir, Ma'am, Prof, Miss, Mister, etc. We also know them as second parents of the teachers. But do you know that apart from being educators, teachers also wear different hats? They perform different roles in the society. Here are some of them.

### Teachers as social workers

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) tapped the help of teachers in dealing with pupils included in Pantawid Pampamilyang Pilipino Program (4P's). DSWD also asked assistance of DepEd to uphold the welfare of women and children and to prevent and report abuses.

### Teachers as health workers.

Aside from DSWD, another agency which tied up with DepEd is the Department of Health (DOH). DOH coordinates with DepEd for vaccines and vitamins to distributed to elementary pupils, for monitoring the health of every learner and for conducting feeding programs to alleviate the malnutrition problem in the country. DOH also teams up with DepEd for different health advocacies and campaign like tooth brushing, washing of hands, among others.

### Teachers as journalists

As early as elementary level, learners are being trained to be defenders of press freedom and freedom of expression. The campus journalists undergo rigid training from their elementary teachers as preparation for the press conferences. The journey continues in high school, up to college where campus writers are exposed to more complex issues in the society. These are all done under the supervision of teachers.

Teachers as broadcasters.

With the rise of DepEd TV, teachers are given another task- to host their own educational program in DepEd's channel. They act as host and source of knowledge in their own shows. This action further show's teachers' flexibility, ingenuity and ability to cope with the demands of the education process.

Teachers as innovators and researchers.

With digital technology taking an upsurge, teachers are also exposed to these advancements. They attended conferences and participated in competitions for robotics. They also joined workshops and presented different innovations to improve the quality of education.

Teachers also attend research festivals and confabs and later on, produce and present their own researches. These studies will be used by DepEd to promulgate improvements in the Philippine education system.

These are just some examples of the roles and task teachers fulfil. It takes passion and determination to be a teacher. Indeed. It takes commitment to perform various tasks.

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