

## SUCCEEDING TOGETHER: IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

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Together we stand divided we fall and no man is an island are different quotation that would only mean the same thing, working together would bring the best result out of what we are doing. This is not only observed to the societies advancement but through our education system.

Different research provided the necessary data to understand the positive effects of collaborative learning in education, Barkley, Cross, and Major 2014 discussed that collaborative learning is a term used to describe a student joint effort to work together for a common goal of learning. This helps learners to create and connect ideas that would give them a better understanding of topics and concepts. Collaboration of learners is not only a strategy that can be adapted for a new and transformative learning experience but can also provide a wide range of positive on the learners but the society in general.

According to Ismail et al. (2018), the very essence of collaborative learning is working together for a common goal. This expresses the idea of being responsible to the learning experience not only for an individual but through his/her peers. This promotes camaraderie among learners that provides support not only for pursue of knowledge but for their own well-being. Research conducted by the University of California- LA which proves that cooperative learning has a great effect on an individual's well-being, it reduces social anxiety and loneliness of individuals. This promotes the sense of belongingness an individual would be need to be part of the society. This opens up a learner's willingness to be motivated and increase engagement. This lessens the idea of being left behind.

Collaborative learning also improves critical thinking and problem-solving which is one of the ability needed for the future endeavors of our learners. In this society, task are given to be able to ascertain individual skills and adaptability on situations. Collaborative learnings provide learners with a capabilities to think outside of the box or looking at a problem in different angles. This promotes ingenuity in tackling task and problems that would arise on learners future endeavors and adjusting to different situations in the society.

Since society is enormous place, diversity is observed everywhere. A learner that is a part of collaborative learning environment tends to have improve social skills that would be vital in everyday life and the future career plans. A study about collaborative learning and social skills by Laksmiwati, Rusijono, Mariono, and Arianto (2022) shows that a learner in the collaborative learning environment acquired a higher level of social skills than those who are not. This implies that through innovations like collaborative learning learners tend to acquire more skills in dealing with situations new to them and learning life skills that would be needed in the future that currently improves academic performance of learners.

Collaborative learning is a powerful strategy that can be adopted to every educational institution, this provide interpersonal skills to individuals especially learners to be able to adapt to the society and prepare them for the future. This also empowers them to connect with individuals that would help them gain personal and professional achievement that would be need for their future.

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