

ADVOCACY EDUCATION AS AN EFFORT TO REALISE RIGHTS AND EMPOWER STUDENTS: A LITERATURE ANALYSIS OF PRINCIPLES, STRATEGIES, AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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Abstract

Advocacy education is an approach that emphasises students' active involvement in fighting for their rights and empowering them as agents of change in the school environment. This study aims to analyse the principles, strategies and social implications of advocacy education based on a literature review. The results of the analysis show that the application of principles such as inclusivity, collaboration, and empowerment can increase student participation, build critical character, and foster a sense of social responsibility. Advocacy education strategies integrated in the curriculum, school policies and educational culture provide space for students to develop critical thinking, communication and leadership skills. In addition, advocacy education has a broad social impact, from creating an inclusive school environment to strengthening students' capacity to face challenges in society. However, the implementation of advocacy education also faces challenges such as cultural resistance and limited resources, so a joint commitment from all stakeholders is needed to optimise its benefits in realising a just and democratic education system.

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Introduction

Education is a fundamental right of every child that is very important to support the growth, development and character building of the nation's next generation. However, in practice, there are still many children who have not fully received the right to proper education, especially those who come from vulnerable groups or have special needs. An ideal education should be able to provide space for participation, protection and empowerment for all students without discrimination (Judijanto & Aslan, 2025) ; (Fiteriadi et al., 2025) .

One approach that is increasingly relevant in addressing these challenges is advocacy education. Advocacy education emphasises the importance of students to understand, fight for and protect their own and others' rights in the school and community environment. Through advocacy education, students are not only recipients