

EMBRACING MATATAG CURRICULUM

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Despite the challenges in our basic education, the DepEd recently launched the MATATAG Curriculum “Bansang Makabata, Batang Makabansa”, which aims to decongest the current K to 12 Curriculum and which includes a reduction in the number of competencies and is more focused on the development of foundation skills such as literacy, numeracy and socio-emotional skills for Kindergarten to Grade 3 learners. The said curriculum will have a phased implementation, which will start by school year 2024-2025 for Kindergartens, Grades 1, 4, and 7. The curriculum will roll out in Grades 2, 5, and 8 by school year 2025-2026; followed by Grades 3, 6, and 9 for school year 2026-2027. By the school year 2027-2028 the revised curriculum will roll out in Grade 10, followed by the full curriculum implementation by 2028.

“Matatag” is a revised basic education curriculum under the K to 12 program that covers Kindergarten up to 10. The K to 12 is geared towards building knowledge and skills, while MATATAG Curriculum seeks to reinforce social and religious values. The objective is to produce citizens who are competent, job-ready, active, responsible, and patriotic.

As part of the phased implementation of the revised curriculum, the DepEd will start the training for teachers. The series of trainings would ensure to us as a teacher and to school heads have an in-depth understanding in this curriculum. In the new curriculum, teachers and education agencies will work together to solve the challenges in the basic education of our Filipino learners suits their need. Our government provides support for quality education that is relevant to the needs of the schoolchildren.

As educators, let us embrace the MATATAG Curriculum and be the agent of change in transforming the lives of our learners.

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