



Implementing the Strengthened Senior High School Program

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Why are we strengthening Senior High School?

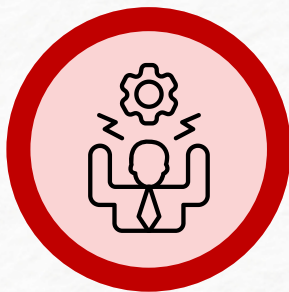
The SHS program has not yet reached its vision for the K to 12 graduates...

...but we have made some progress. We want to build on these small wins.



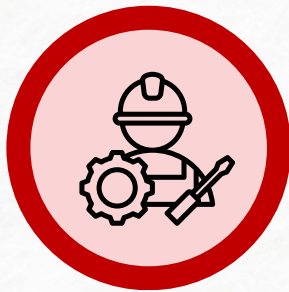
Congested Curriculum & Cognitive Mismatch

Excessive number of competencies limit instructional depth (ACTRC, 2021).



Overworked Students and Teachers

Instructional and homework time exceeds global standards (Dabbay et al., 2024).



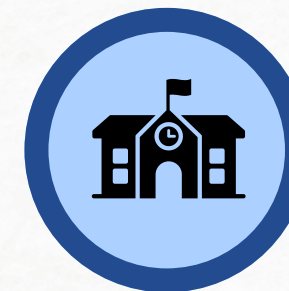
Low Labor Participation

10% of SHS completers enter the workforce, mostly in informal jobs (Bersales, 2024).



Improved Hiring Outlook

4 out of 5 companies are open to hiring SHS graduates, an improvement from 3 out of 5 in 2018 (PBE, 2024).



Increased School Participation

The SHS program boosted enrollment among 16- to 17-year-olds by 13%, with the highest gains in low-income groups (20%-21%) (Ducanes & Ocampo, 2019).

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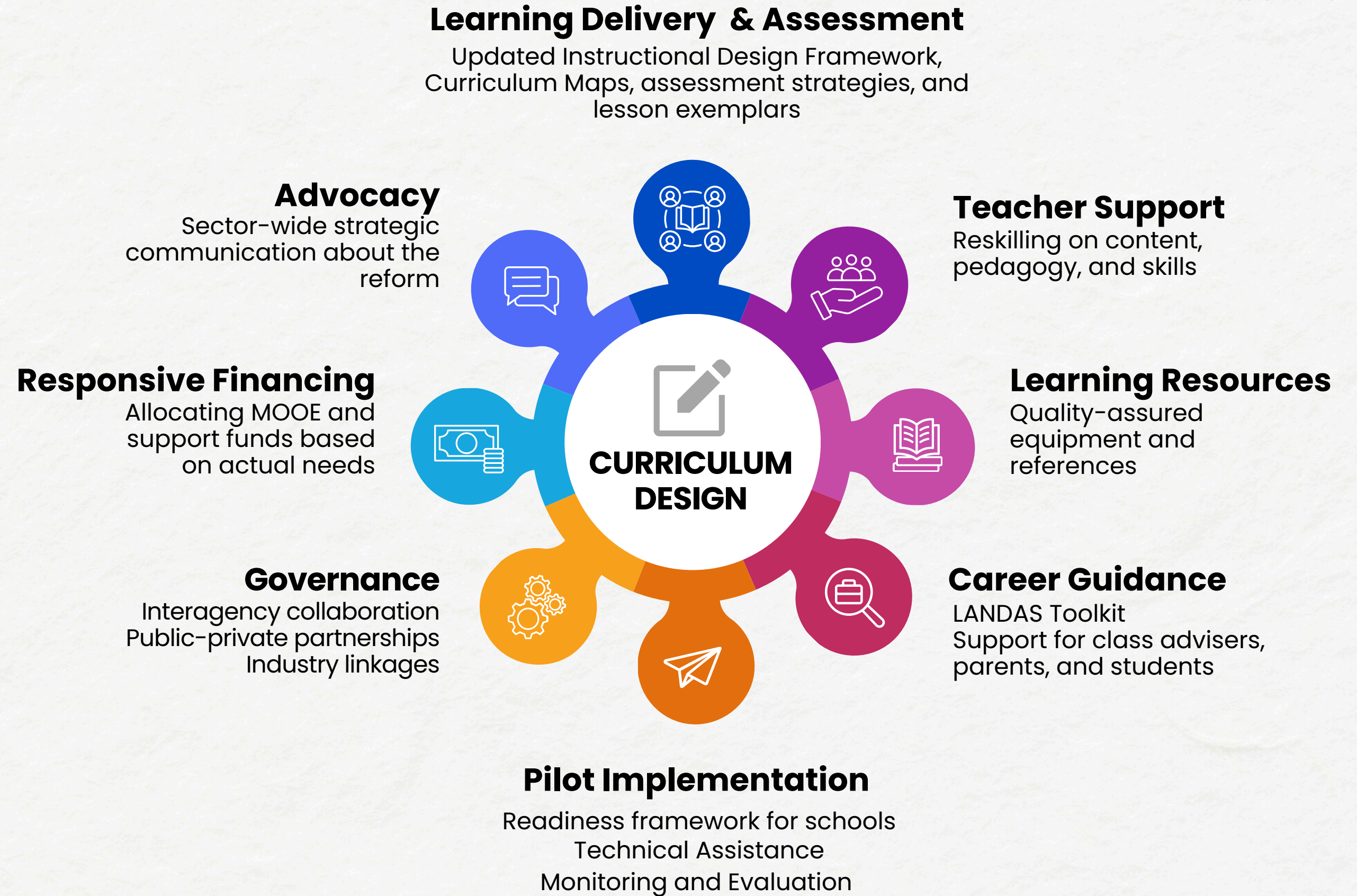
Vision for the Reform



Key Features of the Strengthened Senior High School Program

1. Two tracks only: Academic & TechPro (previously TVL)
2. Five core subjects
3. Streamlined and updated electives
4. Updated time allotment
5. Choice of subject based on student exit plans, not tracks

Strengthening
the Senior High
School program
is not just
updating the
SHS curriculum,
but **upgrading
the whole
system** to
support it.



Updates on the Strengthened SHS Pilot Implementation

Profile of SSHS Pilot Schools

Sector	Universe SHS	Pilot SHS	%
Private	4,829	277	5.74%
Public	7,910	614	7.76%
Total	12,739	891	6.99%

The current number of pilot schools represents **6.99%** of the universe of schools offering SHS.

Criteria for nominating pilot schools:

1. Diversity of electives offering
2. Sufficiency of teachers
3. Availability of facilities and learning resources

Other parameters were considered in finalizing the pilot schools for representation:

- 1.school size
- 2.rural versus urban location
- 3.public versus private management
- 4.stand-alone versus integrated

SSHS Track offering by region



SHS Track Offering	I	II	III	IV-A	IV-B	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	BARMM	CAR	CARAGA	NCR	NIR	Total
Acad	0	4	49	29	4	2	5	3	0	0	2	3	3	9	2	1	21	0	137
Acad and TechPro	30	37	111	47	15	20	49	38	34	34	35	24	22	18	17	21	52	123	727
TechPro	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	10
For Verification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	7	0	1	17
Total	30	41	163	76	19	22	56	47	34	6	37	29	26	29	20	29	75	124	891

- 20–29 schools
- 30–50 schools
- more than 50 schools

Top Electives Offered by the SSHS Pilot Schools

Acad Electives (1st Sem)

1. Business 1 (Basic Accounting)
2. Biology 1
3. Introduction to Organization and Management
4. Finite Mathematics 1
5. Chemistry 1

TechPro Electives (1st and 2nd Sem)

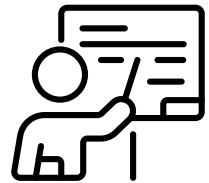
1. Computer Systems Servicing
2. Food and Beverage Operation
3. Bakery Operations
4. Electrical Installation Maintenance
5. Kitchen Operations

Acad Electives (2nd Sem)

1. Biology 2
2. Business 2 (Business Finance and Income Taxation)
3. Finite Mathematics 2
4. Chemistry 2
5. Physics 2

Data is from the 848 pilot schools that answered the Training Needs Assessment as of Dec. 1, 2025

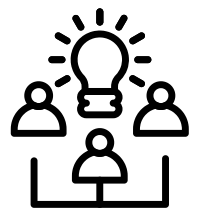
Support for Pilot Schools



Lesson Exemplars were prepared for teachers.



A **curated list** mapped to the competencies in the curriculum were downloaded, along with a budget for printing through the MOOE.



Teacher training sessions and Orientation Sessions for School Leaders were conducted.



Monthly check-in sessions with implementers, newsletters, and **multiple communication lines** with implementers are provided.

Tracking our Progress

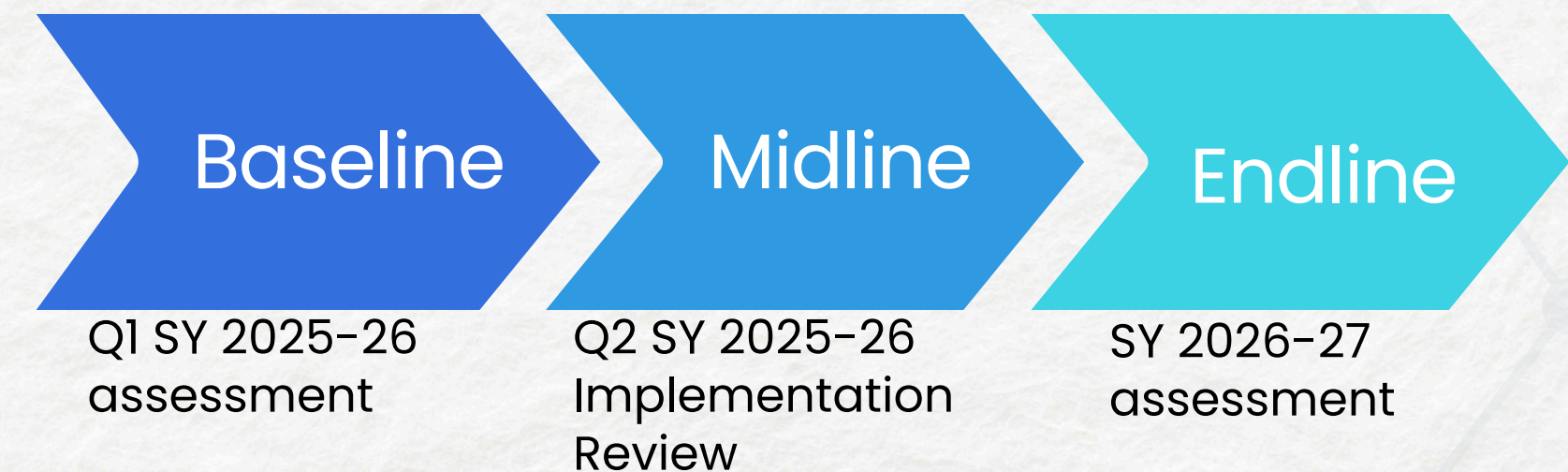


DepEd will closely monitor implementation across different governance levels to **keep the program on track.**



Ongoing collaboration with the **Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)** to design and implement an **evaluation study.**

Proposed Evaluation Study



Guiding questions:

1. *How well does the strengthened SHS curriculum align with its intended design and objectives?*
2. *What factors contribute to or hinder the successful implementation of the strengthened SHS curriculum?*
3. *How does the strengthened SHS curriculum affect student outcomes?*

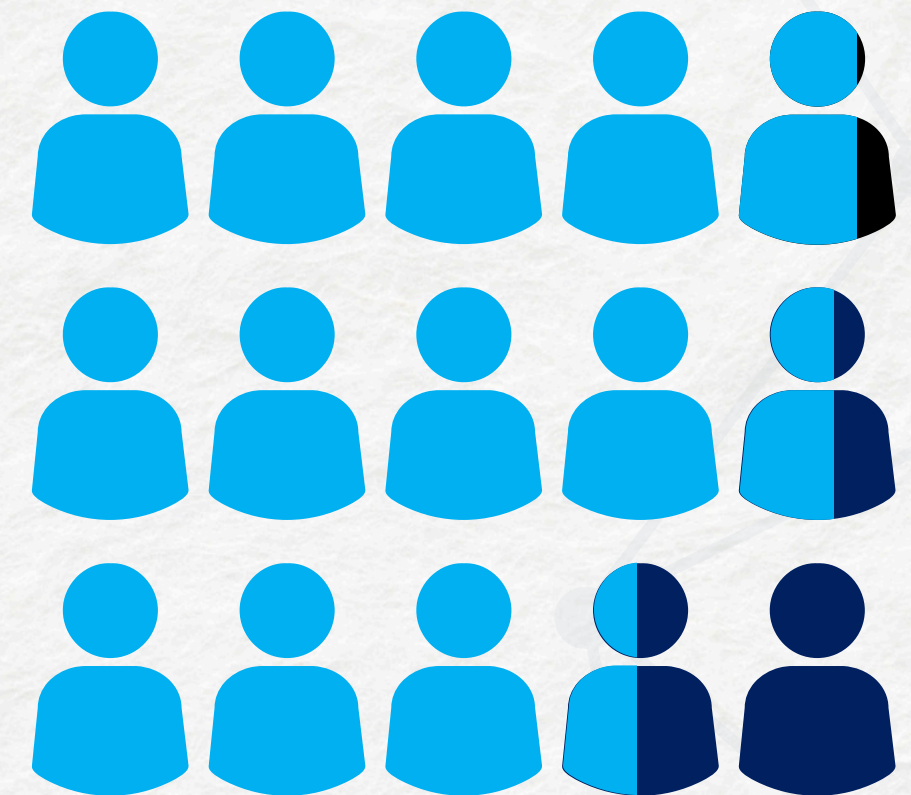
Insights from initial monitoring

*Outlook and Emerging Themes for
Learners and Teachers*

Outlook on the strengthened SHS is generally high

Confidence in the implementation of SSHS is high across groups, where:

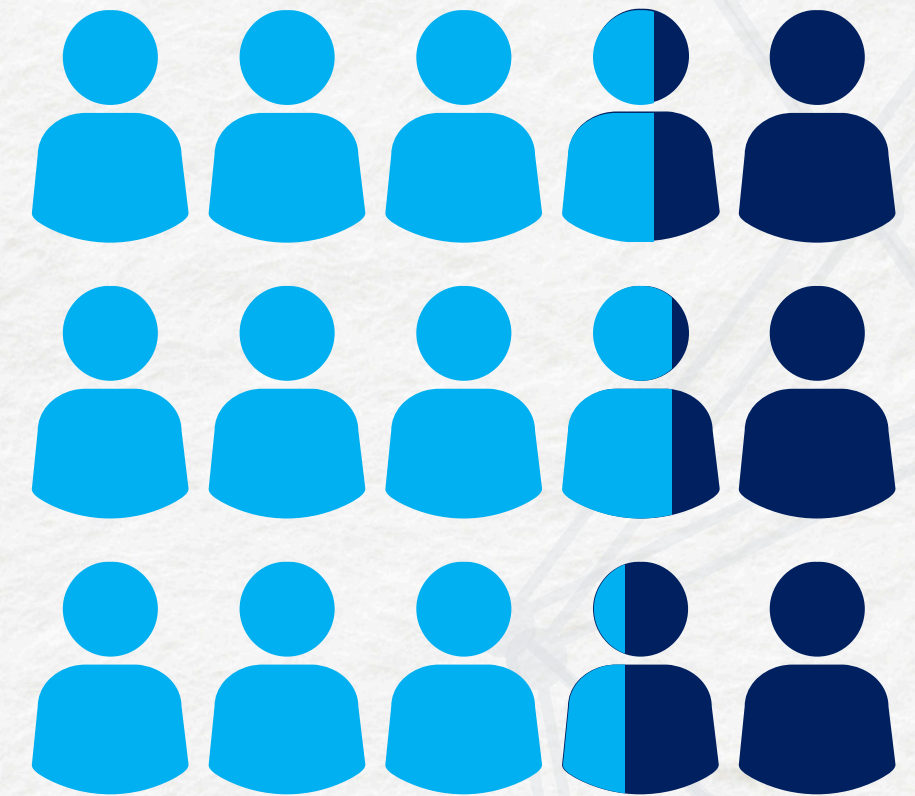
- **99.3%** of school heads expressed confidence in implementing the new curriculum
- **99.1%** of school heads affirmed that their schools can satisfactorily implement the curriculum.
- **94.0%** of teachers expressed confidence in their ability to deliver instruction under the new curriculum.



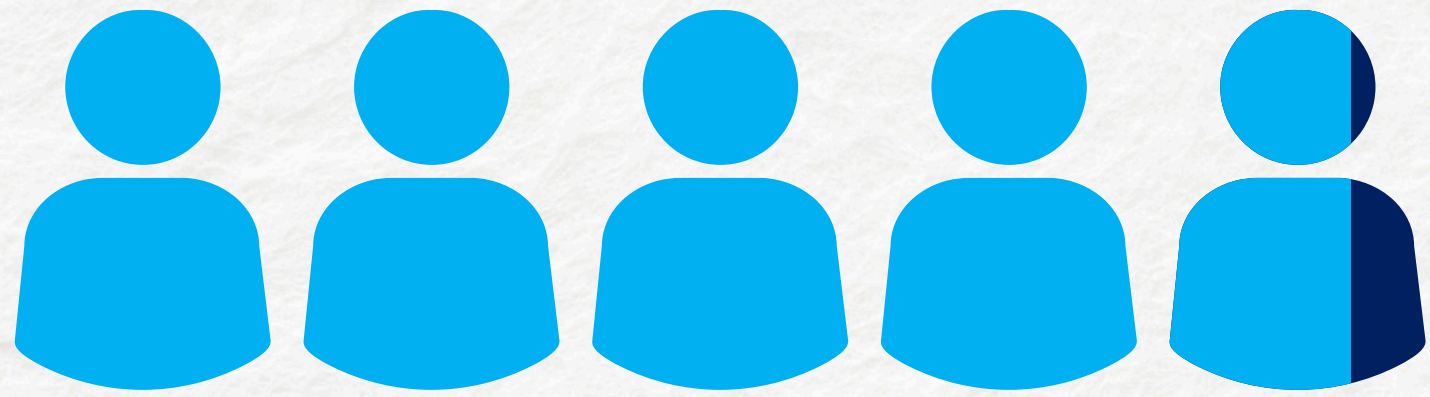
Learners' perception on SSHS

Learners expressed confidence on the SSHS Curriculum, particularly:

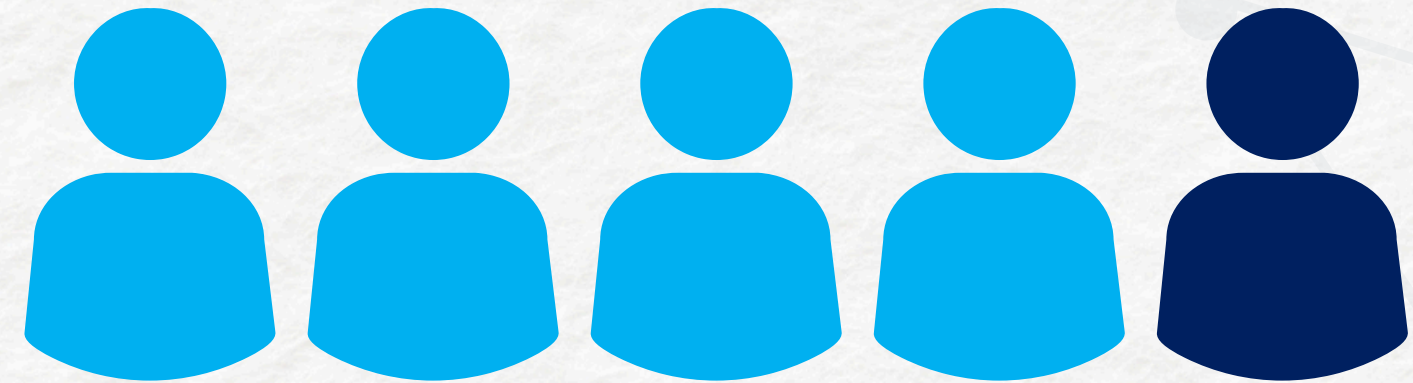
- **98.1%** of learners believe that their teachers deliver lessons confidently.
- **98.4%** of learners expressed confidence in learning what matters in their subjects.
- **96.7%** of learners believe the new curriculum will prepare them well for higher education or employment.



Satisfaction on SSHS



Nearly 5 out of 5 parents (98.9%) expressed overall satisfaction with their child's experience, with more than half saying they are 'very satisfied'.



4 of 5 teachers (63.5%) highlight implementation areas that could be further developed, while a smaller group already feels implementation is smooth.

Options for Full Implementation

1

Full Roll-out by SY 2026–2027

- All schools offering SHS will implement the new curriculum for Grade 11 by SY 2026–2027.

2

Extended Pilot

- The 891 pilot schools will implement the new curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 by SY 2026–2027.
- All other schools will wait for SY 2027–2028 to start implementation in Grade 11.

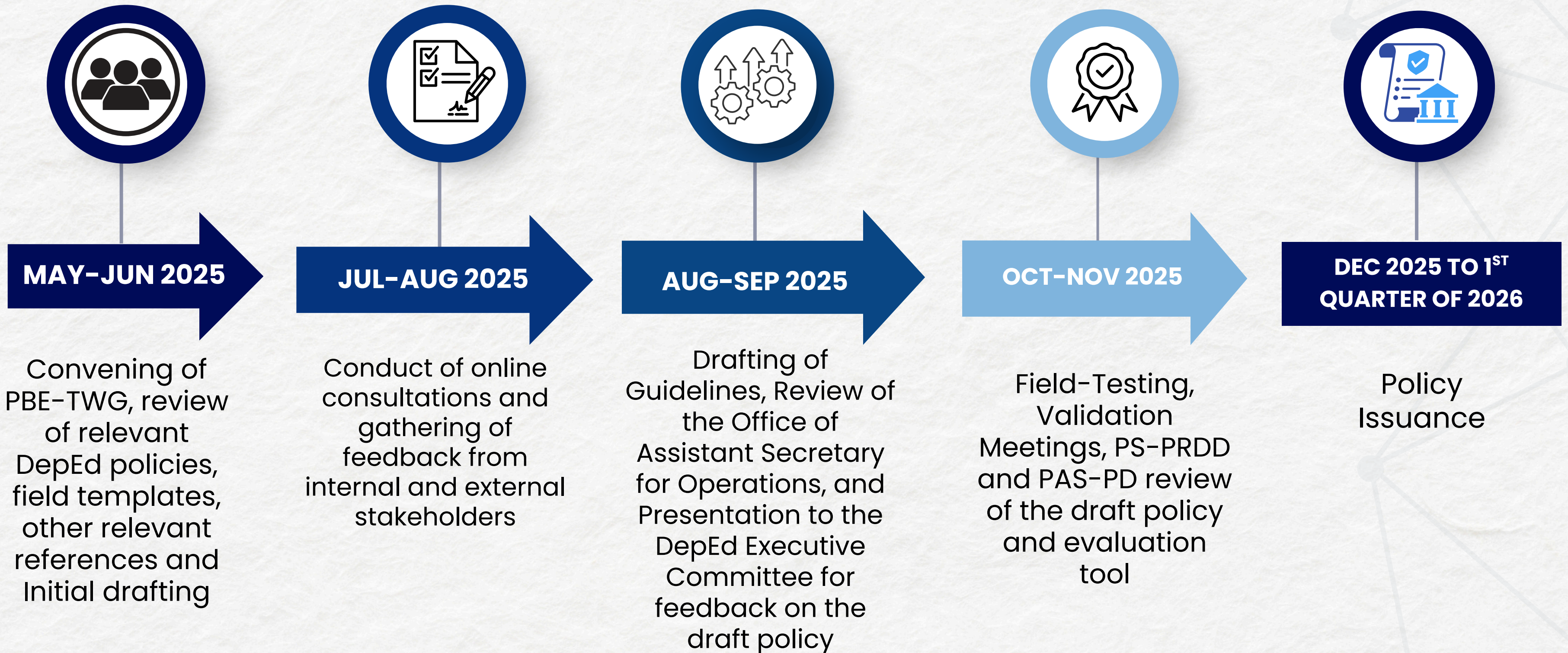
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Partial Implementation

- The 891 pilot schools will implement the new curriculum for Grade 11 and 12 by SY 2026–2027.
- Additional pilot schools will implement the new curriculum for Grade 11 by SY 2026–2027.
- All other schools will wait for SY 2027–2028 to start implementation in Grade 11.

SHS Recognition

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Key Features of the Policy

Policy Title: **Government Recognition for Private Basic Education Institutions Offering the Senior High School Programs**

01

Establishment of a
Standardized
Recognition
Framework

02

Clear Eligibility and
Application
Requirements

03

Program-Specific
Evaluation

04

Ocular Inspection

05

Stronger Focus on
Learner Protection
and Welfare

06

Compliance with
Standards for
Teaching and Non-
teaching Personnel

07

Learning Delivery
and Curriculum
Alignment

08

Use of Monitoring,
Evaluation, and
Accountability
Mechanisms

09

Integration of ICT
Systems in the
Recognition Process

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Provisions for
Continuous
Improvement

Thank you!