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IMPROVEMENT OF THE METHODOLOGY FOR FORMING CREATIVE SKILLS IN STUDENTS (Based on Technology Education Classes)

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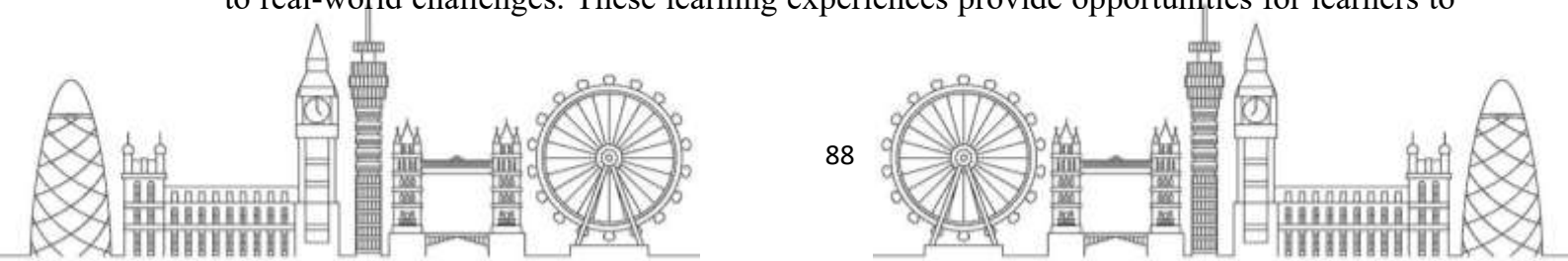
Abstract. *This article examines the importance of developing creative skills among students in technology education and highlights effective pedagogical approaches for enhancing creativity in the learning process. In the context of rapid technological advancement and increasing demands for innovation, creative thinking has become an essential competency for students. The study analyzes the role of project-based learning, digital technologies, collaborative learning environments, design thinking, and interdisciplinary approaches in fostering students' creative potential. Particular attention is given to the ways these methods encourage problem-solving, critical thinking, innovation, and active participation in educational activities. The article also discusses the challenges educators face when implementing creativity-oriented teaching strategies and proposes practical recommendations for overcoming these barriers. The findings emphasize that integrating creative skill development into technology education contributes significantly to students' academic achievement, technological competence, and readiness for future professional activities. Developing creativity through modern educational methodologies enables learners to adapt to changing technological environments and generate innovative solutions to real-world problems.*

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INTRODUCTION

In the contemporary era of rapid technological progress and digital transformation, education systems are faced with the challenge of preparing students not only with theoretical knowledge and technical competencies but also with the ability to think creatively and solve complex problems. Creativity has become one of the most valuable skills in the twenty-first century, as modern societies increasingly require individuals who can generate innovative ideas, adapt to changing circumstances, and contribute effectively to technological and social development. Consequently, the development of creative skills has become a central objective of educational institutions worldwide.

Technology education plays a particularly significant role in fostering creativity because it combines theoretical understanding with practical application. Through technology lessons, students are encouraged to design, construct, experiment, and evaluate solutions to real-world challenges. These learning experiences provide opportunities for learners to





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apply their imagination, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities in meaningful contexts. Unlike traditional instructional approaches that often focus on memorization and reproduction of information, technology education emphasizes active engagement, innovation, and hands-on learning, all of which contribute to the development of creative competencies. The growing importance of creativity is closely linked to the demands of the modern labor market. Employers increasingly seek individuals who can think independently, develop original solutions, and collaborate effectively within multidisciplinary teams. As a result, educational institutions are expected to create learning environments that encourage exploration, experimentation, and innovation. Technology education offers an ideal platform for achieving these goals because it allows students to engage in practical projects, utilize digital tools, and experience the process of transforming ideas into tangible outcomes. Furthermore, advances in digital technologies have expanded the possibilities for creative learning. Modern educational tools such as computer-aided design software, programming platforms, robotics kits, and digital fabrication technologies enable students to visualize concepts, test prototypes, and refine their ideas in innovative ways. These technologies not only enhance technical proficiency but also stimulate imagination and creative expression. Consequently, integrating digital resources into technology education has become an essential strategy for promoting creativity and preparing students for future technological challenges.

Another important factor influencing the development of creativity is the adoption of student-centered pedagogical approaches. Methods such as project-based learning, collaborative learning, design thinking, and inquiry-based instruction encourage learners to take an active role in the educational process. Through these approaches, students become creators of knowledge rather than passive recipients of information. They learn to identify problems, generate multiple solutions, evaluate alternatives, and implement innovative ideas. Such experiences contribute significantly to the formation of creative thinking habits and lifelong learning skills.

Despite the recognized importance of creativity, many educational systems continue to face challenges in effectively cultivating this competence. Traditional assessment practices, rigid curricula, limited access to technological resources, and insufficient teacher training can restrict opportunities for creative development. Therefore, there is a growing need to improve methodologies that support the systematic formation of creative skills in technology education. Developing effective teaching strategies requires a comprehensive understanding of the pedagogical conditions, instructional methods, and technological tools that facilitate creativity.

This article aims to explore and improve the methodology for developing creative skills in students through technology education. The study focuses on innovative teaching approaches, the integration of digital technologies, and the creation of collaborative learning environments that stimulate creative thinking. By analyzing contemporary educational practices and methodological principles, the research seeks to identify





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effective ways of enhancing students' creative potential and preparing them for successful participation in an increasingly technology-driven world. Ultimately, the development of creativity in technology education contributes not only to academic achievement but also to the formation of innovative, adaptable, and socially responsible individuals capable of addressing future challenges.

The development of creative skills in students has become one of the most important objectives of modern technology education. In the conditions of rapid technological advancement, globalization, and digital transformation, students are expected not only to acquire technical knowledge but also to demonstrate creativity, innovation, and problem-solving abilities. Technology education provides unique opportunities for achieving these goals because it combines theoretical learning with practical application, enabling students to transform ideas into tangible products and solutions. Therefore, improving the methodology for developing creative skills in technology lessons is essential for preparing students to meet the challenges of the modern world.

Creativity in technology education involves the ability to generate original ideas, design innovative products, and solve practical problems through critical and analytical thinking. Unlike traditional forms of learning that often emphasize memorization and repetition, technology education encourages students to experiment, explore alternatives, and develop unique solutions. This process allows learners to become active participants in their own education and promotes the development of independent thinking. Creative students are more capable of adapting to new technologies, responding to unexpected challenges, and contributing to scientific and technological progress. One of the most effective methodologies for developing creative skills is Project-Based Learning (PBL). This approach places students at the center of the learning process and requires them to engage in meaningful projects that address real-world problems. Through project-based activities, students investigate issues, gather information, generate ideas, and create practical solutions. For example, technology students may be tasked with designing environmentally friendly household products, creating simple robotic systems, or developing digital applications that address community needs. Such projects encourage students to think creatively, apply theoretical knowledge in practice, and work collaboratively with their peers. Moreover, project-based learning promotes responsibility, decision-making, and self-directed learning, all of which are closely connected to creativity.

Another important methodology is the integration of digital technologies into the educational process. Digital tools provide students with opportunities to experiment, visualize concepts, and develop innovative solutions. Computer-aided design (CAD) software, 3D modeling applications, programming environments, and digital fabrication technologies allow learners to transform abstract ideas into concrete products. For instance, students can use CAD software to design engineering models, create architectural prototypes, or develop technological innovations before producing physical versions. These experiences encourage imagination and help students understand the practical value





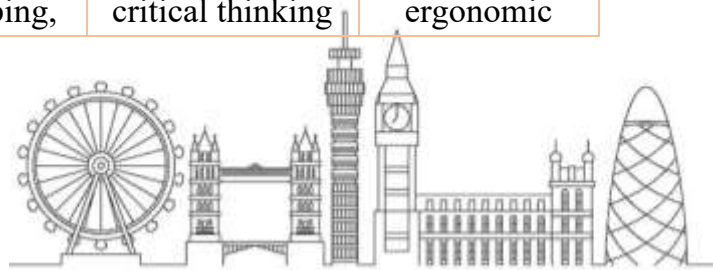
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of creativity. Furthermore, digital tools facilitate rapid testing and modification of ideas, enabling students to learn from mistakes and continuously improve their work.

Collaborative learning also plays a significant role in fostering creativity among students. Modern technological challenges often require teamwork and cooperation among individuals with different perspectives and expertise. In collaborative learning environments, students share ideas, exchange feedback, and collectively develop innovative solutions. Group discussions and cooperative projects expose learners to diverse viewpoints, which can inspire new approaches to problem-solving. Through collaboration, students learn to communicate effectively, respect alternative opinions, and integrate different ideas into a unified solution. These experiences contribute to the development of creative thinking and enhance students' ability to work successfully in professional environments.

Modern Methodologies for Developing Students' Creative Skills in Technology Education

No	Methodology	Main Purpose	Classroom Activities	Expected Creative Outcomes	Example
1	Project-Based Learning (PBL)	To engage students in solving real-life problems through projects	Designing products, conducting research, creating prototypes	Innovation, problem-solving, independent thinking	Students design an eco-friendly water filtration system for rural communities
2	Integration of Digital Tools	To enhance creativity through technology-based learning	Using CAD software, coding platforms, 3D modeling, robotics	Visualization, experimentation, technological creativity	Students create a 3D model of a smart house using CAD software
3	Collaborative Learning	To encourage teamwork and idea sharing	Group projects, brainstorming sessions, peer discussions	Communication, cooperation, creative thinking	Teams develop a mobile application for improving school communication
4	Design Thinking	To solve problems through a	Empathy mapping, prototyping,	Innovation, adaptability, critical thinking	Students design ergonomic

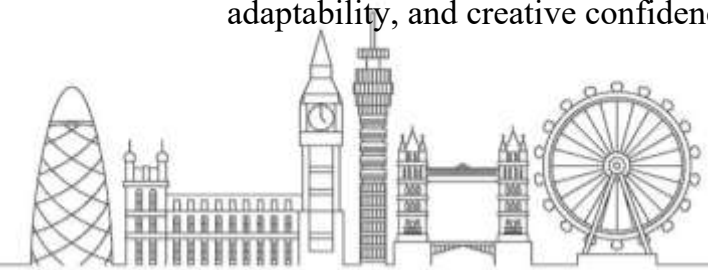




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		user-centered approach	testing solutions		classroom furniture based on user needs
5	Growth Mindset Approach	To encourage perseverance and learning from mistakes	Reflection activities, feedback sessions, revision tasks	Confidence, resilience, creative risk-taking	Students improve a failed prototype after analyzing design weaknesses
6	Cross-Disciplinary Learning	To connect knowledge from multiple subjects	STEM projects, integrated assignments	Holistic thinking, interdisciplinary creativity	Students develop a solar-powered model using science, mathematics, and technology concepts
7	Inquiry-Based Learning	To stimulate curiosity and exploration	Investigations, experiments, research activities	Analytical and creative thinking	Students investigate ways to reduce energy consumption at school
8	Innovation Challenges	To encourage the creation of original solutions	Competitions, hackathons, innovation fairs	Entrepreneurship, originality, creativity	Students propose smart recycling systems for urban areas

Design thinking has emerged as another powerful methodology for developing creativity in technology education. This human-centered approach emphasizes understanding users’ needs, defining problems, generating ideas, creating prototypes, and testing solutions. The design thinking process encourages students to view challenges as opportunities for innovation rather than obstacles. During technology lessons, students may identify practical problems within their communities and develop products or systems designed to address those needs. For example, learners might create energy-saving devices, ergonomic furniture designs, or mobile applications that improve everyday life. By repeatedly refining their ideas through prototyping and testing, students develop resilience, adaptability, and creative confidence.





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The promotion of a growth mindset is equally important in cultivating creative abilities. Students who believe that intelligence and abilities can be developed through effort are more likely to engage in creative activities and persist when facing difficulties. Teachers can foster a growth mindset by encouraging experimentation, recognizing effort, and viewing mistakes as learning opportunities. In technology education, failure is often an essential part of the innovation process. Students who learn to analyze unsuccessful attempts and improve their designs gain valuable experience that strengthens both their creativity and problem-solving skills. A supportive classroom environment where students feel comfortable taking risks is fundamental for creative development.

Cross-disciplinary learning represents another effective strategy for enhancing creativity. The integration of technology education with subjects such as science, mathematics, engineering, and art enables students to develop broader perspectives and discover connections between different fields of knowledge. For instance, a project involving the design of a sustainable energy system may require scientific understanding, mathematical calculations, engineering principles, and artistic presentation skills. Such interdisciplinary activities encourage students to apply knowledge creatively and develop innovative solutions that transcend traditional academic boundaries. This approach reflects the realities of contemporary technological development, where complex problems often require knowledge from multiple disciplines.

The role of the teacher is crucial in the process of developing creative skills. Educators must move beyond traditional instructional methods and adopt the role of facilitators, mentors, and guides. Rather than providing ready-made answers, teachers should encourage inquiry, exploration, and independent thinking. Effective technology teachers create learning environments that stimulate curiosity and motivate students to pursue original ideas. They design activities that challenge learners to think critically, experiment with different approaches, and evaluate the effectiveness of their solutions. Furthermore, teachers should provide constructive feedback that helps students refine their ideas and improve their creative performance. Assessment methods also influence the development of creativity in technology education. Traditional examinations often focus on factual knowledge and may not adequately measure creative abilities. Therefore, alternative assessment strategies such as portfolios, project presentations, peer evaluations, and reflective journals should be incorporated into the educational process. These methods allow students to demonstrate creativity through practical achievements and provide opportunities for self-assessment and continuous improvement. By evaluating both the process and the final product, educators can gain a more comprehensive understanding of students' creative development.

Despite the numerous benefits of creativity-oriented methodologies, several challenges remain. Standardized curricula, limited instructional time, insufficient technological resources, and inadequate professional development opportunities for teachers can hinder





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the effective implementation of creative learning strategies. Additionally, some educational systems continue to prioritize examination performance over innovation and creative exploration. Addressing these challenges requires institutional support, investment in educational technologies, and ongoing teacher training programs. Educational policymakers and school administrators must recognize the importance of creativity and provide the necessary conditions for its development. The analysis of modern pedagogical practices demonstrates that the combination of project-based learning, digital technologies, collaborative learning, design thinking, growth mindset principles, and interdisciplinary approaches significantly contributes to the development of students' creative skills. These methodologies create dynamic learning environments where students actively engage with knowledge, explore innovative ideas, and develop practical solutions to real-world problems. As a result, learners become more confident, adaptable, and capable of meeting the demands of an increasingly technology-driven society. Therefore, the improvement of methodologies aimed at developing creative skills in technology education should remain a priority for educators and researchers. By integrating innovative teaching strategies and creating supportive learning environments, educational institutions can nurture the next generation of creative thinkers, innovators, and problem-solvers who will contribute to technological advancement and social progress in the future.

In conclusion, the development of creative skills among students has become one of the most important priorities in modern technology education. The rapid growth of science, technology, and digital innovation requires learners to possess not only technical knowledge but also the ability to think creatively, solve complex problems, and generate innovative ideas. Therefore, educational institutions must adopt effective methodologies that support the formation and continuous improvement of students' creative competencies. The analysis presented in this study demonstrates that project-based learning, digital technologies, collaborative learning, design thinking, growth mindset strategies, and interdisciplinary approaches play a significant role in fostering creativity within technology education. These methodologies encourage students to actively participate in the learning process, apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations, and develop original solutions to real-world challenges. Furthermore, the integration of modern technological tools creates opportunities for experimentation, innovation, and continuous improvement, which are essential components of creative development.

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