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DEPED'S 'ETULAY' ONLINE TUTORIALS: A WAY TO UPGRADE TEACHERS' INSTRUCTION

In line with the continuous innovation projects of the Department of Education, its Information and Communications Technology Service–Educational Technology Unit (ICTS-EdTech) has provided a new offering to enhance the ability of learners to grasp, understand and enjoy their lessons in their virtual classes.

This is through the introduction of the so-called **ETULAY Online Tutorials** or simply **'ETULAY.'** ETULAY combines the acronym for Educational Technology Unit (ETU) and 'tulay,' the Filipino term for bridge. **ETULAY** literarily means 'bridging' and DepEd has coined this term to refer to its online courses.

The program links the instructions of teachers to the related educational materials that are being produced on the internet by the Department. The activity uses the 'remediation' or the tutorial format using a streaming site.

ETULAY online tutorials were conceptualized on 04 January 2021 to support the different blended learning modalities of DepEd. The courses are contained in a tutorial web format with the following objectives:

- 1. To guide learners in answering Self-Learning Modules (SLMs);
- 2. To ensure that learners fully understand the important concepts using the vernacular means of communication;
- 3. To assist teachers in the delivery of lessons by providing free downloadable presentation tools and tutorial format of lessons (remediation); and
- 4. To promote the confidence of parents and guardians in facilitating distance learning.





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ETULAY is also meant to help the parents and guardians as they guide the learners in the proper appreciation of lessons. This is to enable the students absorb the concepts and skills shared by the teachers. It is noted that many parents and guardians end up answering the modules of the children for different reasons and circumstances.

ETULAY tells the parents how to supervise the children without adversely affecting the learners' capability to develop independence when it comes to their studies.

The term 'tutor' is often referred to as someone being paid to render services to teach and assist. At DepEd, however, the tutors of ETULAY are powered by the spirit of 'Bayanihan.' The voluntary culture of 'Bayanihan' is what the Department wants to promote in the education sector, given the challenging environment that both the teachers and the students now contend with because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

DepEd ICTS-Ed Tech has 'ETULAY tutors' who are devoted educators. They share their personal time to deliver free tutorial sessions to learners without disrupting their schedule for regular classes and duties as teachers.

The DepEd Online Courses (ETULAY) are aired on the following social media accounts from Monday to Friday synchronously:

- 1. https://www.facebook.com/depededtech (Facebook)
- 2. https://www.youtube.com/c/DepEdTV (YouTube)

There are also weekly lessons based on the Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELC). The offerings in the ETULAY sessions are comprised of the following:

- 1. Alternative Learning System (LS1 LS6) Elementary and High School
- 2. MTB-MLE for Grade 1-3 (Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuano & Kapampangan)
- 3. Grade 1 Grade 10 (All learning areas)
- 4. Senior High School subjects
- 5. Special Programs (SPED, ALIVE, Coding, Robotics, Financial Literacy, Digital Citizenship, Speech Program in Filipino and English, Storytelling Sessions, Reading and Math Remediation)

All videos streamed are recorded and uploaded in DepEd Commons so that they can be accessed asynchronously. The tutorials also form part of the Open Educational Resources (OERs) that can be used to upgrade the classroom/online instruction of teachers. The lessons are tagged according to weekly lessons.

The target of ETULAY for the future are the following:

1. Conduct remediation program in Science, English and Math with the use of different engaging online and gamified materials to help the

performance of learners for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

- 2. Conduct cyber-wellness program for parents and guardians.
- 3. Hold a virtual Robotics and Internet of Things program for learners.

Below are examples of the weekly schedules of ETULAY online tutorials for some subjects simultaneously being conducted by the DepEd ICTS-EdTech. They are for students in Grade 1 to 10, Senior High School and the Alternative Learning System. Remediation programs are also being held under the Special Offerings of the Department.

Grade 1 - Grade 10

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am – 10:00 am		MAPEH	9:00 - 9:40	9:00 - 9:30	9:00 - 9:30
		1, 4, 7 & 9	MTB-MLE 1	ESP 1 & 6	EPP 4 & TLE 7
			9:40 - 10:20	9:30 - !0:00	9:30 - !0:00
			MTB-MLE 2	ESP 2 & 7	EPP 5 & TLE 8
10:00 am - 11:00 am		MAPEH	10:20 -	10:00 - 10:30	10:00 - 10:30
		2, 5, 8, & 10	11:00	ESP 3 & 8	EPP 6 & TLE 9
			MTB-MLE 3	10:30 - 11:00	10:30 - 11:00
				ESP 4 & 9	TVL-CSS &
					TLE 10
11:00 am – 12:00 pm		MAPEH		11:00 - 11:30	
		3 & 6		ESP 5 & 10	
1:00 pm – 1:40 pm	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	FILIPINO	AP	MATH
	3 & 7	1 & 6	1 & 6	1 & 6	1 & 6
1:40 pm – 2:20 pm	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	FILIPINO	AP	MATH
	4 & 8	2 & 7	2 & 7	2 & 7	2 & 7
2:20 pm – 3:00 pm	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	FILIPINO	AP	MATH
	5 & 9	3 & 8	3 & 8	3 & 8	3 & 8
3:00 pm – 3:40 pm	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	FILIPINO	AP	MATH
	6 & 10	4 & 9	4 & 9	4 & 9	4 & 9
3:40 pm – 4:20 pm		ENGLISH	FILIPINO	AP	MATH
		5 & 10	5 & 10	5 & 10	5 & 10

^{*}MTB-MLE Offerings (Tagalog, Kapampangan, Ilocano and Cebuano)

Senior High School

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:00 am – 12:00 pm		HOPE			11:00 - 11:30
		2 & 4			Entrepreneurship
					& Business
					Ethics
					11:30 - 12:00
					FABM
4:00 pm – 4:40 pm	Physical	21 ST Century	Komunikasyon	UCSP &	Practical
	Science &	Lit. & EAPP	at Pananaliksik	Introduction to	Research 2 &
	Earth and Life		& Pagbasa at	the Philosophy	Basic Calculus
	Science		Pagsusuri	of the Human	
				Person	
4:40 pm- 5: 20 pm	Empowerment	Reading and	Filipino sa Piling	Personal	General
	Technologies	Writing Skills &	Larang (Tech	Development &	Mathematics &
	& Media and	Creative	Voc at	Philippine	Statistics and
	Information	Nonfiction	Akademik)	Politics and	Probability
	Literacy			Governance	
5:20 pm - 6:00 pm	General	Contemporary		Introduction to	Inquiries,
	Chemistry 2	Arts		World Religions	Investigation and
				and Belief &	Immersion
				Discipline and	3
				Ideas in the	2
				Social Sciences	*

Alternative Learning System

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am - 9:30 am					ALS Mobile
					(Featuring
					ALS Best
					Practices)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	LS1 (Filipino)	LS2 (Science)	LS3 (Math)	LS5	
	ELEMENTARY	ELEMENTARY	ELEMENTARY	Digital	
				Citizenship	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	LS1 (English)	LS2 (Science)	LS3 (Math)	LS6	
	SECONDARY	SECONDARY	SECONDARY	Understanding	
				Culture and	
				Society	

Special Offerings

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Wellness		Wellness		Wellness
	Exercise		Exercise		Exercise
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Reading		Reading		Reading
	Remediation		Remediation		Remediation
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Math		Math		Math
	Remediation		Remediation		Remediation
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Story Telling		Story Telling		Story Telling
	(Kinder – Grade		(Kinder – Grade		(Kinder – Grade
	3)		3)		3)
11:30 am - 12:00 am	Story Telling		Story Telling	ALIVE	Story Telling
	(Grade 4- 6)		(Grade 4- 6)	(Grade 2)	(Grade 4- 6)
3:40 - 4:20	Coding &				
	Robotics				
5:20 - 6:00	Mommy Tech	Speech Class	Klase sa		Financial
	Talks		Gramatika		Literacy

With the different blended learning modalities, **ETULAY serves as a bridging mechanism to help parents and guardians build their confidence in assisting their children as they study**. This is through the use of learning materials that are culled from DepEd TV episodes, SLMs and other tools available online.

ETULAY is now being rolled out because these are the times when access to information and knowledge has become free and easy. The tutorials are designed in such a way that parents and guardians can easily adjust to the methods as well.

Using the emerging technologies as tools, DepEd is able to fulfill its mandate of enabling Filipino teachers become accustomed to the high standards of instruction, enabling them to deliver nothing less than world-class quality of education.

For the information and guidance of all.





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