Bridge A Validated Toolkit for Preventing School Dropouts Empowering Educators Through Comprehensive Strategies

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Abstract

School dropout remains a critical challenge globally, impacting individual prospects and societal progress. School dropout rates present a persistent issue, with UNESCO estimating 258 million children and youth were out of school in 2018. Dropouts face limited career opportunities and higher societal costs, driven by academic struggles, disengagement, and socio-economic factors. Traditional interventions often address symptoms rather than root causes. This paper introduces a validated toolkit designed to equip educators with strategies to mitigate dropout risks. The toolkit offers a holistic approach, combining evidence-based methodologies to foster belonging, academic support, and proactive problem-solving. Its validation through empirical research ensures practicality and effectiveness. The toolkit integrates peer and cooperative learning, feedback mechanisms, and inclusive classroom practices. Validated through pilot studies in diverse settings, it demonstrates efficacy in enhancing engagement, academic performance, and social cohesion. Components, validation processes, and implementation guidelines are detailed, underscoring its transformative potential.

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