

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN THE BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM: SUPPORTED BY RESEARCH

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The introduction of Senior High School (SHS) in the basic education curriculum has been a significant milestone in the educational landscape of the Philippines. On the other hand, the public is still not 100% convinced of its importance. Hence, I would like to present the importance of SHS, backed by research evidence, highlighting its positive impact on the students' academic and career readiness.

Academic Preparedness

Research studies consistently demonstrate the positive effects of SHS on students' academic preparedness. According to Sarmiento and Orale (2016), the K-12 initiative is a more effective education model in comparison to the previous basic education curriculum in the Philippines as students can become ready for more demanding training in higher education, enter the workforce right away, or start their own business. Moreover, the additional two years of specialized instruction in SHS allow students to deepen their knowledge and develop critical thinking skills, enhancing their academic performance.

Career Readiness

SHS plays a vital role in preparing students for the workforce by aligning education with career pathways. A study by Orbeta et al. (2018) emphasized that the focused tracks and strands offered in the SHS allow students to explore their interests and develop specialized skills. This targeted approach equips students with relevant competencies and industry-relevant knowledge, enhancing their employability upon

graduation. Additionally, SHS provides work immersion opportunities, enabling students to gain practical experiences and develop essential workplace skills.

Transition to Higher Education

SHS facilitates a smoother transition to higher education for students. Research by Cuy and Salinas (2019) found that SHS graduates exhibited very high levels of aspiration and readiness in pursuing a college degree. The specialized tracks in SHS allow students to choose areas of study aligned with their interests and intended college courses, enabling them to make informed decisions about their educational pathways.

Research supports the significance of SHS in the basic education curriculum, as it enhances academic preparedness, fosters career readiness, and facilitates a seamless transition to higher education. SHS equips students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and experiences to excel academically and thrive in their chosen career paths.

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