

## UNDERSTANDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTANCE LEARNING

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Distance learning, also called distance education, e-learning, and online learning form of education in which the main elements include physical separations of teachers and students during instruction and the manipulation of numerous up-to-date learning tools to maximize communication for both teachers and learners.

Distance learning is a way of educating students online or through other learning modalities. Lectures and learning materials are sent over the internet and another mode of delivery.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, distance learning- typically a style of teaching utilized by colleges and universities is now being embraced by lower-level students as well. Entire school districts and campuses are forced to create online-based learning opportunities, modular-based instructions, and TV/radio-based instruction and do it effectively. These could be implemented depending on the appropriateness of each modality.

Looking into the different approaches could have advantages and disadvantages for some students. The advantage could be that students may continue learning even if they are far from school and be in their convenient places of learning, away from noisy classrooms and from bullying events from their peers. However, it could be disadvantageous to some students with no gadgets to use, limited computer or internet access, and of course those with limited resources. As well as those who have academically challenged students with no one who can assist their learning needs. When

like these needs are the majority among students, teachers must be resourceful enough to assist students' learning needs.

These could be the challenging moments for the teachers to act into, yet these will be the indicators that teachers are risk-takers especially when it calls for duty.

In the Philippines, the Department of Education (DepEd) has employed distance learning modalities to safeguard learning stability, which entails equipment and internet linking. This way, learners can keep on their education in isolated setups through online/offline platforms, TV and radio, and printed modules. They can get into these devices in various ways, such as blended learning and homeschooling. In blended learning, any of these modalities are mixed to maximize their advantages and achieve high-quality learning. In-home base education, learners are taught with the help of online teachers as their facilitators. School children can choose from three adaptable learning modes: 1) online, which utilizes accessible online classrooms for instruction distribution; 2) offline, which includes printed modules or digital media in storage gadgets; and (3) blended, which mixes online and offline modes.

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