Summary of the Teaching of Philosophy in Palau (Republic of)

Philosophy in the National goals of Education

The vision of the Ministry of Education is that “all students will be successful in the Palauan society and the world.” The MOE aims to “in partnership with students, parents, and the community, [...] to ensure student success through effective curriculum and instruction in a conducive learning environment.”

The curriculum for primary and secondary education includes the following courses:

- English language arts
- Health education
- Math and science
- Palauan studies
- Physical education
- Social studies
- Special education

Palau has three schools participating in UNESCO’s Associated Schools Project (ASPnet).


Gross Enrolment Ratio

Primary: N/A
Secondary: N/A

Percentage of GDP invested in education: N/A
Percentage of government expenditure invested in education: N/A
Compulsory Education: 6-14

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2 The GER is used in the education sector and by the UN. According to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics the definition of the GER is the “total enrolment in a specific level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education in a given school year.” Its purpose is “to show the general level of participation in a given level of education. It indicates the capacity of the education system to enrol students of a particular age group. It can also be a complementary indicator to net enrolment rate (NER) by indicating the extent of over-aged and under-aged enrolment.” It is calculated by dividing “the number of pupils (or students) enrolled in a given level of education regardless of age by the population of the age group which officially corresponds to the given level of education, and multiply the result by 100.”
3 N/A
4 N/A
5 http://www.palaumoe.net/?q=node/22
6 http://www.palaumoe.net/?q=node/130
7 Ibid.
8 Ibid.

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Primary education
There are 22 public primary schools and two private elementary schools. Primary education consists of eight grades.

Assessment
There quarterly assessment test conducted by the MOE. There is also a Palau achievement test at the end of grades four, six and eight. This test aims to test the overall progress by students.

Case studies of philosophy teaching in primary schools: Identified courses called “philosophy” in schools
Not available at this moment.

Secondary education
There is one public secondary school and five private secondary schools. Secondary education consists of four grades. The social studies programme for includes a philosophy related goals:

“A debate forum for the secondary schools: Participating students demonstrate skills involving research, critical and analytical thinking, and public speaking.”

In Palau high school, which is a public school, the school year consists of two semesters. Students take four classes each semester of which two will be taken in the morning (each for 90 minutes) and two in the afternoon.
Assessment
Not available at this moment.

Case studies of philosophy teaching in secondary schools: Identified courses called “philosophy” in schools
Not available at this moment.

Case studies of philosophy teaching in secondary schools: Philosophy related teaching in schools
Not available at this moment.

Identified programmes to provide teaching materials in philosophy
Not available at this moment.

Links

http://stats.uis.unesco.org/unesco/

http://www.palaumoe.net/

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