



Assessment Strategies for Measuring Learning Outcomes in South African Diverse Contexts

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Abstract

South Africa faces significant educational challenges in diverse contexts, necessitating innovative assessment strategies to measure learning outcomes effectively. The study employed a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with teachers and students, and quantitative analysis of standardised test scores in various subjects across different regions. Findings indicate that culturally responsive teaching strategies significantly improved student engagement and learning outcomes by 20% in urban schools compared to traditional methods. Customized assessment tools have the potential to enhance educational equity and effectiveness, particularly in addressing linguistic and cultural diversity within South African classrooms. Educators should integrate culturally responsive teaching practices into their curriculum design, supported by regular formative assessments that reflect local contexts. Assessment Strategies, Learning Outcomes, Diverse Contexts, South Africa, Educational Equity

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