

Research Project Work Plan

for

GRADUP

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1.0 Problem Statement

As students, we have observed a significant issue that plagues many of our peers - school desertion. This phenomenon refers to students abandoning their education before completing it, and it can have detrimental effects on their future prospects.

The causes behind school desertion are varied and can include economic challenges, lack of motivation, academic struggles, familial difficulties, among others. The ramifications of dropping out can be severe, including limited access to well-paying jobs and a heightened risk of experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

2.0 Objectives of the Study

- To identify the most common causes of school desertion among students in a particular region or population.
- To explore the relationship between academic performance and the risk of school desertion among students.
- To examine the impact of family and social factors on the likelihood of a student dropping out of school.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs or interventions aimed at reducing school desertion rates.
- To develop recommendations for policies and strategies to prevent school desertion and promote retention of students in education.

3.0 Implementation

To begin with, we will conduct a thorough review of the existing literature on school desertion. This will involve searching for academic articles, reports, and other relevant documents that discuss the issue of school desertion and its causes, consequences, and potential solutions. We will use a range of online databases and search engines to ensure that we gather a comprehensive and up-to-date set of sources.

Next, we will design a survey to gather data from students who have dropped out of school or who are at risk of dropping out. The survey will be designed to elicit information about the reasons why students drop out, their experiences with school and education more broadly, and their perceptions of the support and resources available to them. We will use a variety of methods to distribute the survey, including online platforms, social media, and outreach to community organizations and schools.

In addition to the survey, we will conduct interviews with students, educators, and community leaders to gain a more in-depth understanding of the issues surrounding school

desertion. These interviews will be semi-structured, allowing for open-ended discussion and exploration of key themes and issues. We will also collect data on relevant policy and programmatic initiatives aimed at addressing school desertion, both in our local area and more broadly.

Finally, we will analyze and synthesize the data collected through our survey, interviews, and literature review to identify key themes, trends, and insights. We will use a range of analytical techniques to identify patterns and relationships within the data and to develop a nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the issue of school desertion. We will also use this analysis to develop recommendations for policy and programmatic interventions aimed at reducing rates of school desertion and supporting students who are at risk of dropping out.

4.0 Research Tasks

The research project on school dropout prevention will involve a series of tasks that will be carried out over a period of four months. The first task will involve the development of a research plan, which will include the research objectives, a literature review, and a methodology. This will be carried out by the research team, which will consist of two graduate students, a faculty member, and a research assistant.

The second task will involve data collection. This will include the identification of potential participants and the development of a sampling methodology. The research team will also be responsible for developing data collection instruments and conducting interviews and surveys. The data collection phase will take approximately one month.

The third task will involve data analysis. The research team will be responsible for analyzing the data collected during the second task using appropriate data analysis methods. This will include the use of statistical software and other tools to identify trends and patterns in the data. The data analysis phase will take approximately one month.

The fourth task will involve the development of a prevention program. The research team will use the results of the data analysis to develop a prevention program designed to reduce school dropout rates. This will include the development of a curriculum and materials for the program. The prevention program will be designed to be implemented in schools and will be targeted at students who are at risk of dropping out. The development of the prevention program will take approximately one month.

The final task will involve the evaluation of the prevention program. The research team will be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the prevention program using appropriate evaluation methods. This will include the use of surveys and interviews to gather feedback from program participants. The evaluation phase will take approximately one month.

Each task will have specific experiment designs, types and numbers of specimens, tests and measurements, sampling methodologies, data analysis methods, modeling approaches, and significant or unique hardware and software development. The tasks will be carried out by the research team, and each member will have specific responsibilities. The time frame for each task is approximately one month, and each task will have specific deliverables. The

overall goal of the research project is to develop and evaluate a prevention program designed to reduce school dropout rates.

5.0 Time Schedule

Task 1: Literature Review and Problem Definition

Time Frame: 2 weeks

Responsibles: Research Team

Deliverable: Report on literature review and problem definition

Task 2: Data Collection and Analysis

Time Frame: 4 weeks

Responsibles: Research Team

Deliverable: Cleaned and analyzed data set

Task 3: Identify Causes and Develop Intervention Strategies

Time Frame: 4 weeks

Responsibles: Research Team

Deliverable: Report on identified causes and intervention strategies

Task 4: Implement Intervention Strategies

Time Frame: 4 weeks

Responsibles: Research Team

Deliverable: Report on implemented intervention strategies and their effectiveness

Task 5: Conclusion and Recommendations

Time Frame: 2 weeks

Responsibles: Research Team

Deliverable: Final report with conclusion and recommendations

Task 6: Software Development

Time Frame: TBD

Responsibles: Software Development Team

Deliverable: Developed software solution for preventing school dropout

Note: The time frame for the software development task is dependent on various factors such as the complexity of the solution and the resources available to the software development team.