

MELCs Curriculum Guide

Teacher Checklist — MELCs vs MATATAG

MELCs (Most Essential Learning Competencies): 5,689 competencies trimmed from 14,171 under DO 18, s. 2020 for SY 2020-2021. MATATAG is the official curriculum for every grade it has reached; MELCs remain a legacy reference.

Grade Transition Table (original MATATAG rollout)

Grade	MATATAG Since	Guide to Use Now
Kindergarten, Grades 1, 4, 7	SY 2024-2025	MATATAG Curriculum Guide
Grades 2, 5, 8	SY 2025-2026	MATATAG Curriculum Guide
Grades 3, 6, 9	SY 2026-2027	MATATAG Curriculum Guide
Grade 10	SY 2027-2028	Old K-12 guide (MELCs-era reference) until transition

Checklist

- ☐ I checked my grade on the transition table before choosing a guide.
- ☐ My new lesson plans for transitioned grades come from the MATATAG guide, not MELCs.
- ☐ Old DLLs and modules are labeled "MELCs-era" so nobody mistakes them for current plans.
- ☐ I can decode a MELC code (subject + grade + quarter, e.g. G2-Q2).
- ☐ I only download MELCs from DepEd official releases or my division office.
- ☐ For Grade 10, I followed my division memo on MATATAG vs old-guide timing.
- ☐ I use MELCs for diagnostics: tracing a learner gap back to a prerequisite skill.

Sources: DO No. 18, s. 2020; Manila Bulletin (May 19, 2020); DO No. 010, s. 2024. More guides at matatagcurriculums.com.