

HOW DOES SCHOOL FUNDING IMPACT IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT?

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In any agency, organization, or institution, finance or funding is one of the fundamental factors for it to be managed and operated. Just like in schools, funds as one of the essential resources need to be planned carefully and managed properly. Along with the quality of teaching and the support from the stakeholders, school funding is necessary to be considered because it is crucial in improving the quality of education. People are aware that an improved quality of education bears a substantial impact on the success of learners. In fact, numerous studies have claimed that school funding has a significant correlation with the academic achievement of students. Whether the source of funding for schools is made by the government, a private entity, or the stakeholders, it is deemed necessary to allocate school funds appropriately to address local needs. This can have a far-reaching implication towards positive youth development outcomes.

One of the many ways that student achievement is affected by school funding is that it influences the quality of resources which are accessible to students. High-funded schools have better quality resources such as textbooks, instructional materials, technology, and facilities, which should be readily available to students for their study and learning. It contrasts with those schools with limited funding where there is a lack of learning resources that can be used by the students, affecting their performance in academics.

Another factor that can be affected by school funding is the level of support provided to students. Academic support is received by students through their teachers and other staff in the school. Employing more teachers and school staff will reduce issues

concerning class size and attention to struggling learners. More attention of teachers and school staff to students means an increase in student engagement and academic success.

Furthermore, the quality of education offered to students can also be determined by school funding. Well-funded schools can hire and train adept teachers to deliver high-quality education to students and can offer more comprehensive learning programs which can mostly benefit students. If students are exposed to a vast range of learning opportunities, this can help them to acquire more diverse learning competencies, preparing them for their future careers.

With these ways, it is deemed emphasized the significance of school funding to student achievement. Nevertheless, it is also significant to realize that school funding alone is not a sole contributing factor of student achievement. Factors such as teacher quality, curriculum, and parental involvement should also be taken into consideration towards educational improvement. There should be a holistic approach to adequate funding merging with competent teaching practices and supportive learning environments to increase student achievement. Investment in school funding, in a nutshell, can result to substantial improvements in the academic performance and welfare of students, which they can use in their future pursuits.

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