

MATATAG OVERVIEW: 21ST DEPED NEW CURRICULUM

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The MATATAG Curriculum, a substantial reform in the Philippine education system, was introduced by the Department of Education (DepEd) to elevate the quality of basic education. Introduced on August 10, 2023, its primary objectives are to fortify foundational skills, alleviate academic congestion, and integrate 21st-century competencies such as critical thinking, creativity, and digital literacy.

The MATATAG Curriculum places a strong emphasis on developing foundational skills in the following key areas:

1. **Language and Literacy:** Enhancing reading and communication skills in both Filipino and English to ensure pupils acquire proficiency in comprehension and expression.
2. **Numeracy and Mathematics—**Enhancing problem-solving and logical reasoning skills to lay a strong foundation in mathematics.
3. **Values Education** emphasizes character development, ethics, and good citizenship through values-based learning.

By prioritizing these areas, the curriculum aims to equip pupils with essential competencies for lifelong learning and future success. This shift also reduces academic congestion, enabling mastery-based learning instead of mere content coverage.

The MATATAG Curriculum places a strong emphasis on numeracy and mathematics, aiming to equip pupils with robust problem-solving and logical reasoning abilities. By

fostering a solid foundation in mathematical concepts, the curriculum equips pupils with the practical skills necessary to apply mathematical knowledge effectively in real-world scenarios.

Key Features of Mathematics in the MATATAG Curriculum

1. **Conceptual Understanding** - The curriculum emphasizes a deeper comprehension of mathematical principles rather than mere rote memorization.
2. **Progressive Learning** - Topics are introduced in a logical sequence, enabling students to build upon their prior knowledge before delving into more intricate concepts.
3. **Application-Based Approach** - Real-world problem-solving is integrated into math lessons, making the subject more practical and relevant to everyday life.
4. **Early Numeracy Development** - In the early grades, students focus on fundamental arithmetic, developing a strong foundation in number sense and pattern recognition.
5. **Critical Thinking and Logical Reasoning** - Activities and exercises that involve solving mathematical problems encourage students to analyze, reason, and think critically.
6. **Use of Technology and Manipulatives** - Digital tools, visual aids, and hands-on learning materials not only enhance students' engagement but also improve their comprehension.

By reinforcing mathematical literacy, the curriculum seeks to enhance pupil confidence and performance in numeracy, equipping them with the necessary skills to excel in higher-level mathematics and apply their knowledge effectively in daily life.

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