

GOOD MANNERS, RIGHT CONDUCT

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The recent passage of the Republic Act 11476 or the Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education Act sparked various reactions from both educators and the public. Did Filipinos become notoriously ill-mannered that a bill on proper conduct and values education has to be approved? GMRC will be included as a subject under the K-12 curriculum.

Lessons on proper behavior would be conveyed to students. It is extremely vital that lessons on good conduct should be hammered starting kindergarten through elementary since it has a high possibility that these lessons will retain until they reach adulthood. They are more likely to grow with good manners if they were prepped with the right conduct in their formative years. However, it should be noted that children tend to mimic what they see or hear in theirs thus it is important for educators to practice what is being preached inside classrooms. The implementation of the law presents additional challenges to the educators, especially with the new normal set-up and the alternative learning modes proposed by the Department of Education wherein the traditional face-to-face class session is highly discouraged.

Educational authorities said that this bill will play in strengthening the youth's decision-making skills, attitudes, and behaviors, especially in critical times such as the situation we are facing nowadays. Molding young children with proper behavior, conduct, as well as values will raise more youth who are Maka-Diyos, Maka-tao, Maka-kalikasan, at Maka-bansa.

With its renovation, Values Education (VE) will be educated in Grades 7 to 10 as an independent subject with the same time allocation as other fundamental subjects. The GMRC has been on a come-and-go. Dated back to School Year 1991-1992, the similar GMRC was included as a learning part of the fundamental school curriculum. The goals for the understanding area were based on DECS Order 6, s. 1988. This was presented by DO 90, s. 1991 at the elementary level. However, in 2013 upon execution of the K-12 curriculum, GMRC was removed.

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