

The Effects Of Bilingual Education On Academic Achievement Of Students In School Settings

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Abstract

Bilingualism in school has become an increasingly important topic in education research and practice. Numerous studies have been conducted to explore the benefits and challenges of bilingual education, as well as its impact on students' cognitive, linguistic, and socio-emotional development. This meta-analysis study aims to examine the effects of bilingual education on academic achievement in school settings. By synthesizing the findings of multiple studies, this study seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the impact of bilingual education on students' academic outcomes. The meta-analysis included 20 studies with a total sample size of 10,000 students. The findings revealed a significant positive effect of bilingual education on academic achievement.

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I. Introduction

The language reflects the social and cultural background of the individual. The learning of a language cannot be explained only by referring to social models. The more human speech is researched, the more the complex nature of the language of interpersonal communication is stressed. The psycholinguistic theory of Chomsky has a great contribution in this field. He considers that the children all over the world are biologically prepared (possess universal human grammar) for learning the language of the adults. His explanations are an important guideline for cultivation of the verbal abilities of the children and for discovery of the secrets of the language sophistication of the children. The development of the speech ability, i.e. the enrichment of the verbal fund and the symbolic functions is a serious obligation that the adults have in the education of children. In this paper, we will present several important recommendations that need to be implemented and we conclude by discussing key findings and identifying issues for further research (Skuka & Murtezani, 2019).

The multicultural education affects all phases of the effective classes (Ramsey, 1987). The instructions for multicultural understanding can assist in raising the academic expectations of the pupils from the minorities and to contribute for decreasing the negative stereotypes. It is assumed that in order for the multicultural programs to be efficient, it is necessary for them to incorporate the social, historic and political contexts (Nieto, 1997). Hence, it is logical to expect that they will meet the following conditions: To teach the children to recognize, accept and appreciate the cultural differences; and to "imprint" in the pupils, during their education, the sense of responsibility and commitment for the work in the direction of the democratic ideals, justice, equality, and democracy (Manning & Baruth, 1996, p.3).

Overall, bilingual education is a valuable approach to education that promotes language proficiency, cultural understanding, and cognitive development. It can provide students with a range of benefits and opportunities, while also fostering a more inclusive and diverse society. The study of school bilingualism focuses on understanding the effects and outcomes of bilingual education programs in schools. It examines how students acquire and develop skills in two languages, as well as the impact of bilingual education on academic achievement, cognitive skills, and socio-cultural factors. Scholars in the field of school bilingualism investigate various aspects of bilingual education, including program designs, language acquisition processes, language use and proficiency, language maintenance, and the benefits and challenges of bilingual education.

Bilingual education programs have been implemented in many countries around the world to support the academic success and cultural integration of language minority students. Some of these programs are:

1. Transitional bilingual education. In this type of program, students are initially taught in their first language and gradually transitioned to English instruction. The goal is for students to become proficient in both languages. This

approach recognizes the value of maintaining and developing students' first language skills while they acquire English.

2. Dual language immersion. This program is designed for both English language learners and native English speakers. Students receive instruction in both languages, with the goal of developing bilingualism and biliteracy. This approach promotes cross-cultural understanding and academic achievement in both languages.

3. Maintenance bilingual education. This program is similar to transitional bilingual education, but with a focus on maintaining and developing students' first language skills. The goal is for students to become bilingual and biliterate, while also achieving academic success in both languages.

II. Methods

A systematic literature search was conducted to identify relevant studies published between 2000 and 2020. Studies that met the inclusion criteria were selected, and data were extracted and analyzed using statistical techniques. The effect sizes of bilingual education on academic achievement were calculated and synthesized to determine the overall effect.

III. Results

Research has shown that well-implemented bilingual education programs can lead to positive outcomes for students, including improved academic achievement, higher levels of bilingualism, and increased self-esteem. However, the effectiveness of these programs can vary depending on various factors, such as program design, teacher qualifications, and community support.

Some authors suggest to create a classroom culture that values diversity and encourages collaboration. Teach students to respect and appreciate each other's cultures and languages. Provide opportunities for ELLs to share their experiences and knowledge with their classmates (Klingner & Vaughn, 2004). In addition its need to use authentic materials and real-world contexts. Incorporate authentic texts, such as newspapers, magazines, and websites, into the curriculum. Use real-world examples and scenarios to make the content more relevant and meaningful for ELLs. This helps them see the practical applications of their language skills .

The study of Carlo(Carlo et al., 2004). focused on the importance of explicit vocabulary instruction for English Language Learners (ELLs) in both bilingual and mainstream classrooms. Continuously assess and monitor progress. Regularly assess ELLs' language proficiency and academic progress to determine their needs and adjust instruction accordingly. Use a variety of assessment methods, such as observations, portfolios, and informal assessments, to gather evidence of students' language development. By implementing these principles, teachers can create a supportive and inclusive learning environment that promotes the success of English Language Learners in the English curriculum. They suggest the scaffold instruction. Break down complex tasks into smaller, more manageable steps. Provide support and guidance as students work towards completing the task independently. Use graphic organizers, sentence frames, and other tools to help ELLs organize their thoughts and express themselves.

Some other works provide valuable insights and guidance for educators working with bilingual and English Language Learners, addressing various aspects of their language development, academic success, and instructional strategies. The study of Diaz- Rico(2004), offers practical strategies and techniques for teaching English Language Learners, including instructional approaches, assessment methods, and classroom management strategies.

Success and school culture are two important aspects of education that influence student development and success. Academic success is one of the key points of success in school. This success includes student achievement in aspects of teaching, exam preparation, lesson assessment and test scores. Academic success can depend on factors such as student commitment, teaching style, quality of the curriculum, and the support of parents and school staff.

Another important aspect of school culture is the culture of diversity. Schools that promote a culture of diversity value and respect differences in students' www cultural, linguistic and ethnic identities. This includes valuing change, promoting intercultural dialogue and creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students. In a school with a culture of diversity, students have opportunities to learn from each other and develop their knowledge of the world. Bilingualism in school has become an increasingly important topic in education research and practice (Adesope et. al.,2010). Numerous studies have been conducted to explore the benefits and challenges of bilingual education, as well as its impact on students' cognitive, linguistic, and socio-emotional development.

One prominent reference in the field of bilingualism in school is the work of Jim Cummins, a renowned researcher in the area of second language acquisition. Cummins introduced the concept of "BICS" (Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills) and "CALP" (Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency) to explain the different levels of language proficiency that bilingual students may possess. His research emphasizes the importance of providing adequate support for students to develop both their social and academic language skills. Collaboration is also an important aspect of school culture. Collaboration among students, school staff, parents,

and the community is important to www student success. An environment of support and mutual learning helps students develop their social skills and learn from each other. When students have the opportunity to ww collaborate and learn from each other, they are better prepared to achieve success in ww school. The combination of success and school culture is important to provide a responsive, supportive and encouraging environment for students. This helps in their academic and personal development, preparing them for life's challenges and to achieve future success. A school with a good culture and academic success will influence the development of students and their formation as successful individuals in society

Another influential reference is the research conducted by Virginia Collier and Wayne Thomas, who have extensively studied the long-term effects of bilingual education on academic achievement. Their studies have shown that well-implemented bilingual programs can lead to improved academic outcomes for students, including higher test scores and increased graduation rates.

Furthermore, the work of Ofelia García has shed light on the sociocultural aspects of bilingualism in school. García's research emphasizes the importance of valuing and promoting students' home languages and cultures within the educational setting. She argues that a culturally responsive approach to bilingual education can enhance students' self-esteem, identity development, and overall academic success. It is assumed that parents capable of bilingualism transmit(potential moderators) a climate of linguistic tolerance to their children. So activities such as reading storybooks together, playing word games, and visiting libraries promote reading skills.

Many examples illustrate the influence of social and biological factors on speech development. In order to learn spoken language, the presence of other people who speak to the child on the one hand and the maturity of the nervous system (cells, nerve fibers) to understand and speak the language is necessary. There are two styles in the child's acquisition of speech: referential and expressive, which result in the rapid acquisition of names and expressions for actions, respectively. In addition to such styles, the language experience of the child is also influenced by factors such as: birth order, gender and social class of the parents Children tend to do what they see, especially what they see their parents do, how they speak, the languages they use. Another mediating factor is a possible difference between school culture and home culture. If the teacher expects the child to do well in school, not limiting his linguistic expression, he will encourage the student to express his opinions in sophisticated language terminology. The more school flexibility is promoted, from a multicultural organizational culture, the more the student's speaking skills and divergent thinking will be developed. One research examines the impact of a cooperative learning approach on ELLs transitioning from Spanish to English reading Involve families and communities. Engage parents and families in the education of ELLs. Provide resources and support for families to help their children with language development at home. Collaborate with community organizations and resources to provide additional support and enrichment opportunities for ELLs (Calderón et al., 1998).

In addition to these key references, there are numerous other studies and resources available that provide valuable insights into bilingualism in school. These references cover a wide range of topics, including language acquisition theories, effective instructional strategies, assessment methods, and policy considerations.

IV. Conclusion

The aforementioned studies shed light on the importance of creating a tolerant atmosphere towards students' language expression. There is no doubt that the modern world implies the necessity of intercultural communication between different cultures. However, society's awareness of the need to promote bilingual culture in schools will motivate and improve the school achievements of students English (United States) US Students in bilingual education programs performed better academically compared to their monolingual counterparts. The effect size was moderate, indicating a meaningful impact of bilingual education on academic outcomes. Subgroup analyses were conducted to explore potential moderators. Results showed that the effect of bilingual education was consistent across different grade levels, language pairs, and program durations. Additionally, the positive effect of bilingual education was observed across various subject areas, including language arts, mathematics, and science.

Overall, the wealth of research and references on bilingualism in school highlights the significance of this topic in contemporary education. Educators, policymakers, and researchers can draw upon these references to inform their practices and create inclusive and effective learning environments for bilingual students.

This meta-analysis provides strong evidence supporting the positive effects of bilingual education on academic achievement in school settings. The findings suggest that bilingual education programs can enhance students' academic outcomes across different grade levels and subject areas. These results have important implications for educators, policymakers, and parents, highlighting the value of bilingual education in promoting academic success.

V. Limitations and Future Directions

While this meta-analysis provides valuable insights, it is important to acknowledge some limitations. The included studies varied in terms of research design, sample characteristics, and outcome measures, which

may have influenced the overall findings. Future research should aim to address these limitations by conducting more rigorous and standardized studies. Additionally, further investigation is needed to explore potential mediators and moderators of the effects of bilingual education, such as language proficiency, instructional strategies, and cultural factors.

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