

GMRC AND THE FILIPINO LEARNERS

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With the pilot implementation of the MATATAG Curriculum, the Department of Education is on its way to strengthening good manners in our learners' lives.

Previously called Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao, it is now called GMRC or the Good Manners and Right Conduct. It primarily aims to develop not just intellectual learners but well-behaved youth as well.

The education specialists who promulgated the MATATAG curriculum have decided to highlight this subject as part of the abovementioned curriculum. It is implemented to further develop good values among young citizens of our country.

It may be recalled that this is not the first time GMRC is taught in schools. In the previous curriculum, it was included already. It was replaced by EsP when the K to 12 Curriculum was implemented. The recent curriculum change paved the way for this important subject's rebirth.

While Math, Science, and English are regarded as "main" subjects, GMRC must not be left behind. It is disappointing that as the youth acquire skills in academics and mastery of modern technology, their moral values slowly decline. As time goes by, good manners are slowly being disregarded and "not cool". Though not everyone, the majority of youths nowadays also lack good attitudes and social graces. Some may think that this is corny but having values must be developed.

We commend DepEd for this shift, highlighting moral, social, and spiritual development as vital for the learners. Training our young ones to be academically prolific

is good. We, however, should not forget to train them to be morally upright as well. Teaching them values may look simple but may go a long way, in the long run.

We would love to see pupils who are excelling in Mathematics, Science, and English competitions. But we would also like to see children respecting their elders, telling the truth, helping others, and defending those who are abused. We'd love to raise a generation of future leaders who are not just competent but trustworthy as well.

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