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01 INTRODUCTION

Alternative Education, Homeschooling, Portfolio Assessment, Post-Pandemic Era

Homeschooling has emerged as a popular alternative to traditional education in recent years (Jamaludin et al., 2015; Safar, 2018; Donnelly, 2019; Purwaningsih & Fauziah, 2020), allowing parents to take a more active role in their children's education (Carlson, 2020). The state of homeschooling during the pandemic saw a significant increase in its popularity and acceptance, with parents seeking more control over their children's learning environment and curriculum (Odak & Sijerčić, 2021).

Prior to the pandemic, homeschooling targets learners with illness or special educational needs, who travel frequently, or with parents who prefer to teach their children (DepEd 2019). Homeschooling provides a more individualized and flexible approach, enabling parents to modify the curriculum and instructional strategies to meet the unique needs, talents, and interests of their kid (Safar, 2018)

Homeschooling requires parents to maintain records of academics, such as test scores or portfolios of students' work and students must take a standardized test or undergo a portfolio review of their academic progress (Robson et al., 2020).

Portfolio assessment in homeschooling refers to the process of documenting and evaluating a student's learning progress through a collection of artifacts, such as samples of work, projects, and reflections. Unlike traditional testing methods that focus on quantifiable outcomes, portfolio assessment emphasizes a comprehensive evaluation of a student's overall growth and development.

Specifically, this literature review aims to answer the following questions:

1. How is portfolio assessment implemented in homeschooling?
2. What are the trends in the implementation of portfolio assessment in homeschooling?
3. What are the advantages and challenges of implementing portfolio assessment in homeschooling?
4. What are the recommendations for future applications of portfolio assessment in homeschooling?

02 METHODOLOGY

A **systematic literature review approach** was used to conduct this review. According to Sataloff et al. (2021) a systematic review employs clear methodology to answer a research issue by conducting a thorough search of literature, carefully evaluating the quantity and quality of research evidence, and analyzing the evidence to synthesize an answer.
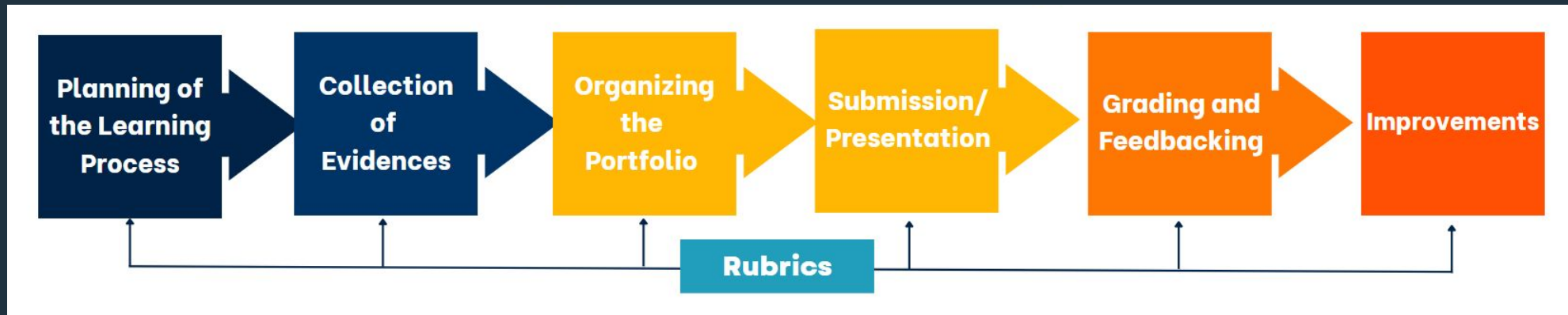
| 1. DATA COLLECTION | 2. EXTRACTION | 3. EVALUATION | 4. SYNTHESIS |

03 RESULTS & DISCUSSION

How is portfolio assessment implemented in homeschooling?

What are the trends in the implementation of portfolio assessment in homeschooling?

Digitalization of Portfolios

With the integration of digital tools and platforms, such as e-portfolios and online learning management systems, parents and students now have the opportunity to create comprehensive and interactive portfolios that showcase a diverse range of learning materials, including texts, multimedia projects, and digital artifacts

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Student Involvement

The flexibility of homeschooling allows students to co-create their curricula with parents or educators, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment that may be lacking in traditional school settings (Basham et al., 2019).

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Student Reflection

The inclusion of student reflection in portfolios has become a valuable practice in homeschooling, fostering deeper learning experiences and enhancing metacognitive skills. By encouraging students to engage in regular self-assessment and reflection, homeschooling parents and educators create opportunities for learners to take an active role in their educational journey (Cabag, 2019).

What are the advantages and challenges of implementing portfolio assessment in homeschooling?

Advantages	Disadvantages
Repository of Comprehensive learning experience	Standardization
Encourages Self-reflection	Limited Resources
Individualized Education	External Evaluation

What are the recommendations for future applications of portfolio assessment in homeschooling?

- **Leveraging Digital Technologies**
- **Establishing Evaluation Standards**
- **Alignment to Competencies**

04 CONCLUSION

The study revealed that portfolio assessment has gained popularity among homeschooling communities due to its ability to cater to individual learning styles and preferences. Moreover, it allows parents and educators to personalize the learning experience, identifying strengths and areas for improvement more effectively. The flexibility and adaptability of portfolio assessment align well with the dynamic nature of homeschooling, making it a suitable alternative to traditional testing methods.

THANK YOU!

Do you have any questions?

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