

FOCUSING MORE ON LITERACY THROUGH ARAL

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The Department of Education just recently launched the Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning Program, also known as the ARAL Program that will address the low proficiency levels among Filipino learners in basic education. This is also to ensure that the schools address the needs of learners before they embark to another step or level in their academic pursuits.

For its initial implementation, it will focus more on reading and mathematics. This will pave the way to eradicate illiteracy and eventually focus more on the literacy among Filipino learners.

It is indeed grateful to know that ARAL Program will center more on the learner. The learner-centered approach justifies the ultimate goal of education. This is focus more on the development, growth, and honing of individual student for his or her benefit, as focused more on literacy.

Teachers are tasked to provide more systematic class sessions to focus on the reading and mathematical skills of learners. Literacy on its widest sense should develop the knowledge and mastery among learners. To achieve this, ample time should be spent for the education of learners.

One of the best things embedded in the ARAL Program is highlighting the basic skills for better foundation in every learner. Before going to complex competencies, the teachers should develop and enrich basic skills in reading and in mathematics as well.

In terms of method, more accessible modality in teaching will be employed in this program. It is more on the face-to-face mode for the teacher to have an actual encounter with the struggling learners, thus, paving the way for more personalized approach in teaching.

It is a fact that not all learners are included in the ARAL Program. With this, a careful selection and deliberation of learner-clientele should be observed. The teachers must ensure that all the struggling learners who have literacy problems are included.

To bridge the gap in learning, this program is mandated. With the impact of the previous pandemic and calamities, the call for better literacy is needed. This could be addressed through this kind of remediation.

ARAL is indeed a great part of the continuous advocacy of DepEd towards literacy, and it is a better leap for the learners' future. Truly, no learner will be left behind and the gap will be resolved.

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