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DepEd to launch ALS-SHS program

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The Department of Education (DepEd) will soon offer the Senior High School (SHS) program in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in partnership with various higher education institutions (HEIs).

"We're developing the ALS Senior High School and the target is for us to complete it by this year [2018] to be rolled out by next year [2019]," DepEd Assistant Secretary for ALS G.H. Ambat told the Manila Bulletin.

Ambat said that DepEd is currently developing the curriculum for ALS SHS as well as the learning materials to be used and the training of teachers.

She noted that the ALS - SHS will include "team teaching" with formal schools that offer the SHS program depending on the exit preferred by the learner.

"If they wish to pursue higher education or college, there are core competencies that they need to take on top of the specializations of SHS," Ambat explained.

Should the learner choose TVL for employment or skills, Ambat said they need to take core subjects of SHS and skills training.

Currently, the SHS Program under the K to 12 Basic Education Program is being offered in formal schooling – both by DepEd schools and non-DepEd private schools, HEIs and technical - vocational institutions.