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Student Management at State Vocational Schools in Padang Panjang City

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe and analyze student management at public vocational schools (SMK Negeri) in Padang Panjang City, covering aspects of planning, admission, record-keeping, development, and grouping of students. The method used in this study is quantitative. The research population consists of all teachers at public vocational schools in Padang Panjang City, totaling 125 individuals. The sample was determined using Slovin's formula and proportioned through the simple random sampling technique, resulting in 57 respondents.

The research instrument was a Likert-scale questionnaire with five response options, which had been tested for validity and reliability. The data analysis results show that: (1) student planning obtained an average score of 4.20, (2) student record-keeping obtained an average score of 4.39, (3) student development obtained an average score of 4.16, and (4) student grouping obtained an average score of 3.78. Based on these findings, it can be concluded that student management at public vocational schools in Padang Panjang City is carried out well by the teachers.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Law No. 20 of 2003, Article 11, Point (1), concerning the National Education System, stipulates that the government and regional governments are obligated to provide services and facilities, as well as ensure the provision of quality education for every citizen without discrimination. All forms of educational services aim to improve the quality of human resources and advance the education sector. The creation of quality educational services is not solely the responsibility of formal educational institutions; rather, it requires effective coordination between the government and schools to deliver the type of education desired by the community. Efforts to improve the quality of education nationally, in every educational unit, are directed at providing optimal educational services to the public, one of which is the implementation of new student admissions.

Student management involves the regulation, supervision, and services provided to students, both inside and outside the classroom. This includes activities such as orientation, registration, and individualized services designed to develop students' abilities, interests, and needs from the time they enter school (Prihatin, 2011: 4). According to Law No. 20 of 2003, Article 1, Paragraph 4, students are members of society who strive to develop their potential through the learning process available at various educational pathways, levels, and types.

The urgency of student management in public vocational schools (SMK Negeri) is significant, as it directly influences students' readiness to enter the workforce. Several factors highlight this importance, including job readiness, character development and professional ethics, adaptation to technological advancements, soft skills development, enhancement of learning effectiveness, and the strengthening of linkages and cooperation with industry.

In the admission process, public vocational schools in Padang Panjang City implement two types of selection: administrative selection and academic selection. Administrative selection covers the management of official documents and student administrative requirements, while academic selection evaluates students' abilities.

Based on observations and interviews conducted at public vocational schools in Padang Panjang City, it is deemed necessary to conduct a more in-depth study entitled "Student Management at SMK Negeri Padang Panjang City".

2. METHOD, DATA, ANALYSIS

This study employs a quantitative research method with a descriptive research design. The study was conducted at a public vocational high school (*SMK Negeri*) in the city of Padang Panjang, involving a total of 125 teachers. The instrument was selected using a simple random sampling technique. Data collection was carried out by providing respondents with a set of written questions or statements to answer. The questionnaire in this study was developed using a Likert scale with five alternative responses: Always (SL) with a score of 5, Often (SR) with a score of 4, Rarely (JR) with a score of 3, Sometimes (KD) with a score of 2, and Never (TP) with a score of 1.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

Student management is an arrangement and management of all activities related to students, namely from the beginning of the student's entry until the student leaves a school or institution. In the purpose of this study it is stated that this study aims to determine Student Management at SMK Negeri Kota Padang Panjang. In general, the results of the study show that 1) Student planning with an average score of 4.20, 2) recording student data with an average score of 4.39 3) Student guidance with an average score of 4.16, 4) Grouping of students with an average score of 3.78. The results of this study can be concluded that student management at SMK Negeri Kota Padang Panjang is carried out well by teachers.

Tabel 1. Average Score Recapitula	ition
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No	Indicator	Average Score	Category
1	Planning	4.20	High
2	Recording	4.27	High
3	Coaching	4.39	High
4	Grouping	3.78	High
	Average	4.16	high

Discussion Planning

The research findings indicate that student management in public vocational high schools (*SMK Negeri*) in the city of Padang Panjang, viewed from the aspect of planning, scored 4.20, which falls into the high category. Therefore, teachers need to maintain their knowledge of student planning and continuously improve it to achieve excellent results.

According to Hasbullah (2015:65), student planning is an important initial activity in educational management because it directly affects the efficiency and effectiveness of education implementation. These findings are consistent with the theory, showing that teachers at *SMK Negeri* in Padang Panjang have understood and implemented student planning systematically.

Record Keeping

Based on the research results, the highest score of 4.36 was obtained in the aspect of record keeping. This indicates that teachers have carried out record-keeping activities well. According to Nana Sudjana (2010:78), student record keeping is an essential administrative process for the continuity of educational services and the evaluation of student development.

Student Development

The research findings indicate that student management in *SMK Negeri* in the city of Padang Panjang, viewed from the aspect of student development, scored 4.39, which is in the high category. Therefore, teachers need to maintain their knowledge of student development and continually enhance it to achieve excellent results.

According to Mulyasa (2009:1510), student development is a conscious effort to instill positive values, including discipline, responsibility, and ethics, through cognitive and affective approaches.

Student Grouping

The research findings indicate that student management in *SMK Negeri* in the city of Padang Panjang, viewed from the aspect of student grouping, scored 3.78, which falls into the high category. Therefore, teachers need to maintain their knowledge of student grouping and continually improve it to achieve excellent results.

According to Sagala (2012:94), effective grouping can enhance learning interactions and accelerate students' adjustment to the school environment. It can be concluded that this data shows student grouping in *SMK Negeri* in the city of Padang Panjang has been carried out in accordance with the principles of effective management.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the research findings on student management in public vocational high schools (*SMK Negeri*) in the city of Padang Panjang, it can be concluded that, overall, teachers already possess a sufficient foundation for managing students. However, improvements are still needed in terms of accurate record keeping, structured student development, and strategic grouping that is oriented toward improving student learning outcomes. The overall average score for student management in *SMK Negeri* in the city of Padang Panjang is 4.16, which falls into the "High" category, indicating a good level of implementation.

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