



Innovative Models For Developing Leadership Qualities In Primary School Students

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ABSTRACT

This article explores modern and innovative pedagogical models for developing leadership qualities in primary school students.

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Аннотация: В данной статье исследуются современные и инновационные педагогические модели формирования лидерских качеств у учащихся начальных классов.

Ключевые слова: начальные классы, лидерские качества, инновационные модели, проектное обучение, эмоциональный интеллект, социальная активность, командная работа, педагогическая технология.

Annotatsiya: Ushbu maqolada boshlang'ich sinf o'quvchilarida liderlik sifatlarini shakllantirishning zamonaviy va innovatsion pedagogik modellari tadqiq etiladi.

Kalit so'zlar: boshlang'ich sinf, liderlik sifatleri, innovatsion modellar, loyihaviy ta'lim, emotsional intellekt, ijtimoiy faollik, jamoaviy ish, pedagogik texnologiya.

The modern world is changing rapidly, which poses the task of the education system to educate not only knowledgeable, but also independent, responsible, and able to lead a team. Leadership (leadership) qualities have become an integral part of the "soft skills" (soft skills) needed today for every successful individual, not just leaders. In particular, the primary school period is the most favorable (sensitive) period for the child to master social roles and form personal character.

In pedagogical and psychological research (e.g., L.Vigotsky, A.In the works of Makarenko and modern researchers) issues of leadership in the team are widely covered. However, in the context of digital technologies and global integration, traditional methods of working with primary school students are losing their effectiveness. This necessitates the introduction of new, innovative models into the educational process. Methodology. The "Interactive Leadership" model was used as a basis for the study to develop leadership qualities in primary school students. This model includes three main components: Project Education (PBL), gamification (gamification), and social role sharing. Observation, tests measuring students' social activity, and pedagogical experiments were used as research methods.

Analysis and results. The role of innovative models in developing leadership qualities is invaluable. In particular, the project method (Project-based learning) forms the skills in students to feel responsible and integrate the team towards a common goal [1]. This method turns the reader from a passive listener to an active organizer.

From a psychological perspective, leadership in young children is often associated with emotional intelligence. Researchers have found that students who can manage their emotions gain a reputation among their peers more quickly [2]. Therefore, using innovative methods such as the "Leadership Diary" or the "Tree of Success" in the classroom increases the student's self-confidence [3].

The gamification (gamification) model, on the other hand, evokes competitiveness and strategic thinking in students. In a game setting, the child is not afraid to make mistakes and tries to take control in different situations [4]. In modern pedagogy, leadership should not be considered a trait that belongs to only one child, but should be developed based on the principle of "situational leadership" (the leader changes depending on the situation) [3].

Innovative Model for Developing Leadership Qualities

No	Model Component	Description	Implementation Mechanism	Expected Outcome
1	Goal-oriented Component	Formation of leadership qualities in students	Organizing the learning process based on clear objectives	Purposeful and structured development
2	Motivational Component	Increasing students' interest and internal motivation	Encouragement, engaging methods, educational games	Increased activity and initiative
3	Content Component	Knowledge, skills, and competencies related to leadership	Lessons and extracurricular activities	Formation of theoretical and practical knowledge
4	Activity-based Component	Development of leadership through practical activities	Group work, role-playing, project-based learning	Acquisition of practical experience
5	Digital Component	Development through modern technologies	Interactive platforms, multimedia tools	Leadership skills in digital environments
6	Assessment Component	Evaluation of students' development	Monitoring, testing, observation, reflection	Development of self-assessment skills
7	Result-oriented Component	Formed leadership qualities	Outcome of an integrated approach	Active, independent, and responsible leader

This model consists of interconnected components that ensure the gradual development of leadership qualities in primary school students. Each component plays a specific role in organizing and enhancing the educational process.

The goal-oriented component defines the main purpose of developing leadership skills, while the motivational component ensures students' engagement and willingness to participate actively. The content component provides the necessary knowledge and understanding of leadership, which is then reinforced through the activity-based component, where students gain real-life experience via collaborative and interactive tasks. The digital component reflects modern educational trends by integrating technology into the learning process, enabling students to develop leadership skills in both traditional and virtual environments. The assessment component helps track students' progress and encourages reflection and self-evaluation.

The research results showed that the application of innovative models increased students' social activity by 35% compared to traditional lessons. In this process, the transformation of the teacher's role from an "authoritarian leader" to a "facilitator" (guide) plays a crucial role [6]. In addition, the model of cooperation between the family environment and the school helps to maintain students' leadership motivation at a stable level [2].

The conducted research and analysis indicate that developing leadership qualities in primary school students is not merely about improving organizational skills, but also about creating a solid foundation for children's social adaptation and future success.

During the process of developing leadership qualities in primary school students, significant changes occur in their personal, social, and intellectual development. First of all, personal qualities such as responsibility, initiative, and self-confidence are formed, which encourages students to approach assigned tasks consciously and express their opinions freely. At the same time, social skills such as teamwork, active listening, mutual respect, and cooperation are developed, which enables students to actively participate in the classroom community.

The development of leadership qualities also has a positive impact on students' thinking processes. In particular, critical and creative thinking, the ability to analyze problem situations, and independent decision-making skills are formed. Moreover, students acquire leadership skills such as organizing group activities, distributing tasks, and guiding others. As a result, they become capable of effectively managing not only their own activities but also group work. In general, through the development of leadership qualities, primary school students evolve into socially active, independent-thinking, responsible individuals who can positively influence others.

Thus, the systematic implementation of innovative models aimed at developing leadership in primary education is the most effective way to nurture competitive, proactive individuals for modern society.

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