

DIGITAL PEDAGOGY AS A FACTOR OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN INCLUSIVE CONDITIONS

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Abstract:

This article examines the impact of digital pedagogy on the quality of foreign language education in conditions of inclusion. It has been determined that integrating modern technologies into the educational system enhances teaching effectiveness and improves students' comprehension of learning materials, especially for students in inclusive conditions. In writing this article, the advantages and challenges of using digital tools were analyzed, along with their role in foreign language acquisition. Additionally, the significance of open educational resources (OER) in mastering a foreign language was explored.

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In the modern era, the education sector is undergoing rapid changes, with the influence of digital technologies becoming increasingly significant. The development of information and communication technologies (ICT) provides new opportunities for the educational system and contributes to the effective organization of the learning process. As a result of these transformations, the concept of digital pedagogy has emerged, becoming an integral part of contemporary education. Digital pedagogy is an approach aimed at improving the quality of education through the comprehensive use of digital technologies in the teaching and learning process. It focuses on utilizing personalized, flexible, and interactive teaching methods while considering students' individual needs. This article discusses the essence of digital pedagogy, its impact on educational quality, and strategies for its effective implementation in inclusive education [1].

Digital pedagogy refers to a pedagogical approach that enhances teaching and learning by incorporating digital technologies and resources into the educational process. The primary goal of integrating digital pedagogy into Kazakhstan's educational curriculum is to increase inclusive students' digital literacy, develop their ability to use modern technologies effectively, and improve the overall quality of education. Furthermore, digital pedagogy aims to enhance teachers' digital competencies. Educators undergo specialized training on effectively utilizing digital tools and platforms, developing electronic learning resources, and organizing the educational process within a digital environment. Integrating digital pedagogy into the curriculum fosters students' technological and analytical skills, preparing them to become active members of the information society. This ensures that the education system meets modern standards and enhances the quality of learning.

In the Republic of Kazakhstan, the development of inclusive education is one of the priority areas of the State Program for Education Development (2019-2025). One of the key challenges in the development of children with disabilities is education. This is not only about obtaining a diploma and professional qualifications but also about solving the issue of social integration for children with special needs. Therefore, Kazakhstan is actively working on the development of inclusive education [2]. When discussing the key features of digital pedagogy, free access to information is a significant advantage—online platforms and e-books enable students to quickly find the necessary information and apply it during their studies. Personalized learning allows students to use materials adapted to their proficiency level, learning pace, and interests. Interactive teaching methods make learning engaging and comprehensible through digital tools such as video lessons, animations, and online simulators. Distance learning opportunities have expanded due to the development of the internet and digital technologies,

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allowing students to receive education from anywhere in the world. Instant feedback enables students to complete assignments online, receive immediate grades, and get recommendations from teachers. Improving the quality of education is undoubtedly one of the main priorities for any country, and digital pedagogy plays a crucial role in achieving this goal. Interactive lessons, online tests, and game-based tasks enhance students' logical thinking, memory, and creativity. Compared to traditional teaching methods, digital tools stimulate students' interest and motivation for learning. Visual materials and gamification make education more engaging and accessible. Teachers can monitor students' academic progress in real-time using electronic grade books, test platforms, and educational software, allowing them to adjust the learning process as needed. While students previously relied solely on textbooks for information, they now have access to various scientific sources, open courses, and digital libraries, which help deepen their knowledge. Furthermore, digital technologies reduce paperwork for educators, enabling them to automate lesson planning, while students can manage their time effectively and study at their convenience.

To successfully integrate digital pedagogy into the education system, several measures must be taken. First, schools should be equipped with high-speed internet and modern devices. Second, training courses on effective digital technology use should be provided for educators, and digital pedagogy should be incorporated into teacher training programs, especially for future foreign language teachers. Third, the quality of digital resources should be improved by enhancing interactive textbooks, video lessons, and online platforms. Additionally, cooperation with parents is necessary to ensure that students use digital tools appropriately [3].

In Kazakhstan, incorporating digital pedagogy as a separate subject in teacher training programs for future foreign language educators is a significant step forward. This initiative aims to enhance teachers' digital competencies and equip them with modern educational technologies, ensuring their effective application in the learning process. For instance, the Faculty of Foreign Languages at Karaganda University named after Ye.A. Buketov offers the "Foreign Language: Two Foreign Languages" educational program. This program is designed to train foreign language teachers, incorporating elements of digital pedagogy into its curriculum and teachers are prepared to teach students with inclusion.

Introducing digital pedagogy as a separate subject provides future foreign language teachers with several key opportunities:

- Mastering digital tools: Teachers can use various digital platforms and resources to make lessons more engaging and effective.
- Developing distance learning skills: By learning to organize and manage online classes, educators can achieve high results in remote education.
- Applying information and communication technologies: The integration of interactive whiteboards, multimedia materials, and other modern tools enhances students' engagement in lessons.
- Working with students in inclusion conditions.

Thus, incorporating digital pedagogy into teacher training programs enhances professional competence and contributes to improving the quality of education. In 2020, a study conducted by the Ministry of Education of Uzbekistan found that using digital learning tools improved students' academic performance by up to 20%. On average, students using online platforms achieved results 15% higher than those in traditional classroom settings, demonstrating the effectiveness of these technologies in education. In 2019, the University of Barcelona conducted research showing that digital learning methods increased student motivation by 30%. About 70% of students enrolled in online education programs noted that digital tools were effectively integrated into their learning process. Digital technologies help boost engagement and enhance students' active participation in lessons.

Distance learning also has notable advantages. A study by the U.S. Educational Research Center found that 65% of students engaged in online education reported higher learning outcomes compared to traditional methods. This is largely attributed to the ability to manage their own time effectively and utilize educational resources tailored to their individual development.

According to the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, all citizens have the right to free secondary education in state institutions, as well as access to higher education on a competitive basis. However, until recently, children with disabilities were unable to attend mainstream educational institutions. They were either homeschooled or sent to specialized centers, which did not provide the necessary level of socialization and adaptation to society. Therefore, the issue of developing inclusive education in Kazakhstan has been brought to the forefront [2]. In this regard, Open Educational Resources (OER) hold a key position in modern education. They provide valuable learning opportunities not only for students but also for educators and researchers. These resources do more than just supplement traditional education – they enrich it with modern technologies, making the learning process more efficient, engaging, and innovative. Open Educational Resources (OER) are freely accessible, openly distributed educational, teaching, and research materials. They are either free from copyright restrictions or distributed under an open license, allowing anyone to use, modify, and share them. The main goal of OER is to ensure equal access to knowledge, improve the quality of education, and make the learning process more flexible. These resources include electronic textbooks, university lectures and presentations, online courses, video materials, tests, assessment tools, multimedia resources, and scientific articles. They not only complement the traditional education system but also help transform it into a more modern format [4].

In Kazakhstan, the development of OER is one of the key directions of digital pedagogy. These resources not only enhance the quality of education but also significantly facilitate the process of learning foreign languages. Therefore, integrating OER into the education system is a crucial step in preparing future specialists. The professional development of teachers is also reaching a new level through digital pedagogy. A study conducted in the United Kingdom showed that online courses and educational platforms improved teachers' professional competence by 40%. This enables educators to master new methods and technologies, ultimately improving the quality of education. It is also important to prepare future foreign language teachers with abilities to work with students in inclusion. Therefore, each educational institution should hold various programs in the way to educate students in inclusive conditions [5].

Digital pedagogy is an integral part of the modern education system. It helps organize the learning process more effectively, develop students' cognitive abilities, and enhance the quality of education. However, to fully implement it, technical, methodological, and psychological challenges must be addressed. The role of digital technologies in education will continue to grow, making it essential for both teachers and students to develop skills in using new technologies effectively.

Digital pedagogy is not just the future of education – it is its present. The use of digital technologies in foreign language education helps students develop comprehensive language skills, especially in inclusion. Interactive lessons, virtual linguistic laboratories, open educational resources, and online platforms immerse students in real language environments and improve their speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills. Additionally, effective use of digital tools fosters independent learning, making the language acquisition process more personalized and efficient. To enhance the role of digital pedagogy in foreign language education in inclusive conditions, several measures should be implemented: improving the content of digital educational resources through multimedia materials and interactive exercises to enhance language learning quality, increasing teachers' digital competence by providing specialized courses for future foreign language educators on the effective use of digital technologies, integrating open educational. The implementation of these measures will make the foreign language learning process more effective and improve students' educational outcomes.

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