

THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREELANCING COMPETENCIES OF SCHOOLCHILDREN

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Annotation . This research article explores the vital role of extracurricular activities in the development of freelance competencies among schoolchildren. Given the growing popularity of freelance work in today's fast-paced job market, it's critical to understand how involvement in extracurricular activities can help develop the core skills and attributes needed to be a successful freelancer. This article discusses various aspects of extracurricular work and its impact on the formation of extracurricular competencies of schoolchildren.

Key words: schoolchildren, freelancer, extracurricular work.

The emergence of freelance work as a viable career option has revolutionized the employment landscape. The ability to work independently and manage projects effectively is increasingly valuable. The purpose of this article is to explain the importance of extracurricular activities in developing freelance competencies among schoolchildren, instilling in them the skills and mindset necessary for success in freelancing. The changing nature of work: the traditional concept of employment has changed and freelance work has become widespread in various industries. Freelancers have a unique set of competencies such as self-discipline, adaptability, resilience, creativity and effective communication [1]. These competencies are critical to success in the freelance world, where people often work remotely, manage multiple projects, and navigate diverse client demands. Extracurricular Activities and Freelance Competencies: Extracurricular activities offer students an ideal platform to develop core freelance competencies . Participation in activities such as debating societies, student organizations, community service, and entrepreneurial ventures develops a variety of skills, including leadership, problem solving, teamwork, time management, and effective communication. These competencies directly correlate with the requirements of freelance work [2]. Leadership and Initiative: Extracurricular activities provide opportunities for students to take on leadership roles and show initiative. These experiences help develop a sense of responsibility, decision-making, and the ability to manage and motivate a team—

important qualities for successful freelancers [3]. **Problem Solving and Adaptability:** Participation in extracurricular activities often involves exposure to various problems and problem-solving situations. Students who actively participate in extracurricular activities learn to think critically, creatively and adaptively, which allows them to overcome uncertainties and find innovative solutions in their future freelance career [4]. **Time management and organization:** Extracurricular activities require students to balance their academic responsibilities with commitments outside the classroom. By effectively managing their time and organizing their tasks, students develop invaluable skills that are vital for freelancers, who often juggle multiple projects at once [5]. **Effective Communication and Networking:** Participation in extracurricular activities enhances students' ability to communicate clearly and persuasively. By collaborating with peers, teachers, mentors, and community members, students develop strong interpersonal skills and expand their network, which is critical for freelancers seeking clients and building professional relationships.

Extracurricular activities play a crucial role in the formation of students' extracurricular competencies. By providing opportunities to develop leadership skills, problem solving, time management and effective communication, extracurricular work equips students with the necessary skills and attributes to succeed in the fast-paced world of freelance work. Encouraging students to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities can greatly contribute to their personal and professional growth, preparing them for the challenges and opportunities of the freelance economy.

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