

## K TO 12 IN PH: IS IT REALLY EFFECTIVE?

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It has been 11 years already since the Philippines adopted the K-12 curriculum as its educational system. The said program aims to upsurge the preparation of students to higher education, give access to domestic and overseas opportunities even after graduating in senior high school, and produce quality individuals who are more competent and capable. It originally came from the United States and then implemented by other educational institutions including the Philippines being the last country in Asia to adopt it.

As it was implemented, there are perception coming from the students saying that K-12 can positively affect their learnings (Montebon, 2014). However, parents happen to have a different view regarding its implementation because they consider it as another burden to them specifically the additional 2 years in senior high school. Some also say that it was decisive for the Philippines to adopt it suddenly just because it's one of the 3 countries who is still in the basic education curriculum.

Lack of information regarding the guidelines and insufficient resources on its implementation are some of the issues raised along the way. Teachers experienced the difficulty to adapt on the sudden transition because of the lack of preparation. Numbers of classroom are not enough as well to accommodate the students. Materials such as books and other references are in need of attention as well. Similarly, an article entitled "Evaluating the Academic Performance of K-12 Students in the Philippines: A Standardized Evaluation Approach" states that K-12 guidelines should be evaluated

because it is found that there are only limited studies that can support the effectiveness of the program's implementation.

These concerns still apply upto now because K-12 is still under question that's why parents are suggesting the office of the Vice President to remove it. However, as per former President Duterte, the newly-elect President Marcos will give another year to review the program. This is really a must because the moment it started; the same problem still exists.

Education should be braced by everyone as it dictates the future that we work for. It means everything to everyone because that's the only thing that we can hold on to in achieving our dreams. In order to that, an effective educational system should be implemented.

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